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Nez Perce Tribe Declares State of Emergency

The Nez Perce Tribe declared a state of emergency due to massive flooding on the Nez Perce reservation. Excessive amounts of rain fall created nightmare situations as the rivers and creeks flowed nearing and exceeding historic water levels. Low lying properties were flooded and landslides, mudslides and rock slides occurred, closing off multiple highways throughout the week. The state of emergency was announced on Tuesday, April 9th and remained in effect for the week and into the weekend.

Conditions began to improve the next day but the weather was up and down, leaving residents on alert and drivers taking extreme caution while on the roads. Super saturated soils and continued rainfall resulted in

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Highway 12 slide near mile post 63 Kamiah, ID.

Clarkston Golf and Country Club Successful Opening



NPTEC Chairman, Shannon Wheeler, speaking at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club opening ceremony

The Nez Perce Tribe celebrated the opening of the newly purchased Clarkston Golf and Country Club on Friday, April 5th, 2019. The 80-acre property was bought by the Nez Perce Tribe in February and the opening ceremony consisted of about 200 people who gathered to witness and bless the grounds. The Clarkston Golf and Country Club is one of the Tribe's investment from Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise.

Elders Ron Oatman, Jim Spencer, Kub Ellenwood, and Rod Carter took the very first swings from the first tee box. A large group of onlookers encouraged and celebrated each golfer as he drove the ball out onto the fairway of what was traditionally Nez Perce tribal land, brought back into the fold as a business venture.

"A big part of the cultural presentation is just to recognize that, we've been here all this time," Kermit Mankiller, Enterprise Executive Officer says, "we're just raising our profile, so we're recognizing that. We're the same people that we have always been."

The Clarkston Golf and Country Club includes an 18 hole golf course, a pool, a tennis court, a pro-shop, a restaurant and a bar.

Nimiipuutímtki- The People's Language (Nee-mee-poo-timt-key)

April

Qeqiit'áal (ka-key-tall)

“qeqiit (wild potato) season”

Eggs

Táam'am

Taw-mum

Basket

Pískut

Pis-cut

Candy

Tepulwéeku's

Teh-pool Wah-kus

Bunny

Héyuxc

Hey-youks

Church

Talapóosanwas

Talla-poe-sin-wass

Easter

Witeléhtinm

Wi-tell-latt-in-m

Sunday

Halxpáawit

Hall-h-pow-it



NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE

The Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune is published twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday. Our mission is to publish a timely and credible resource for our loyal readers and provide local information relevant to the Nimiipuu people and surrounding communities. Our vision is to disseminate content of interest to readers and to ensure this news publication is accessible by all.

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Today's Leader Challenge Ignites Nez Perce Youth Into Action

In the 2018-19 school year, the Nez Perce Youth Advisory Board (NPYAB) has been implementing the Nez Perce Táaqcama Mimiyoóxat (Today's Leaders) Challenge funded by the Potlatch Fund and Nez Perce Tribe. Táaqcama Mimiyoóxat advances the tribal youth's leadership capacity through training and service learning, cultural identity through "Voices of the People" Language Circles, and workforce readiness by creation of indicators of native youth success and career/college exploration. The tribal Education Department has met multiple times with 84 students in 7th to 12th grade at Clarkston, Clearwater Valley, Kamiah, Lapwai, Lewiston, and Orofino schools.

Establishing "Voices of the People" Language Circles for high school NPYAB members has been a major initiative. The Nez Perce Language Program provides adult mentors who work with teen

peer educators to build their capacity to lead language activities at their schools. The Language Circles are open to all interested students. The schedule for each high school:

- Lewiston, Mondays, 2:30 p.m., Counseling office conference room
- Lapwai, Tuesdays, 12:13 p.m. (lunch), Indian Education office
- Clearwater Valley, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. (lunch), Room 105
- Clarkston, Wednesdays, 9:20 a.m. (advisory), Principal's office conference room
- Kamiah, Fridays, 11:00 a.m., Wa-A'Yas, Students for Success office
- Orofino, Fridays, 2:00 p.m., Teweepuu

On March 14, fifteen NPYAB members attended the 5th annual leadership training held in conjunction with Lewis Clark State College's (LCSC) Native American Awareness Week (NAAW). Their participation has been supported by the

LCSC Native American Club and Native American/Minority Student Support Services. The students attended two NAAW sessions on the topics of historical trauma and missing and murdered indigenous women.

Joyce McFarland, Nez Perce Education Manager, lead an exercise with the students to define what success means for a 20-year-old tribal member. The standards they identified will help adults support them to work toward their indicators of success. The young people grouped their concepts of success into six areas, including personal characteristics/strengths, self-identity, healthy lifestyle/choices, finances, education, and culture. The training also included time for the students to plan activities and service learning projects for the remainder of the school year. Team development exercises were led by Rusty George and Mateo Cuevas-Jimenez, who are Ca-

reer Coaches in the Mentoring and Adult Education programs.

The Clarkston YAB hosted the 2nd annual high school Native American Basketball Showcase on March 13. There were 17 boys and 18 girls who played in the game, although 24 boys and 24 girls were invited. Aurelia Ellenwood, Kross Taylor, and Titus Yearout from Lapwai were recognized as "MVP's" for the game since they had perfect attendance in the first semester. The high school showcase was a benefit game for the six NPYAB's.

In April, a similar game will be held for middle school Native American students in our area. The Lewiston YAB will host this game with proceeds going toward the Nez Perce Children's home. The idea for the Native American Showcase originated from a Lewiston NPYAB member last year. He wanted to see all the best Native American basketball players compete at one time



Spring Clean Up 2019

Dumpsters will be places in each NPTHA project
(Lapwai, Orofino & Kamiah)

Clean-up week for **Lapwai** residents is **April 12-19**

Clean-up week for **Kamiah** residents is **April 19-26**

<p><u>Contact NPTHA Office</u></p> <p>Lapwai: 208-843-2229</p> <p>Kamiah: 208-935-2144</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For Assistance</p>	<p><u>Items to place NEXT to dumpsters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .Appliances .Mattresses .Tires
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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 Nimipuutimt (Nez Perce Language). Everyone is welcome to attend!

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

HeavyRunner is Crowned Miss Denver March Royalty



Sim Sin HeavyRunner is a member of the Blackfoot and Nez Perce Nations. Named after her aunt, Bonnie HeavyRunner, she is the daughter of Keith and Trish HeavyRunner and resides in Lapwai, Idaho. Now a High School junior, HeavyRunner has been dancing since she could walk and was recently honored and crowned as Miss Denver March's 2019 Royalty.

HeavyRunner dances her mother's tribal style, called the High Step. This dance style comes from a time when the men were away at war and the women were missing their partners. They would dance a war-dance style to commemorate them. HeavyRunner's dress she currently dances in, belongs to her grandmother, Dr. Iris HeavyRunner PrettyPaint.

"Much like our ceremonies, we bead and leave spaces for the spirit to come out and to come into this world to heal us," HeavyRunner's mother, Trish said, "we understand that through this dancing, if someone in the crowd is not well, we have the power

to dance and heal them. She dances for all of you, today, who are not feeling well."

In the Blackfoot language, Sim-Sin means "mermaid" and her name is translated as someone that can go to the water and bring back help for her people. HeavyRunner belongs to the Thunder Bundle and the Seven Drums. She was taught to be respectful, especially towards her elders. HeavyRunner respects the Thunder beings and she understands what it means to commit to her traditional way of life while going to school and socializing. This way of life has kept her strong and her family is proud to stand by her today.

HeavyRunner was crowned Miss Denver March, shortly after being nominated for royalty and was voted in by the Denver March Pow Wow Committee. "At first, I was in shock and I couldn't believe it," said HeavyRunner, who would like to thank the Denver March Pow Wow Committee, her parents, and her grandma for encouraging her to run for royalty in the Denver March Pow Wow.

Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland 2019 Annual Planning

Spring has arrived ... and so has our 2019 ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING!

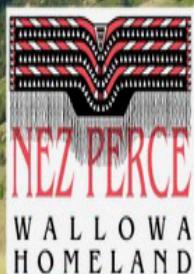
Please join the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland board and staff in planning for the year ahead.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
205 BIRCH AVENUE EAST
LAPWAI, ID.**

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT NOON.
MEETING FROM 1- 4PM.**

wallowanezperce.org



We sincerely hope to see you there!

The Wallowa Homeland Project is a non-profit group in Wallowa, Oregon, the homeland of the Joseph Band of Nez Perce. The Homeland Project has hosted the Tamkaliks Celebration and Friendship Potluck for nearly 30 years. The activities of the organization are guided by a board of directors made up of enrolled members at Colville, Umatilla, and Lapwai, as well as Wallowa residents.

The Homeland Project holds a 320 acre property, where an outdoor dance arbor as well as a brand new longhouse and kitchen are located. Those facilities and others at the site have been developed and built as a collaborative effort to create a place for celebrating native culture in the Wallowa Homeland, and

to welcome relatives home.

In addition to Tamkaliks, youth camps and educational events are hosted at the property, and a curated Visitor Center in downtown Wallowa offers information and educational opportunities for Native and non-Indian visitors alike. Once annually the entire board and any interested public comes together to review accomplishments of the past year, plan and set priorities for the upcoming year. All are welcome to bring ideas, suggestions or requests to the group.

The Annual Meeting for 2019 will happen this year at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 205 Birch Ave. E, in Lapwai, ID. A meal will be served at noon, followed by the meeting, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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more slides. For more information on current road conditions visit 511.idaho.gov and in addition the North Central District of Idaho Public Health has information on contaminated water/flood water hazards on their Facebook page. You can also follow #NPfloods2019 for additional information. The Tribe encourages users to include the hashtag on photos or information they post of the conditions in their area.

Thank you to all employees, volunteers and donors who have come together to take care of the communities. The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Director, Rebecca Miles, and multiple Nez Perce Tribal Police Department Officers and staff are observing all areas of concern on the reservation since the state of emergency announcement was made. Nu-

merous volunteers who have offered their services are on standby if needed. The Yakima Nation has donated and delivered 720 filled sand bags and 2,500 empty sand bags. The Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Joe Chapman, donated and delivered empty sand bags. Idaho National Guard Northcentral Field Officer, Robert Feely, donated 5,000 empty sand bags. CrossPoint Alliance Church donated a truck load of sand. Many people donated their time to fill sand bags, deliver sand bags, used their personal equipment to help move sand, and remove debris from water ways. The Nez Perce Tribe has received donations of food, water and additional supplies.

The Nez Perce Tribe is continuing their efforts of mitigation practices in preparation for possible continual flooding. The Nez Perce Tribe is humbled by all of the support and assistance.



Stites community faces record breaking water levels.



Four people in the Stites area were rescued by helicopter after their home was inundated by floodwaters early Tuesday.



Lapwai's Spaulding Church surrounded by water.



State Highway 14 blocked by massive landslide.



Water levels rising, reaching Sweetwater Bridge.

High School Baseball: Lapwai 6, Genesee 1

Boys LHS Baseball—The Wildcats were in full control as they defeated the Bulldogs at Lewiston’s Airport Park on Wednesday, April 10th. For Lapwai, Maceo Henry’s pitches and strikeouts were career high, throwing 105 pitches total; with 12 in the first inning and eight in the sixth. Henry collected 12 strikeouts while Genesee was only able to connect with one of his pitches. Tui Moliga and Anthony Spencer closed the game in the seventh inning, with seven hits a piece. Dion CrazyBull joined with a single, and another base hit. Genesee 000 010 0—1 1 0 Lapwai 140 100 x—6 5 0



Updated 4/8/19



Lapwai High School Baseball 2018-2019

Date:	Opponent:	Place:	Time:
March 21	Potlatch+1	Clearwater Field	4:30 pm
April 2	CV	Clearwater Field	4:30 pm
April 10	Genesee (DH)	Clearwater Field	4 and 6
April 13	Lewis County (DH)	Clearwater Field	10 & 12pm
April 15	@ Kendrick+1	Julietta, ID	4:00 pm
April 18	@ Prairie	Prairie High School	4:30 pm
April 20	@ Kamiah (DH)	Kamiah High School	9 & 11 am
April 23	@ Potlatch+1	Potlatch High School	4:30 pm
April 25	Troy	Clearwater Field	4:30 pm
April 29	@ CV	CV High School	4:30 pm
April 30	Prairie	Clearwater Field	4:30 pm
May 2	Kendrick+1	Clearwater Field	4:00 pm
May 4	@ Troy	Troy High School	4:30 pm
May 7	District Play-in	TBD	TBD
May 10-11	District Baseball	Orofino High School	TBD
May 17-18	State Baseball	Glenns Ferry	TBD

Head Coach: Winfred Perez
 Assistant Coaches: Tui Moliga
 Athletic Director: David Kronemann
 Principal: D'Lisa Pinkham
 Superintendent: David Aiken

High School Softball: Lapwai 13, Kendrick 3

Girls LHS Softball — Thursday, April 11th, Lapwai’s Shaylee Bisbee hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning following a six strikeout pitching performance from the mound. The Wildcats advanced to a 2-2 overall and in league record after their Whitepine League victory against Kendrick. Due to the rain, the anticipated double header was cut to one game after the second game was rained out in the first inning. Lapwai 331 33—13 Kendrick 100 02— 3



Lapwai High School Softball 2018-2019

Date:	Opponent:	Place:	Time:
March 20	Genesee	Lapwai High School	5:00 pm
April 6	Potlatch (DH)	Lapwai High School	12 & 2pm
April 9	@ Nezperce	Nezperce High School	4:00 pm
April 11	@ Kendrick (DH)	Kendrick High School	4 & 6 pm
April 12	@ Genesee	Genesee High School	5:00 pm
April 16	Nezperce	Lapwai High School	4:00 pm
April 18	Troy	Lapwai High School	4:30 pm
April 20	Prairie (DH)	Lapwai High School	11 and 1
April 22	@ Troy	Troy High School	4:30 pm
April 25	@ Culdesac (DH)	Culdesac High School	4 & 6 pm
May 6 th	District Play-in	TBD	TBD
May 9 th	District Softball	Genesee	TBD
May 17-18	State Softball	Genesee	TBD

Head Coach: Ada Marks
 Assistant Coaches: Joslyn Leighton
 Athletic Director: David Kronemann
 Principal: D'Lisa Pinkham
 Superintendent: David Aiken

ATTENTION: Upriver Communities

Students For Success is searching for American Indian youth (ages 15-24) from the Kamiah, Kooskia, Orofino area for a monthly board

BOARD WILL FOCUS ON:

- YOUTH RESILIENCY
- HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
- SUICIDE PREVENTION
- OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND CONFERENCES BASED ON ATTENDANCE

(**Kicuy per youth, per meeting)

\$25.00

CONTACT LORAINÉ AT (208) 621-4612, LORAINEH@NEZPERCE.ORG, OR ABRAHAM AT (208) 621-4613, ABEB@NEZPERCE.ORG



Lolo Pass Visitor Center is calling for Artists in Residence

The Lolo Pass Visitor Center is currently putting together a calendar of “artists in residence” for this summer (**May thru September**). We will be bringing in at least one artist each month who specializes in a traditional form of art or focuses on tribal culture or history in their artwork. Artists are invited to stay for a long weekend, provided with Forest Service housing and a small reimbursement for out of pocket expenses. Artists are able to set up and work on their artwork, while interacting with Visitors and providing interpretive information about their art. Artists are able to sell their artwork on site as well.

For more information please contact: Buffie Cerutti Stewart Bcerutti@fs.fed.us

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26TH-
28TH**

10th Annual ALL INDIAN +1

Lapwai, Idaho

DIVISIONS/FEEES

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Must be in HS

16U B & G (\$285)

14U B & G (\$250)

12U B & G (\$250)

9U Coed (\$225)

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Clearwater River Casino
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ONLY PAID ENTRY FEE GUARANTEES SPOT

Teams: Angela 208-790-6692, playinmocs@gmail.com / Tori 208-816-6971 (text) / Vendors: Andre 208-553-4882, udre.ap@gmail.com

Entry fees, Tribal IDs, Age Verification due by April 10th.

3 Games Guaranteed for 14U, 12U, & 9U Teams. Early Bird Deadline (\$25 off) March 29th

Lapwai Alumni Basketball Game

Proceeds go to Garrett 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

NMPH Fitness Center Wellness Program

April Fitness Activities

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
<p>Circuit Training 12:10—12:50</p> <p>Location: NMPH Fitness Ctr.</p> <p>RESTORATIVE YOGA 5:30—6:15 NMPH Fitness Center</p>	<p>Circuit Training 12:10—12:50</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>SPIN WITH CARA* 5:30—6:15 NMPH Fitness Center *https://www.facebook.com/groups/394023011398592/</p>	<p>Circuit Training 12:10—12:50</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>RESTORATIVE YOGA 5:30—6:15 NMPH FITNESS CENTER</p>	<p>Circuit Training 12:10—12:50</p> <p>Location TBA</p> <p>SPIN WITH CARA* 5:30—6:15 NMPH Fitness Center *https://www.facebook.com/groups/394023011398592/</p>

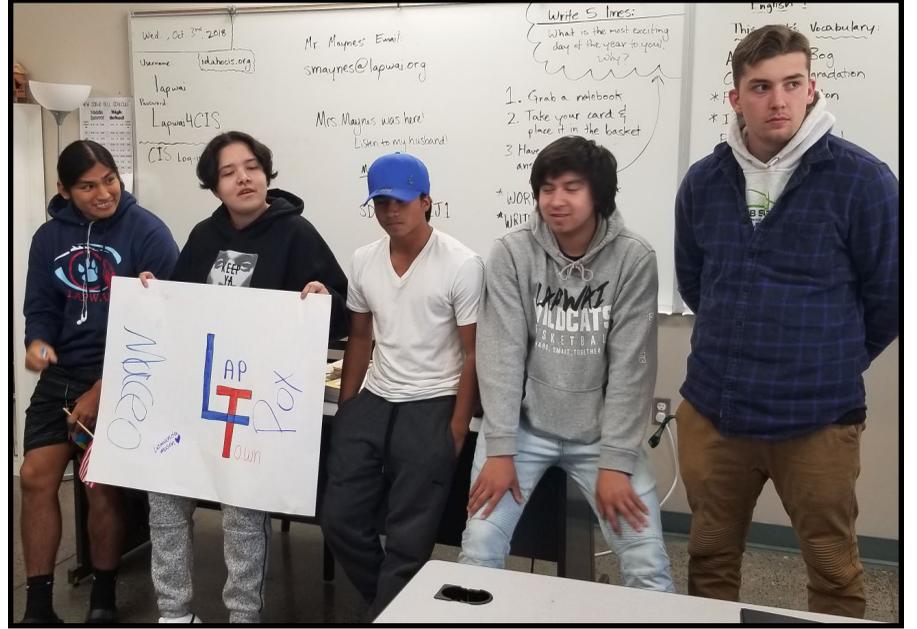
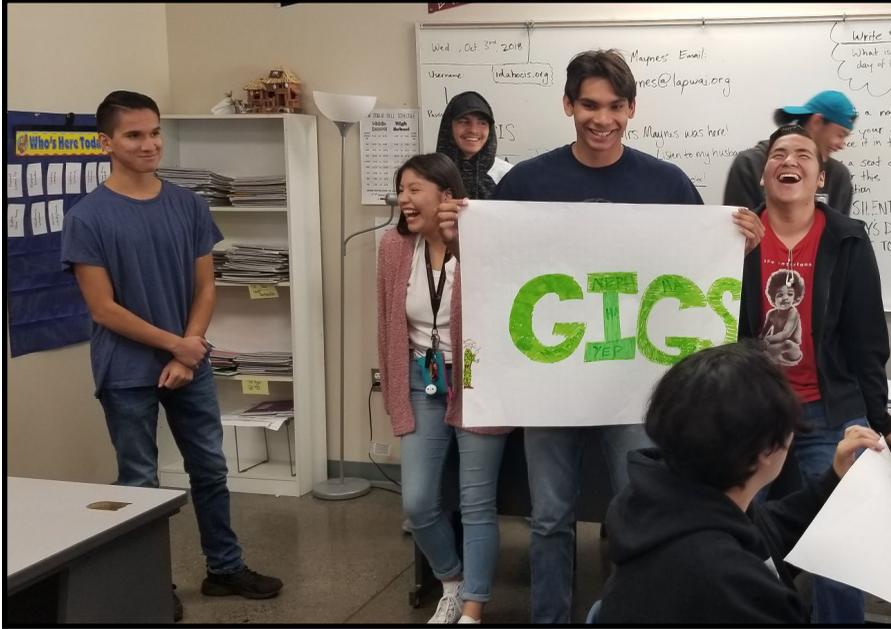
**For more info, contact Wendy at
843-2271 x 2847**

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.

I-Vision Program—Nez Perce Youth Project Summer Fun



It is the purpose of the I-Vision—Nez Perce Youth Project (NPYP) to implement Healthy Relationship, Financial Literacy curriculum, and culturally relevant support. The I-Vision Program—NPYP engages high school youth, to individuals 25 years of age on the Nez Perce Reservation. It provides interactive workshops where clients can envision and explore Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education, while building economic security through Financial Literacy with their I-Vision team, partners and peers.

Ryan Oatman is the Program Coordinator, Tia Hernandez is the Quality & Assurance specialist, Jayd Eke is the Reception of Resources, and the Youth Advocates are Amanda Lopez, Ashton Picard, Orlando Villavicencio, and Robin Blackeagle. The I-Vision NPYP is a five year grant that was written by Jackie McArthur, Social Serv-

ices Manager, and Lyn Craig, Grant Writer. The Healthy Marriage & Responsible Fatherhood Grant, provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, is aimed at providing comprehensive, Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education services. It also provides Job and Career Advancement activities to promote economic stability and overall improved family well-being.

The I-Vision NPYP is currently partnering with the Lapwai High School, thanks to counselor Josh Nellesen, Mrs. Walker, and Mr. Maynes. "Our department was able to provide a full 'Leading the Next Generation's Healthy Relationships' training over an 8 week course," said Oatman, "Lapwai students were given the opportunity to do group presentations and also given

the opportunity to present business plans, utilizing the Building Native Communities Financial Literacy curriculum."

There are two summer youth retreats planned for 2019. I-Vision will recruit 30 to 40 youth, and bring them to the Wallowa Long House, June 24th-26th and July 28th-31st, 2019. During these youth retreats, participants will be provided a space to learn and grow without the interruptions of everyday life. Youth are able to make the connection to their ancestral homelands while building resilience within themselves, through skill building training activities. This project blends teachings of our ancestors with the realities of today's world.

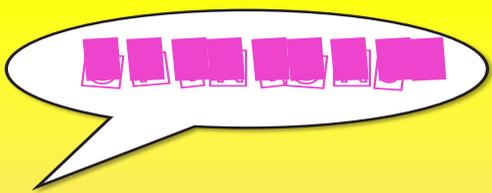
At the retreats, team building and leadership building activities will take place. There will be a series of tasks that youth will lead during the

retreat. Certain skills will also be put to practice, such as putting up your own sleeping tipi. Tribal elders, from different tribes, will be present and will provide presentations and discussion that will consist of the following topics: Traditional Gender Roles, Healing and Wellness Practices, History of Local Area and more.

Cultural demonstrations will take place throughout the retreat such as a mini pow wow, stick game, and other activities. A traditional feast will be provided on the second day and will consist of traditional foods from local tribes. I-Vision will have a traditional storyteller with traditional craft presentations.

For more information regarding upcoming events, please contact the I-Vision program at 208-621-4812 or like them on Facebook www.facebook.com/IVisionNPYP.





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By Mail: to the Nez Perce Tribe
Attn: Communications
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Lapwai ID, 83540

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By Email: communications@nezperce.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEZ PERCE TRIBE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 2, 3, & 4, 2019

NezPerce Tribe Executive Committee

GENERAL ELECTION

SAT. MAY 4, 2019

POLLS OPEN 7AM – 3PM

WA-A'YAS COMMUNITY BUILDING
KAMIAH, IDAHO

Signed, 'A Whisper in the Wind'

I am happy to have just received another issue of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune. I am also pleased with the content and the growth of the publication. There is no question that the Nimiipuu are doing amazing things and accomplishing great goals, especially our youth. Shout out Wildcats!

However, it breaks my heart to admit this, and I only speak for myself when I say it, but I feel like I don't really get to know our elders until I read about them in the obituary section.

I think it is great to know where we are heading, but also believe it's good to know where we come from. Furthermore, I can't help the desire to hear the history and

teachings directly from our elders rather than third party after they have walked on.

More importantly, I have recently discovered through speaking with elders in my family that some of them often feel left alone and unheard. So I think it is only right to our elders, the respect and opportunity to share their stories, lives and teachings. As a tribal community, I believe it is also important for many reasons to notice our elders and listen to them.

Please, I ask that something be created for our elders to speak. That is, if they would like to. Qe'ci'yew'yew.

Sincerely,
A Whisper in the Wind

What's Blood Got to do With it?

Full blood versus half breed, versus not even enough to be enrolled. Ultimately, quantum and blood degree was made to divide the Natives. The Native blood quantum trickles out as other ethnic groups are added to it, like it's diluted water.

The blood quantum was made as a form of genocidal warfare. Why is it that Natives are the only ethnic group that has to prove their ethnicity on a card, by percentages and quarters? The definition of genocide is "the deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation."

Abe Lincoln, and his prejudice feelings toward Indians said Natives are just "savages standing in the way of Westward expansion." Lincoln also said "A house divided cannot stand." Lincoln, who is responsible for the largest mass execution in U.S. history, having 303 Sioux killed, knew by dividing a nation, it would not last.

Native Americans get two paragraphs inside of history books and are referred to in "past tense". Many people think Indians no longer exist and make fun of the Native American Culture.

Indian children are not only getting bullied by non-natives, they are also

getting teased by their own tribal members for being "too dark" or "too white". I've also seen tribe's talk bad about other tribes. There is a reason why Native Americans have the highest suicide rate in the world. There's no sense of belonging when we are bullied and laughed at.

The premeditated ending of a nation by the U.S. Government, when dividing Indians into groups and sticking a blood quantum on them, was a skilled and heavily contemplated act of greed. But they didn't know we would still be here today.

People are not born racist, they're introduced to it and then are awarded for it until it becomes a way of life passed down from one generation to the next. Racism is a spirit, made up of hatred and greed, designed to divide, directed at someone "different" than you, by anyone considering themselves a more superior race.

Let's keep each other strong and stay above the judgemental glares and the racial words that cut. Our ancestors fought and died for us to be here today. Let's honor and respect them by keeping our pride, our youth, and ourselves alive.

-Yox Kalo

NPTEC CANDIDATE LIST

SEAT 1

*LIZ ARTHUR-ATTAO
CHRISTIE LUSSORO

SEAT 1

*SHANNON WHEELER
QUINTIN ELLENWOOD

SEAT 1

*ARTHUR BRONCHEAU
SAMUEL PENNEY

The families of Timothy & Delores Wheeler will host

NPTEC Candidates Forum

April 11th @Lapwai Catholic Church Dining Hall

April 18th @Teweeppuu Center

April 25th @Kamiah Chamber Welcome Center

*All forums will begin @6PM with a potluck dinner.
Donations of side dishes, desserts and beverages will be immensely appreciated.*

All candidates & interested tribal members are welcome to attend. For more information please contact:

Forum Moderator Dallon Wheeler 208-935-5788

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 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

Prairie River Library District (PRLD)

April 7-13 is National Library Week. Stop by your local library to learn more about how libraries serve our communities through various outreach and in-branch offerings. All PRLD locations, hours and events can be found at prld.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 hosted the first meeting of Open Minds Open Books April 2. This month the group is reading books on compassion to discuss at the May 7 meeting. The next topic will be missing and murdered indigenous women. Preschool story time continues on Wednesdays at 10:30 am weekly. Follow Kamiah Library on Facebook and Instagram or call April at 208-935-0428 for more program info.

Kooskia Library invites teens and adults to Messy Mondays from 2-5 p.m. for a hands-on art project. A volunteer musician brings his acoustic guitar to the library most Friday evenings from 4-5 p.m. so

stop in and enjoy some mellow tunes. Stop in for free coffee anytime and help us finish the current puzzle. Follow Kooskia Library on Facebook and Instagram for programs and more or call 208-926-4539.

Lapwai Library will have supplies for making May Day baskets from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on April 29! Contact Julie at 208-843-7254 for details or find the library on Facebook.

Nezperce Library will host the Fiber Arts & Folk Crafts people April 10 at 6:30 when Raylene will give a demonstration on sewing basics. Bring your machine, foot pedal/cord, thread and bobbins and some fabric scraps to practice. If you don't have a sewing machine, contact the library to make arrangements. 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 will host an organizational meeting for Fit and Fall Proof™ (FFP) on April 10 at 11 a.m. FFP is an exercise-based fall prevention program for older adults in Idaho that focuses on improving strength, mobility, and balance to reduce an older adults' risk of falling. April 18 from 12-5:30 p.m. kids can stop by and make a cute Easter craft. The library is also on Facebook or call Chris at 208-924-5164 for more info.

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Kamiah HS to Host Native Voices

Kamiah High School Selected to Host Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness Exhibition.

Kamiah High School has been selected in a competitive application process to host a traveling exhibition sponsored by the American Library Association and the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness explores the interconnectedness of wellness, illness and cultural life for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians. Stories drawn from both the past and present examine how health for 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. Topics include: Native views of land, food, community, earth/nature, and spirituality as they relate to Native health; the relationship between traditional healing and Western medicine in Native communities; economic and cultural issues that affect the health of Native communities; efforts by Native communities to improve health conditions; and the role of Native Americans in military service and healing support for returning Native veterans.

As one of 104 grant recipients selected for across the country, KHS Library will host the traveling exhibition for a six-week loan during its tour of the United States from May 1st to June 6th.

The public will have

opportunity to visit the exhibit on May 1st from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on May 13th during the school's culture fair from 3 to 6 p.m.

"I applied for this grant 4 years ago and was thrilled that our district was selected to host this amazing exhibit", said Colleen Olive, KSD Library Services Coordinator. "We hope the Native people, students, and our community will take pride in the exhibition and that all visitors will enjoy learning about these powerful concepts."

"We hope that visitors in communities across the country will learn from the ideas, practices, and traditions shared here," says Betsy L. Humphreys, acting director of the National Library of Medicine. "We hope, too, that those who host the exhibition will enrich it by including additional content and programs that reflect their local Native culture and history."

"This exhibition honors the Native tradition of oral history and establishes a unique collection of information," says Donald A.B. Lindberg, MD, director emeritus of the National Library of Medicine. "We hope visitors will find Native Voices both educational and inspirational, and we hope Native people will view it with pride."

To make the Native Voices information accessible to people even if they can't come to Kamiah High School, there is an online version of the exhibition at www.nlm.nih.gov/nativevoices.

Arrangements can be made for additional group visits. For more information please contact Colleen Olive via email at colive@kamiah.org



Ask Dr. Per Cap

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I've had my eye on a new vehicle and last week I got my per cap, enough for a good down payment. When the salesman at the dealer saw that I was Native he asked what ranche-ria I was from. I told him and he right away said "Oh per cap time, nice!" Then he started the major hard sell. I ended up leaving but he keeps calling and texting. I really want a new car but can't stand the pushy approach. How can I avoid this?

Signed, California Car Shopper

Dear California,

I've heard a lot of stories like yours from folks who receive per cap. I've also been told that some of the car dealers and other salespeople near these communities keep a really close eye on per cap distributions. They know which tribes pay per cap, payment dates, and amounts. Other communities who have benefited from lump sum payments from sources like the Cobell Settlement and Land Buy Back have also been targeted. Sadly, allegations of local stores and businesses inflating prices in addition to the aggressive sales tactics you experienced are not uncommon.

My advice is to avoid negotiating with these folks in person as much as possible, especially with big ticket purchases like vehicles. For starters do as much research as you can online before visiting a showroom to get a good idea of the vehicle you want while comparing prices and financing options. Most manufacturer and dealer websites allow you to request an online quote by providing an email address instead of a phone number which will prevent the voice calls and texts. At some point you'll still need to meet face to face for a test drive. Bring a friend or relative for support and be courteous while respectfully maintaining some emotional distance. What I mean by this is don't let the conversation get too personal by divulging information like tribal affiliation, employer details, and family size. Just keep it friendly with small talk about the weather, sports, and other light weight topics-How about those Golden State Warriors! If the salesperson asks for additional contact info, such as your phone number or Facebook, ask for his or her business card instead.

When you decide to finally buy the right vehicle consider also negotiating the purchase via email. The dealer will still want you to come in to sign all the paperwork so ask that same friend to tag along. Once inside there's also a chance the dealer will try to change the terms you've already negotiated or throw a last minute pitch for pricey dealer add-ons. Keep you guard up for stuff like window tinting, paint protection, gap insurance, any my personal favorite - \$200 to add nitrogen to the tires. Hum...not planning to race my 98 horsepower Chevy Spark at the drag strip any time soon No thanks!

Lastly, stick to your guns and your budget by remembering a tried and true Dr. Per Cap maxim - never finance a car for more than three years while keeping the total of your loan and insurance payments within 25% of your monthly take home income. Happy motoring in your new war pony!

Elder of the Year Nominations

"Elder of the Year" Nominations are being accepted. There will be ballot boxes at the Senior Meal sites at Lapwai, Orofino and Kamiah. The nomination period will close on 04/30/2019

Children's Eye Exams

Is your child overdue for an eye exam? Tired of trying to slide doctor appointments in between school and sports? Call Nimiipuu Health Optometry today to schedule this summer. Appointments fill up quickly, call today at 208-621-4965.

Nez Perce Tribe Social Services/Child Protection, in coordination with Nez Perce Tribe Law Enforcement presents:

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.

**CHILD ABUSE
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For more information, please contact Rebecca Lehman (208-790-1065)

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**

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When: Monday April 29th
Time: 12pm - 1pm
Place: NMPH Large Conf. Room

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2ND ANNUAL RESPECTING OUR ELDERS DAY

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

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Wednesday, May 29th, 2019
Times Ranging Depending on Grade Level
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Our volunteers will join a classroom to share stories, Nez Perce Language, or discuss what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. You will be invited to join the class for lunch as well. For additional details or to volunteer, please contact David Aiken, Lapwai School District Superintendent:



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This is an occasion to start the dialogue among each other as Nez Perce/Native American tribal business owners that sell goods and services in the private sector and/or with regional leaders about conducting more business with each other.

Business owners are encouraged to bring literature about their business and items for sale. Tables will be available for booth set up. Space is limited. Must register for booth with contact.

For more information, contact: Ann McCormack, 208.621.3710 or e-mail: amm@nezperce.org

WANTED FOR SUMMER 2019:

YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS CREW LEADERS

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Please help us spread the word by sharing with your contacts that may be interested in these positions.

Position Summary: The Clearwater Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc. and its partners are currently seeking experienced crew leaders for the Clearwater Basin Youth Conservation Corps (CBYCC). The mission of the CBYCC is to expose youth to natural resource career opportunities and facilitate development of practical problem-solving skills while participants work alongside program and technical specialists on projects that restore aquatic and terrestrial habitat and promote healthy rural communities. The CBYCC offers local youth an opportunity to experience the outdoors in a paid work-place setting while also providing a fun learning environment and exposure to traditional skills.

Project Location: Crew leader positions are available in each of the following crew locations: Grangeville, Kamiah/Kooskia (2 openings), Orofino, Pierce, and Potlatch.

Compensation and Work Schedule: These positions are at least 40 hours per week during the field season with additional paid training and some pre- and post-season organizational work. The pay rate for this position is \$16-\$19.08 per hour, depending on experience.

Job Description: The complete Request for Qualifications is attached and available on our website at clearwaterrcd.org/apply-cbycc/.

Application Process: Please email a cover letter, resume, and at least 3 references to hr@clearwaterrcd.org. These positions are open until filled, so apply early!

Contact Info: If you have questions regarding this position, please contact the Clearwater RC&D Executive Director, Barbie Miller, at (208) 883-4471 or barbie@clearwaterrcd.org.



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