

# N I M I I P U U T R I B A L T R I B U N E



## Wendy Thomas Completes Coeur D'Alene Half-Ironman

Wendy Thomas, Ta-Ma-We-Ta-Lote, is an enrolled Nez Perce tribal member. She is 41 years old representing her Nez Perce and Navajo nations well, as she trained and completed in the 70.3-mile Half-Ironman in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho (CDA) on June 30th, 2019. The event consisted of a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run.

Thomas was introduced to the sport by her haama, Adisa Tobin, who had interest in completing the full Ironman. Then, while at the Ironman event cheering on a friend, Thomas was able to take in the triathlon vibe and developed an admiration for the triathletes. "I think it's just amazing, the grit and dedication that these athletes possess," she said. At this point in time, Thomas felt that completing a triathlon seemed out of reach for her to accomplish.

Shortly after that event, they began training. They set their goal to complete two sprint triathlons: Lewis-Clark State Sprint Triathlon in March



2014 and Benewah Medical Center Sprint Triathlon in June 2014. Prior to these events, Thomas had never been exposed to triathlons. "Swim, bike and run are three completely different monsters to tackle. I initially thought, I am a runner [triathlons] shouldn't be tough. Well, I have never swam, then biked, then ran either," Thomas said.

Thomas' coach, Kirk Wood-Gaines, had her doing "brick workouts" for over a year, prior to the half-ironman. Brick workouts are doing more

than one sport, back to back, during a workout. Saturdays were dedicated to 6:00 a.m. swim, 7:00-10:00 a.m. spin class, followed by running 2-5 miles. When it got warmer outside, they moved to 1.2 mile swims in Lake CDA and bike rides ranging from 25-56 miles.

It was a Sunday morning when Thomas' alarm went off at 2:45 a.m. She laid in bed, not wanting to get up, and text her training partner Veronica, asking her if Coach Kirk really said 3:30 a.m. Veronica replied, "Yes, let's Party!" Thomas remembered the sunrise was beautiful and as they all traveled together, it became light outside. The three of them were laughing, sharing stories and asking questions about race day.

Thomas had checked in her bike the day before, she just needed her hydration

and transition bag. There are a lot of items to pack for 3 different sports: swim (wetsuit, goggles, swim cap); bike (helmet, cycle shoes, sunglasses, socks, hydration bottles, food, tubes, flat tire kit, pump); run (running shoes, race bib/belt, running water bottle, hat).

Thomas was grateful for beautiful weather and calm waters. Several people were loading up and greeting each other. A slight sense of fear came across her as she walked along the shore, viewing the buoys and thinking about how far out they were, "They looked like they were about halfway across the lake," Thomas said.

She entered the transition area, presented her wristband and found her bike to begin setting up. This is an important step, since they quickly prepare and move from one sport to the next. Thomas began laying out her gear, as she overheard conversations and witnessed people greeting one another. "I love hearing 'Have a great race!'" Thomas said.

The athletes got their wetsuits on and began their walk to the swim start area. "The time is finally here, the moment, the day we have trained a grueling amount of time for," Thomas thought to herself as the race was about to start. There were

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

August      Waw’ama’ayq’áal      (wa-wa-my-call)  
“Salmon reach the the headwaters/ heads of creeks”

Táy’aal      (Tie-all)      “Summertime, August ”

Tepee	walím’nit	wa-leem-nit
Tepee Pole	tíwe	te-wa
Friend	láwtiwa	louw-tee-wah
Swimming	siwíke’ykse	si-wee-ky-ksa
River	pík’un	pi-coon
Summer	táyam	tie-um
It’s warm	lu’uqic hiwees	la-oo-kits he-wis
It’s hot	‘iyeq’is hiwees	ee-yuck-is he-wis

Image: Hurricane Creek  
Joseph, OR

# NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE

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**Happy Birthday Mikailah Grace**



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**18 years old**

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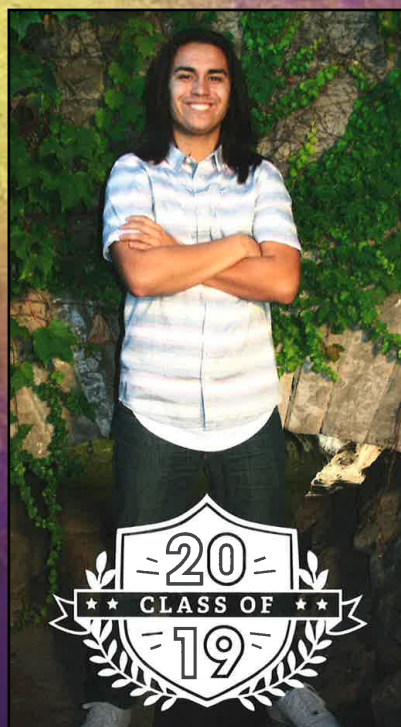
Big sister Tyanne kissing her baby brother

## GRADUATES

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Thunder Garcia**

**Lewiston High  
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## Nez Perce Tribe Files Petition Challenging Oregon Water Quality Certification of Hells Canyon Complex Hydroelectric Project



On July 23, 2019, the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) filed a challenge to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's (ODEQ) May 24, 2019, Clean Water Act § 401 certification for Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Complex Hydroelectric Project (Hells Canyon Complex). The petition was filed in Oregon's Marion County's Circuit Court. Located within the Tribe's aboriginal homeland, the Hells Canyon Complex, consisting of Brownlee, Oxbow, and Hells Canyon dams, is situated on the Snake River on the southern end of Hells Canyon between Oregon and Idaho.

The original 50-year license, issued to the Hells Canyon Complex by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), expired in 2005. Before FERC can issue what may be a new 30- to 50-year license to Idaho Power Company, ODEQ must certify, under the Clean Water Act and Oregon state law, that the Hells Canyon Complex's activities will not violate Oregon's water quality standards. The Tribe's petition alleges that ODEQ's certification is deficient because it does not address fish passage as required under Oregon law and the certification fails to provide reasonable assurance that the Hells Canyon Complex will not violate Oregon water quality standards for methylmercury and temperature during the life of its new FERC license.

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The Hells Canyon Complex—constructed more than six decades ago on lands used by the Tribe since time immemorial—has caused extensive and irreparable injury to the culture, traditions, economy, and health of the Tribe and its citizens. The Tribe secured its rights to resources in this area in the Nez Perce Treaty of 1855. The Tribe has co-management responsibilities at Hells Canyon Dam for juvenile Snake River spring Chinook and steelhead releases. The Tribe has worked hard to restore Columbia basin salmonids to protect and enhance the Tribe's Treaty-reserved rights and resources.

"The Tribe has consistently advocated for the adoption of 401 certifications for this project that are protective of the Tribe's Treaty-reserved rights and resources due to the central role water quality plays in the protection of those resources. This in turn helps protect the health and welfare of the Tribe's citizens who exercise their Treaty rights in waters within Oregon," stated Shannon F. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

The Hells Canyon Complex generates highly toxic methylmercury that bioaccumulates in the Snake River's aquatic food chain rendering

Treaty-reserved resources, such as white sturgeon, unsafe for consumption. In 2015, the Tribe was forced to adopt a white sturgeon consumption moratorium for tribal citizens due to health risks posed by the presence of high levels of methylmercury in the Snake River downstream of the Hells Canyon Complex. ODEQ's current 401 certification does not require Idaho Power Company to address these high levels of methylmercury in the next license term. Tests have shown, for example, that white sturgeon in the area have mercury levels up to 75 times higher than Oregon's methylmercury standards. "The methylmercury in the Hells Canyon Complex area will affect tribal citizens and our treaty rights for generations. The Tribe expected ODEQ to have aggressive and enforceable terms in the certification to resolve this threat to Treaty resources," continued Wheeler.

The Tribe is also very concerned about the inadequate conditions in the certification addressing temperature and the lack of required

fish passage. The operation of Hells Canyon Complex results in changes to the Snake River's temperature regime delaying the cooling of the Snake River downstream of the Hells Canyon Complex in the fall during salmonid spawning. The Hells Canyon Complex also blocks fish passage and degrades water quality and habitat for culturally-significant resources such as salmon, steelhead, Pacific lamprey, bull trout, and white sturgeon.

The Tribe has worked for the protection and restoration of all its homeland's native fish populations, including those upstream, within, and downstream of the Hells Canyon Complex. "Given the Tribe's interest in the area and expertise in fish management, the Tribe is simply asking the court to remand the certification so ODEQ can bring it into compliance with Oregon law so that the Tribe's work and resources are properly protected," concluded Wheeler.

*The Tribe is represented in this matter by the Nez Perce Tribe Office of Legal Counsel and Advocates for the West.*

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# Annual Chief Joseph Days Event Marks the 74th Year



The town of Joseph, Oregon long desired a rodeo. Ideas and planning began in 1944, but it would be a do-it-yourself rodeo organized by interested parties. The celebration was originally planned to bring everyone in the West together. Chief Joseph Days was eventually conceived by the Joseph Chamber of Commerce, to celebrate the opening of the new Joseph Municipal Airport and to dedicate it as a memorial for the Veterans of World War II. It was set to be known as Chief Joseph Days, with an emphasis on the history and spirit of the Nez Perce Tribe and honoring Chief Joseph.

If the first Chief Joseph Days was deemed a success, it was envisioned to be made into an annual event. Unfortunately, at that time, there was no place to hold such an occasion. The project, then, was a one-man show, so the whole community jumped in to volunteer hours and donate the materials needed. The arena was completed with just a rail fence and some chutes, but there was no access road. This made it nearly impossible for stock and bucking horses to be trucked

to the site, so they had to be rode in or led. The first annual Chief Joseph Days was held in July of 1946 and when the rodeo ended, everyone packed up and moved along, but the arena remained standing.

Joseph's current rodeo grounds were built the following year in 1947. The first logs milled for the new arena were hauled to the present site in June, and the arena was completed just in time for the first annual Chief Joseph Days rodeo held the following month, in July. The first Chief Joseph Days included a parade, carnival, horse sale, air show, baseball games, and the Nezpercians band played at Joseph's local dance hall.

The event continued to grow and in 1956, with a seating capacity of 5,000, sold out with over 12,000 people in attendance. The parade was three miles long, and took more than an hour to pass the grandstand. Each year since has continued to bring in a large crowd, with a mix of locals and visitors from all over.

Hundreds of people return to the Wallowa homelands of the Nez Perce people

each year, for the annual Chief Joseph Days gathering. Activities were comprised of the famous Chief Joseph Days rodeo, Chief Joseph Days Pow Wow, two parades, teen dances, a cowboy breakfast each morning, downtown vendors, and church services. The Pow Wow included a name giving ceremony and friendship feast feeding family, friends and newcomers.

200 cowboys, plus professional barrel-racing cowgirls, put on a thrilling show each year. The Family Night Rodeo on Wednesday featured the much anticipated

mutton-busting by local pee-wee wranglers, and wild cow milking by some of the county's working cowboys.

Overall the weekend brings together an appreciated mix of activities that everyone can enjoy. Not to mention the natural beauty of the area is a draw-in on its own. Chief Joseph Days brings together families, old and new friends, and different cultures. It is an occasion everyone should experience during their lifetime. If you have yet to experience Chief Joseph Days get July 21-26, 2020 on your calendar for the 75th event!





## Tribe to Assume Full Ownership of Lapwai Boys & Girls Club by Sept. 1

After 20 years of operation as a branch of the Lewis Clark Valley Boys and Girls Clubs (LCVBGC), the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) will assume operation of the Lapwai Boys and Girls Club on September 1, 2019. It will then be an independent chartered member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The Boys & Girls Club of the Nez Perce Tribe (Club), as it will be known going forward, will be under the guidance of a 5-member board, unit & program directors, and the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC). The Tribe has been honored to spend many years as a member of the LCVBGC. It was a dream of the community and Tribe to build this opportunity for the youth and make a real investment in the future of the people.

For a generation, our youth have enjoyed the experience of being a member of the Lapwai Club. The Nez Perce Tribe is committed, now more than ever, to see that tradition continue for generations to come. It could not have had the same success without the leadership, partnership, and cooperation of the LCVBGC, its board and staff.

It has been a remarkable and worthwhile investment in the lives of our youth and the development of the staff. In looking back at the history of the Club, and the many volunteers and leaders that helped build this Club, it is gratifying

to fulfill the ultimate goal of making it a stand-alone entity. Not only is the Tribe ready, but they have been ready for some time. To ensure continuity during the transition, the Club will continue with the same highly qualified staff.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America have a long-standing reputation as being an incubator for youth to reach their full potential as leaders of the community. The clubs offer supervision, team-building opportunities, support and educational activities as well as providing nutritious snacks. The investment in the Club by the Nez Perce Tribe will go to ensure that these resources remain available to the youth of the reservation. There is also potential to add locations in Kamiah and Orofino in the future, creating more opportunities for everyone.

"The youth are our future and the Tribe is continuously looking for ways to prepare them as our upcoming leaders. The Boys and Girls Clubs of America are, and have historically been, instrumental to the success of many children. The Tribe plans to continue this effort and ensure that our youth have every opportunity possible. With the Tribe assuming full ownership of the Lapwai Boys and Girls Club, we can better assure the unique needs of our area are met," stated Shannon Wheeler, NPTEC Chairman.

## A New Face with NPTPD; Welcome Officer Marketti



Jason Marketti Jr. is one of the new patrol officers for the Nez Perce Tribe Police Department (NPTPD). He started with NPTPD on June 3, 2019 and will primarily be patrolling the Lapwai area. Officer Marketti is a resident of Lewiston but grew up in Kamiah and graduated from Kamiah High School in 2013. Prior to this position, he worked in civil service developing his skills in EMS and fire.

Marketti was interested in a NPTPD position because

he liked the idea of community policing. He enjoys being able to interact with the local community and community members, and sharing the skills he has learned. Ultimately he would like to become a narcotics officer and work with K-9s.

Outside of work Marketti enjoys drawing and being outdoors. He has a fiancé and a five-year-old son. His parents are Jason and Karen Marketti. Please help us in welcoming Officer Marketti.

## Teton High School Retires Mascot

Fort Hall, Idaho- The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes agree with the recent decision made by the Teton School Board earlier this week to officially retire the Teton high school Redskins name. The Fort Hall Business Council welcome the Teton School Board to meet and discuss potential new names for the school. The Fort Hall Business Council states, "We thank the Teton School Board, our staff and the Teton Valley community members that supported and continue to support our tribal position."

The Teton School Board received official letters in support of the changing the 'Redskins' mascot, including the Nez Perce Tribe and National Congress of American Indian. Recently, the Tribes received a support letter from the Upper Snake River Tribes Foun-

dation (USRT) based out of Boise that is comprised of four Tribes: Burns Paiute Tribe, Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, and Shoshone-Paiute Tribe of Duck Valley. The USRT letter states, '[we] support the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes position on unauthorized and inappropriate use of tribal sacred and religious items and inaccurate depictions of tribes, tribal history, and tribal interactions undermine the experiences, culture and members of tribal communities.'

The Tribes will work with the Teton School District to educate the community on the tribal heritage of Teton Valley/Jackson Hole area. On Tuesday, July 30th the School Board plan to meet again to discuss a 'plan' of a new name. The meeting is open to the public.



If all 637 NPT employees donated the cost of one soda (\$1.50) per pay period for a year, the Tribe could raise \$24,843 for the Boys & Girls Club.



If ALL 637 NPT employees donated the cost of one Red Bull Blaster (\$4.25) per pay period for a year, the Tribe could raise \$70,389 for the Boys & Girls Club.



If all 637 NPT employees donated the cost of one fast food meal (\$5.00) per pay period for a year, the Tribe could raise \$82,810 for the Boys & Girls Club.

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New Club Van



Art Supplies



Carpet Ball Table



Teen Center upgrade



Front Desk remodel



## Longhouse Nears Completion



Progress continues with the Longhouse project in Lapwai. The facility construction was completed the week of July 30, 2019 with the landscaping and all exterior installations scheduled to be finished after turn-over of the main facility structure. During the July construction schedule, the workforce concentrated on the installation of all components associated with the roof systems of the main meeting Hall of the facility. The food preparation section was completed and the support systems have been tested for operation level status. Remaining for scheduled

tasking will be the exterior landscaping and the installation of all plantings; this portion of the project will be during the final two weeks of construction.

Project oversight and Closeout of the final issues for the facility, will be complete in August 2019. This project has been completed with a minimum 90% Native American workforce during the construction period. Training of young individuals for the construction industry has been a focus. The project has been under construction by the firm of B&C Development, Inc. and Project Oversight/Management by Virgil Holt, Sr.

## Culvert Replacement Project Begins at Buford Creek

The Buford Creek Barrier Culvert on State Highway 129, located on the Washington/Oregon border and within the Precious Lands of the Nez Perce Tribe, is under construction from July to October 2019, with an anticipated completion date of November 1st. The existing culvert, which is just 2.2 miles from the confluence with the Grande Ronde river, is a partial barrier to precious steelhead habitat. During this project, the current culvert will be replaced with a steel plate arch culvert.

The current culvert is a barrier and poses an

imminent threat to anadromous fish. The culvert has been limiting their access to nearly five miles of potential rearing and spawning habitat upstream. Through this project, threats will be reduced and obstructions will be removed.

The new culvert will remedy current passage problems for all aquatic species and will restore natural sediment transport. Highway 129 will remain open as a bypass road is currently being constructed. The project is being implemented jointly between the Nez Perce Tribe and Washington Department of Transportation.



## Lapwai Community Garden Needs Volunteers After Flood

On July 25th, 2019 a water line near Bever Grade Road was punctured. During this time, large amounts of water flowed out into the Nimiipuu Health parking lot, and completely flooded the Lapwai Community Garden. The water line has been repaired and the water has since dried.

However, there is a mess leftover. Folks have already been working to get the garden back in shape, but there is still a need for assistance. The Lapwai Community Garden provides fresh, organic, healthy foods for anyone that needs or wants them. It is primarily maintained by gracious volunteers and do-

nated items, but more are needed. If you have the time and would like to get in the garden, stop by anytime; pull some weeds, water a plant, and even grab a delicious snack. Every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated!

There are also crops to be harvested! Garlic is becoming ready, tomatoes are ripe, and peppers need picked! Can you say salsa time?

The Lapwai Community Garden is located behind Nimiipuu Health at 111 Bever Grade Road, Lapwai, Idaho 83540. For questions please contact Danielle Scott, U of I Extension Educator, at (208)791-4087 danielles@nezperce.org.







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triathletes and spectators everywhere. Thomas got into the water; it was calm, and she thanked the Creator.

As Thomas moved through the line, she saw her bestie Sydney and another triathlon friend, Jay, standing in the crowd ready to cheer her on. Thomas was thrilled to have people she knew there to support her.

The race started and Thomas began breathing and sighting in on her destination, but she started shortening her breaths and breathing too fast. "Slow down Wendy," she said to herself. Suddenly, a person tried to swim right over her. She came back up out of the water, frustrated and a bit thrown off, she gathered her thoughts and continued her swim. "I am swimming and I am not stopping. Go ahead and bump me, tap my feet and stroke over my head, I will just keep swimming," determined Thomas.

Thomas stayed on track and got closer, swimming, counting the buoys, and continuing to motivate herself, "Go Wendy! I am not tired, don't forget to use your legs but not too much, you got this Wendy." Once she made it, she got her feet under her and walked straight out of the water. She got through the swim arch and saw the long stretch to get through. Thomas began removing her wet suit, and with one arm out, a wetsuit stripper quickly took off the rest.

She helped Thomas up, and Thomas grabbed her wetsuit and ran toward the next area.

Once she arrived at her transition area, Thomas dried off and got her triathlon shirt and cycle shoes on. She grabbed her bike, helmet, and sunglasses and reached the mounting area. She suddenly heard, "WENDY, WENDY, WENDY!" It was Sydney, there capturing a video. Thomas waved with excitement, got on her bike and took off. "My legs feel good, nice! Ok, let's do this! Pedal! Go!" she reminded herself.

As Thomas rode through CDA, there were spectators cheering and yelling positive things to all of the triathletes. Thomas made the turnaround and rode back through town, then onto the highway. Thomas passed fellow triathletes and felt good enough to keep going. The first big hill, Mica, was long and steep, but Thomas already knew she could do it. Thomas did not want to rapidly increase her heart rate or it could trick her body into fatigue, she continued breathing and made it over.

Surprised to see the turnaround spot wasn't in the same spot she had trained for; instead another rolling hill. She reached the turnaround as she tried not to let time worry her. Thomas then got stuck behind cyclists going 28 mph in a "no passing zone", normally Thomas can hit 38-40 mph descending downhill.

Back at the bike dis-

mount area Thomas got off her bike, took off her gear, and quickly changed into her running shoes and tried to run. Her legs felt weird and her feet were numb. She knew finishing the race would be difficult. Thomas alternated between walking and jogging, then she saw her coach. Her yelled at her to run! She tried but her feet were not cooperating with her, but Thomas kept moving even though she was feeling fatigued.

When Thomas reached the loop turnaround for her last lap, her feet hurt even worse. Then she looked up and saw her son Zaidyn and his smiling face. His expression told Thomas that he was proud of her. With a happy heart, Thomas turned the corner and saw the rest of her family. At that time, she realized she had developed blisters on both feet, and they worsened with each step.

As Thomas was nearly finished with her second lap of the run course, Thomas was digging deep to keep going. With the finish line in sight and her family cheering her on, Thomas' daughter, Aniya handed her the Nez Perce flag to finish the race. Her coach appeared to help run her towards the finish line; he said, "Let's go Wendy, we have to hurry". With the encouragement of her family and her Coach, Thomas gained momentum and ran through the pain of every step.

Thomas reflects on race day, "It was an emotional finish for me. I was completely exhausted. At that time, my feet were in pain and I was emotionally overjoyed with my

victory." The most significant moment for Thomas was when the finish line was in sight and she could hear her daughter, Aniya, saying "Go mama! Let's go mom!" Aniya ran alongside the course cheering for Thomas along with her training partner, Veronica. She also appreciated her youngest son, Zaio's, enthusiasm, "Mama, you won!" as he gazed at her finisher's medal. Thomas crossed the finish line at 8:15:42. "Nothing can compare to the heartfelt feelings of finishing something so huge in front of your children and family," Thomas said, "they have seen me set goals, train hard, and finish."

Thomas would like to thank her biggest supporter, her "tri coach" and fitness instructor, Kirk. He has spent a lot of time coaching, educating and supporting Thomas in this sport. He has taught her how to endurance swim in the pool, then in open water; building endurance in spin class, then outside on trails, practicing gears, nutrition and hydration; and lastly running. She would also like to thank her family. Without their love and support, Thomas said she could not dedicate the amount of training time that she does. Last but not least, Thomas thanks her training partners Veronica Do, Sydney Pehl and all of her Muv Fitness friends. "We have spent countless hours together," Thomas said, "Accountability is key and I have been fortunate to have that built into my regular workout schedule with Coach Kirk being an instructor and my training partners showing up."





## Nimiipuu Fund Becomes an Independent Entity as of June 2019



L to R: George Moody, Loan Officer; DelRae Kipp, Board Member; Jonelle Yearout, Executive Director; Kim Pate, Board Member

Nimiipuu Fund, is a local Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) providing lending services to the Nez Perce Reservation. During a Market Analysis in 2011, it was determined that there was a need for such services, and in 2013 Nimiipuu Fund was established by the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe). Since this time the program has continued to grow and develop, recently reaching a point of separation from the Tribe.

As of June 1, 2019, Nimiipuu Fund has become a separate entity but enacted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tribe, allowing the program to still utilize certain services. This separa-

tion has been part of the development plan for Nimiipuu Fund since the beginning. In order for the program to move to the next level and receive its official CDFI certification, they had to be an independent 501(c)(3) organization, by standards of the U.S. Treasury.

With this next step, the program will be able to qualify for additional funding, build on capacity, and look at additional growth strategy. While the Tribe remains a sponsoring entity, it too can begin looking at other ways of working with Nimiipuu Fund to better meet needs. "Moving Nimiipuu Fund to the next level will allow the Tribe to look at additional investment options, and will be

a catalyst for expressing sovereignty for Nimiipuu Nation," stated Jonelle Yearout, Nimiipuu Fund Executive Director.

Yearout is nearing three years in her role as the Executive Director. George Moody is the Loan Officer, and has been in his position for a year and a half. Both staff are Nez Perce Tribal members who grew up on the reservation and have close ties to the various communities and the community members. Nimiipuu Fund will maintain their current staff and still have the oversight of a five-member board of directors. They will also meet with the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee (NPTEC) regularly, and their annual reports will be available to the public.

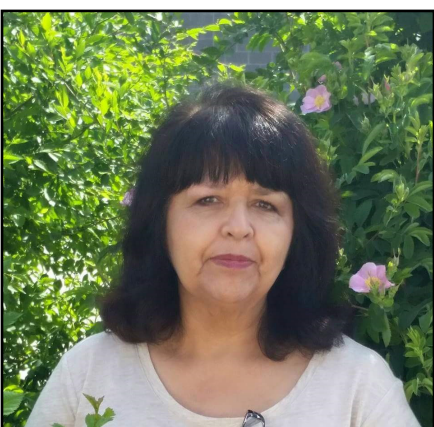
There are a number of plans for the future, including expanding their board of directors. The Nimiipuu Fund team is currently in the process of bringing on an AmeriCorps VISTA member to assist with marketing strategy plans and impact tracking. Recently, they were awarded \$100,000 under the "Fueling Economic Development- Business Lending Capital" grant to increase

their loan fund for business loans. They will be implementing additional training opportunities, classes, and financial coaching. Fundraising efforts will also commence, beginning with their Four-Man Golf Scramble on August 23rd at the Clarkston Golf & Country Club.

"Being a founding board member of Nimiipuu Fund, I can truly appreciate and recognize the big step the Fund is taking by going out on its own. This is a step that we envisioned from inception. It will allow for growth and help our tribal community flourish economically," stated McCoy Oatman, NPTEC Member.

Nimiipuu Fund offers lending services, reservation wide to all residents. Loan types include a Credit Builder Loan, Individual/Consumer Loan, and Small Business Loans. The overarching goal of Nimiipuu Fund is to fuel economic development in our community. If you are interested in more information about Nimiipuu Fund visit [www.nimiipuufund.org](http://www.nimiipuufund.org) or contact them directly [jonelle@nimiipuufund.org](mailto:jonelle@nimiipuufund.org) [george@nimiipuufund.org](mailto:george@nimiipuufund.org) (208)621-3729.

## Weaving Demonstration at Lolo Pass



Jenny Williams is Lolo Pass Visitor Center's August Artist in Residence

KAMIAH, Idaho (August 2, 2019) – The Lolo Pass Visitor Center, located on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests off of U.S. Highway 12 at the Idaho/Montana state line, will welcome Jenny Williams for the visitor center's Artist in

Residence program this month. Williams will be demonstrating her artwork from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (PDT) on August 9, 10, and 11 at the visitor center.

Williams, an Omaha/Nez Perce raised on the Nez Perce Reservation, specializes in cornhusk weaving and has studied with master weavers from around the northwest. During her Artist in Residence program, she will be demonstrating her weaving talents, talking with visitors, and will have artwork available for purchase.

Please join us at Lolo Pass Visitor Center for this free, family-friendly program. If you have questions about this event or other happenings at Lolo Pass, please call the visitor center at (208) 942-3113.

## Everyone Invited to the "Free the Snake Flotilla"

Sept 20-22, 2019

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for other events check us out at  
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Law Students Intern with Tribe



This summer, the Nez Perce Tribe employed three legal interns within the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) and the Environmental Restoration & Waste Management (ERWM) department. Jennifer Tagnano, Marissa Sayetsitty and Lewis Harrington are all students at the University of Idaho School of Law.

Jennifer Tagnano, a second-year law student, is an army veteran and mother of a five-year-old son. Jennifer worked on legal projects for ERWM and OLC. "This has been one of those experiences I will never forget, because not only have I learned how to refine my legal research and drafting skills, but I have also learned so much about the culture and history of the NPT. Coming into this internship I didn't know what to expect, but coming out of it I have deeper understanding and respect for the importance of tribal sovereignty and self-governance," Jennifer stated.

Marissa Sayetsitty, a first-year law student, noted, "Working with the Nez Perce Tribe has been an honor and privilege. I have learned a lot from the Nez Perce Tribe, and they have shown me why they are a strong, resilient and kind nation. I will remember them always, as I pursue my legal career." Marissa is a citizen of the Fort Peck Assinboine & Sioux Tribes, and a descendant of the Diné (Navajo) Nation. She is a mother of three children. Marissa provided the first 50

hours of work pro bono as part of her Law School graduation requirements. She conducted research for OLC, and worked on document review for ERWM.

Lewis Harrington, a second-year law student, spent his formative years living on the Nez Perce Reservation in Kamiah. Lewis said, "The opportunity to learn both legally and culturally has been amazing. I especially appreciate the Nez Perce Tribal efforts to protect environmentally sensitive areas in Idaho as well as their monumental efforts to restore the wild salmon. This summer has been more than I could have asked for: great people, land and leaders." Lewis is a former Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer where he helped children, and a river guide. In less than two months, Lewis will also become a first-time father.

The Nez Perce Tribe would like to thank the three legal interns for their work over the last three months. This summer's interns are a diverse and talented trio. In the photo from L to R: Jennifer Tagnano, a second-year law student, is an army veteran and mother of a five-year-old son. Marissa Sayetsitty is a citizen of the Fort Peck Assinboine & Sioux Tribes, and a mother of three children. A former river guide, Lewis Harrington, a second-year law student, spent his formative years living on the Nez Perce Reservation in Kamiah and will soon become a first-time father.

Trade School or College?  
Ask Dr. Per Cap



Dear Dr. Per Cap:

I graduate high school this year and am unsure about my next step. My mom tells me I need to go to college and earn a four year degree. She says it's the best way for Native people to get ahead. But I really don't want to spend four more years in school. I like working on cars and there's a great automotive service program at a nearby community college. Is college a better choice than a trade school?

Signed, Undecided

Dear Undecided

That all depends. The trade school vs college debate is a hot one these days. It's true a four year degree in a high demand major like engineering, information technology, medicine, and computer science can lead to a great career; however, four year degrees don't come cheap these days. Average in-state tuition and fees at a four year college is just under \$9,500 according to the College Board website; whereas average tuition for a two year community college is less than \$3,500. Moreover, a professional career often requires graduate school which means more time and money to earn an advanced degree.

Your mom just wants what's best for you and while a four year degree makes sense for some people, it's definitely not the only way to go. Careers in the trades can be extremely rewarding, pay well, and require less schooling with paid apprenticeships so you earn while you learn. Seems society is really caught up on image and there's an attitude that trade or vocational careers are "easier" or "less prestigious" than professional careers. This is unfortunate.

That said the trades are not for everyone because they're challenging in their own way. It takes a special kind of talent and dedication to climb a three-hundred foot wind turbine or weld a pipeline on an ocean floor. I tried my hand working a trade in my early twenties but I just wasn't good or fast enough to make a career as a professional transmission mechanic. You've really got to have a knack for fixing things and a solid working knowledge of electrical, hydraulic, and other engineering systems. Moreover, while training to learn auto repair might be more affordable than going to a four year, the career requires another type of financial investment. As an automotive technician you'll need to have your own tools. And tech tools don't come cheap. Don't be surprised if a starter set sets you back ten grand while it's nothing for a veteran wrench to have \$70,000 or more invested in tools. Many techs have to finance their tools at interest rates that make student loans look like free money. Some carry this debt throughout their whole career.

My advice is to sit down with your mother and make a deal. You agree to attend either trade school or a university for one full year. If at the end of that first year you're just not feeling that you made the right choice, then switch schools the following year. Simple as that. Your young and one year will not set you back should you decide to make a change. Good luck and congrats on that high school diploma!



## Nez Perce Tribe to Award Annual Education Grants

The Nez Perce Tribe will award the annual Local Education Program Fund grants on August 22nd, 2019. The event will take place at the Clearwater River Casino & Lodge at 12:00 p.m. This year, over \$367,000 will be awarded, with approximately 48 awards being distributed. These funds will be used to assist local schools, youth programs, and other community opportunities.

"Our teachers, mentors, and coordinators are known for using their personal funds to purchase supplies or equipment. We applaud them for doing what they believe is necessary, however we hope these funds help lessen the need for such actions. We are thrilled to support their passion for teaching and encourage their creativity," stated Casey Mitchell, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee Treasurer.

Each year a large number of applications are submitted seeking funds to supplement education programs and curricula. Often teachers are looking for additional funds to meet needs in the classroom. On other occasions there are unique needs. For example, the Lapwai Boys & Girls Club submitted an application, seeking to expand services into Orofino and Kamiah. A 4th grade class at Palouse

Prairie Charter School plans to build a cedar plank canoe, and paddle the Snake River. Funds will also be awarded to Special Olympics Washington to assist them with transportation costs, practice expenses, and purchasing equipment.

Since 2004 the Local Education Fund has awarded over \$5.3 million to various programs. The grants are funded through the revenue earned by the Nez Perce Tribe gaming enterprises. Funds are distributed in accordance with the Indian Gaming and Self-Reliance Act of 2002. The Act was approved by Idaho voters through the Proposition One initiative. The mission of the grant program is to provide financial assistance to local education programs and schools located on or near the Nez Perce Reservation. The ultimate goal is to improve the mind, speech, manner, capability, and character of the human populace.

"With the continued growth of our enterprises, we are excited to be able to meet so many great needs. Having these funds available to the community is making a difference and expanding opportunities for the youth. Every year we look forward to awarding these funds and seeing the remarkable results from these programs," concluded Treasurer Mitchell.



## Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises Highly Values Cultural Events

By: Kermit Mankiller, Nez Perce Tribe Enterprise Executive Officer



The Clearwater River Casino & Lodge has hosted a Stickgame Tournament each July since 2017. Over the last two years, this event has been enjoyed by many people. Unfortunately, for 2019, the Stickgame Tournament did not occur this July.

In order to properly host this growing event, a planning committee was formed and given responsibility for organizing the event. Due to a lack of timely planning, getting it scheduled for this July was not feasible. Other options and dates for us to host a Stickgame Tournament this year or in the near future

are currently being discussed.

For the Clearwater River Casino, events play a crucial role in keeping the enterprise successful. Most events are planned months in advance. Because proper arrangements were not timely made, scheduling conflicts prevented us from hosting a tournament this July. Rest assured that this will not happen again as we will be assembling a new planning committee for future planning of the event.

It is important to know that the Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises places a high value on hosting cultural events and sharing those events with others. Cultural events will continue to be a high priority for the Clearwater River Casino & Lodge, and other venues as well.

The annual pow wow, Hiitem'Waqiswit, is scheduled for October 2019 and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—August 2019

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Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division - Solid Waste and Recycling Program

Lapwai Contacts: Jon Van Woerkom . (208) 791-3965 or Linda Nemeth . lindan@nezperce.org

Please Say No to Plastic Water Bottles — Single-use water bottles have only been around since the '90s, yet we're currently using 1,500 water bottles every second in the United States. Sadly, the total environmental costs of recycling sometimes outweigh those of landfilling.

Remember the 3 R's mantra "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle"? There's a reason recycling is third in that list—reducing and reusing are far more important. You don't need to recycle the plastic bag if you don't you take it from the store!

(See Talkin' Trash column to the right for update to the 3 R's.)

What do you need to know about recycling plastic?

- \* Plastic objects without a recycling symbol are not recyclable.
- \* Don't try to recycle anything smaller than a credit card.
- \* Remove contents, such as food and liquid waste, from containers before recycling.
- \* You can't recycle garbage.
- \* Check our list of what we take—we only take what we can find a way to recycle.

"Talkin' Trash"

Introducing -  
The Six (6) R's!

RETHINK

What else can I do?

REFUSE

Do I even need to have this?

REDUCE

How can I use less?

REUSE

How can I use this again?

RECYCLE

What new thing will this make?

ROT

How can I make compost?



In July the Boys & Girls Club built a Plastic Bottle Greenhouse with the Interwet Program, run by Rue Hoover, Wetland Specialist, and the Tribe's Recycling Program - and an entire year's worth of recycled green plastic bottles! The greenhouse will be used by the Interwet Program to grow cultural plants this next year to be used in future wetlands restoration.



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REVISED VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Job Title:** Maintenance Supervisor  
**Department:** Fishing Site Maintenance Department  
**Closing Date:** August 16, 2019  
**Classification:** Full time, Regular, Exempt  
**Salary/Wage:** CRITFC Grade 9 Step 1-5. \$51,244.00 - \$58,075  
**Location:** The Dalles, OR

**Job Summary / Primary Responsibility: (Maintenance Supervisor)**

The position provides the direct supervision of the maintenance workers hired to maintain the Tribal In-Lieu / Treaty Fishing Access Sites along the Columbia River. The supervisor must direct the safe work of multiple employees operating a variety of hand tools, power tools, motorized equipment and vehicles in multiple locations as they perform a variety of trade practices such as operating Public Water Systems, painting, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, electrical, landscape maintenance, gardening and custodial work.

**Essential Job Functions:**

1. Provides preventative maintenance and directs the corrective maintenance and minor building repairs to the various facilities. The supervisor maintains and repairs or directs the repair of boat ramps and paved areas at the sites or at other facilities within the jurisdiction of the Tribal In-Lieu / Treaty Fishing Access Sites.
2. The supervisor performs and directs the maintenance of facilities to include removing, cleaning, replacing, packing and sealing any defective parts of utility facilities, water and irrigation systems. Cleans and directs the cleaning of related fixtures: picnic tables; shelters; fireplaces and fish cleaning tables. Provides an adequate selection of the appropriate tools, materials, and directs the safest methods and techniques to carry out the work. Performs visual inspection of the sites to ensure they are in good working condition. Reports and directs the repairs of any vandalism to the facilities, i.e. to fireplaces, paints, plumbing, graffiti, lighting fixtures, arson or any other major destruction etc., as well as supervises the protection of the facilities through winterizing procedures.
3. The supervisor cleans and directs the cleaning of restrooms and vault toilets to include: sweeping and mopping; cleaning and sanitation of fixtures, toilets, sinks, benches and shower fixtures; cleaning windows, mirrors and light fixtures; providing toilet paper as needed; and collecting and disposing of trash, litter and debris. The supervisor replenishes janitorial supplies as needed and reports the expenditure of funds to the Fishing Site Maintenance Manager.
4. Supervises the seasonal gardening tasks such as fertilizing, preparing seedbeds, transplanting, seeding, aerating, pruning, trimming and applying chemicals to plants according to

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In honor of Child Support Awareness Month, the Nez Perce Tribe Child Support Enforcement Program presents.....

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#### Lapwai

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August 1, 15 & 29  
11:30 am to 1 pm

#### Kamiah

Location TBD  
August 8 & 22  
9:30 am to 10:30 am

Deadline to donate coins: September 1st



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8:30 3 on 3 Basketball  
12:00pm Friendship Dinner  
1:00pm Grand Entry  
5:00pm Dinner Break  
6:00pm Main Street Parade  
7:00pm Grand Entry

### Sunday, August 18

1:00pm Grand Entry  
Dance Contest Finals  
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The Chief Lookingglass Pow-wow Committee does not accept responsibility for accidents, theft, automobile problems, short funded travelers, illness, break-ups, or divorces.





## Nez Perce Tribe SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPLEMENTAL FIREWOOD PROGRAM



The Nez Perce Tribe is pleased to assist:  
Nez Perce Tribal Member Elders 62 years and over  
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Completed Application – (Incomplete will not be processed)

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Verification of Nez Perce Tribe Enrollment

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THE WOOD WILL NOT BE STACKED

**Return your completed applications to Social Services at**  
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June 2018



## Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation

Position Description

<b>Position Title:</b>	Loan Officer
<b>Location:</b>	ATNI-EDC Office in Portland, Oregon
<b>Salary:</b>	Preferred range \$40K - \$45K per year, negotiable depending on qualifications
<b>Closing Date:</b>	August 16, 2019
<b>Anticipated Start Date:</b>	September 9, 2019

### Organization Overview

The **Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation** (ATNI-EDC) is a nonprofit organization that provides financial and technical assistance to ATNI Member Tribes in the priority areas of community and economic development to each of the fifty-seven ATNI Member Tribes in the Pacific Northwest. As one of its tools, ATNI-EDC operates a Revolving Loan Fund that aims to increase access to capital for Native American communities and entrepreneurs. ATNI-EDC first began lending to small businesses and tribes in 2000 and became a certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) in 2002.

### Position Overview

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation (ATNI-EDC) is seeking a dedicated **Loan Officer** who will oversee all lending activities for the organization. The position offers an excellent opportunity to work hands-on with a historically marginalized population and facilitate access to capital and appropriate loan products, as well as provide technical assistance to emerging and established Native entrepreneurs that are seeking to start or scale their business. The successful candidate will be a **community-oriented self-starter**, a **strong communicator**, and a **creative problem solver**, and will have a passion for supporting small businesses and providing access to capital to Indigenous communities. Under the supervision of the Executive Director, the Loan Officer will be responsible for administering the Revolving Loan Fund portfolio which includes *loan servicing, underwriting, promoting the program, and supporting small business development*. ATNI-EDC is a lean organization, and the *Loan Officer may be asked to use their skill set to perform tasks outside of this position description on a case-by-case basis*. There will be training opportunities in loan servicing and underwriting depending on experience of candidate.

### Duties

**Lending-** Review and evaluate applications from loan candidates for completeness of business plan and soundness of project. Provide written recommendations with financial analysis and present to the Loan Committee for review and final decision.

**Portfolio Management-** Monitor the overall quality of the loan portfolio and provide recommendations to the Loan Committee when problems arise. Develop and maintain a professional relationship with loan customers. Maintain proactive and open communications with each borrower.

**Build Strategic Relationships-** Develop and maintain positive relationships with ATNI member tribes, particularly Economic Development officers, planners, and tribal loan operators. Develop and maintain positive relationships with other lenders, funding sources (including federal agencies and foundations), and technical assistance providers to strengthen and advance the Revolving Loan Fund program. Work closely with commercial (banks/ credit unions) and alternative lenders (CDFI's and tribal credit enterprises) to provide gap or bridge financing on large projects or when additional subordinated debt is necessary to close the loan.

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**Date:** Friday August 23rd

**More Info:** NCDF Staff @ 208.621.3729 or jonellew@nezperce.org

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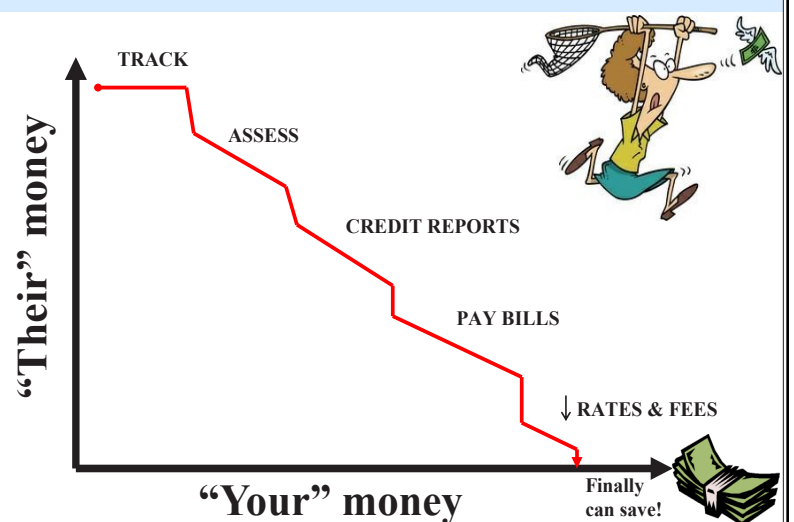
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## NEZ PERCE TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY'S 3RD ANNUAL

# Kamiah Block Party

Housing's Riverview Playground  
Date: August 22, 2019  
Time: 12 pm- 3 pm

- Food
- Refreshments
- Vendors
- Door Prizes



Visit our website at: <http://www.nezperce.org/government/housing>

## Chemawa Indian School

Providing opportunities for every student to achieve success.



### QUICK FACTS

- Located in Salem, OR
- Oldest continually operating off reservation boarding school
- Established in 1880
- Tuition and Board Free—Transportation provided
- Support services (medical, dental and behavioral health) provided adjacent to our campus
- Bureau of Indian Education Operated
- Home to between 300-400 students each year
- Accredited through AdvancEd
- Oregon diploma granted

**Our Students:**

- Grades 9-12
- From 24 different states
- From more than 75 tribes

### WHERE DO CHEMAWA STUDENTS COME FROM?





**COLLEGE BOUND?**  
Over \$190,000 was awarded to our seniors in scholarships in 2019

### PROGRAMS OFFERED

<p><b>ACADEMIC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ AVID—college readiness program</li> <li>⇒ Honors Courses</li> <li>⇒ Credit Recovery</li> <li>⇒ Enrichment Classes</li> <li>⇒ Vocational opportunities</li> <li>⇒ Dual Credit with Chemeketa Community College and Western Oregon University</li> <li>⇒ SAT/ACT Preparatory Classes</li> <li>⇒ State of the art technology in every classroom</li> <li>⇒ 20:1 Teacher/Student Ratio</li> </ul>	<p><b>EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Full year round sports program</li> <li>⇒ Tutoring</li> <li>⇒ Robotics/AISES</li> <li>⇒ Cultural Arts</li> <li>⇒ Traditional Cooking</li> <li>⇒ Social, academic and cultural clubs</li> <li>⇒ Intermural activities</li> <li>⇒ Full recreation department</li> <li>⇒ Dorm activities</li> <li>⇒ Olympic size swimming pool</li> <li>⇒ State of the art fitness room</li> </ul>
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**For More Information**  
503-399-5721 x1345  
[www.chemawa.bie.edu](http://www.chemawa.bie.edu)





Children 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.

LCC

Lapwai Community Coalition (LCC) has been added to the Nez Perce Tribe Employee Payroll Deduction List. NPT employees can now donate any amount from their paychecks to assist LCC in continuing to support Lapwai youth to be drug and alcohol free. Please see the NPT Finance Department to donate. Every dollar counts and is appreciated! For additional information on LCC please contact Kiri Brown 208-816-9500 or PCLCC@outlook.com.

INVITATION

Please join us as we share our memories and unveil the headstone of

Newton W. Bohanan Sr.  
Born August 19, 1934,  
passed April 14, 2018.

Sunday August 18, 2019  
at 9:30 a.m.  
Nez Perce Tribal Cemetery  
in Kamiah, ID.

A light lunch to follow at the  
Kamiah Riverfront Park.

Attention Hunters, Fishers & Gatherers

REMINDER TO HUNTERS, FISHERS and GATHERERS

While exercising your treaty rights by hunting, fishing, camping and gathering, please respect others, the earth and water as is the Nimiipuu way, and above all keep safety in mind. Make sure camp fires are totally extinguished out before leaving the area.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNUSED FISH & ANIMAL PARTS

Nez Perce Tribal Code Nez Perce Tribal Code Section 13-6-6 Animal and Game Waste Animal and game waste from tribal sources on the reservation is not classified as MSW waste by the Tribe. Unused animal parts should be returned to nature in a location that does not bother (sight or smell) others. Section 3-1-19 Wasting Fish and Game A person commits the infraction of wasting fish and game if he permits any fish or gam needlessly to go to waste after killing or wounding the same.

Be mindful of the surroundings where people live or use for recreational purposes when disposing of fish or animal parts. Disposing of fish or animal parts within neighborhoods and too close to communities may cause public health issues and gives off a terrible stench. Waste may also attract pesky insects, unwanted predators (cougars) in the area and may encourage dog packs. A lot of folks walk the Bever Grade road and often voice concerns about unpleasant odors and unsightly mess caused by the dumping of unused animal parts in that area.

Animal Parts: Bury or dump unused animal parts in a remote location away from communities or away from where people might take walks, picnic, camp or use for other recreational purposes.

Fish parts: Return unused fish parts to natural water sources that have sufficient stream flow and are away from public access sites, swimming holes, boat ramps, etc.

Check with city, town, and county officials in your area on regulations for disposal of animal parts. If you live in Lewiston, you can double bag your animal parts and put them with your regular trash. If you see anybody disposing of animal parts in questionable areas, please get as much pertinent information as possible including location, vehicle information, license plate number, vehicle make, model & color, the specific area, time and date, and then contact the Tribal Police with the information at (208)843-7141 or the Tribal Conservation Enforcement (number directly below).

If you are not sure where to bury unused animal parts check with the Nez Perce Tribe Conservation Enforcement at (208) 843-7143 or toll-free at 1 (877) 790-3474, for specific locations or maps.

RESPECT THE EARTH AND DO NOT LITER

4-3-54 Littering A person commits the infraction of littering if he deposits upon any public or private property within the Nez Perce Reservation any debris, paper, litter, glass bottles, glass, nails, tacks, hooks, cans, barbed wire, boards, trash, garbage, lighted material or waste substances on any place without authorization from the tribe or the owner of the property affected.

When gathering and/or camping, please be mindful of the way you leave the area. Leave the area as good as or better than you found it by putting trash in its place.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Nez Perce Tribal Police Department would like to release the following as a reminder to community members to be vigilant in protecting our children:

With summer having finally arrived and the warm weather inviting everyone outdoors, parents should remember to communicate with their children about being aware of their surroundings. For decades, children have been taught to stay away from “strangers”, however more often the perpetrator is someone the child knows. Therefore, we believe it is beneficial to help build children’s confidence and teach them how to properly respond to any potentially dangerous situation.

Here are some suggestions for ensuring your child’s safety this summer:

- Always know where your child is and whom he or she is with.
- Children should walk and play in groups, never alone. Tell your children to avoid situations where they would be alone, like a restroom or a playground.
- Never allow your children to let anyone into your home without your permission.
- Show your children safe places to go in your neighborhood during an emergency (trusted neighbor/family member).
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk, police officer or an office building if they are lost or feel unsafe.
- Teach your children to never take rides or gifts from someone they do not know. They should never approach any one in a car asking for directions, looking for a “lost puppy”, offering candy, etc.

Anyone with information regarding suspicious vehicles and/or people near any of our parks, playgrounds or any other area where children are gathered, please contact the Nez Perce Tribe Police Department at (208) 843-7141.

See something? Say Something!





The Family of Chloe Halfmoon would like to thank all of those who helped us through our recent loss of our beloved “Chloe, Sister, Mom, Alaah, Kotsa, Auntie, Pohkts, Friend”. It was difficult to proceed knowing she has always been our backbone to all of us, and guided us through her lifelong experiences, with the last memories of her family elders that are also here no more. Her knowledge of our history and old photographs, of not only our family, but those of our Nimiipuu people will be missed and hope all those who were able to sit and talk with her, will hold that time dear to their hearts. Qe’ci’yow’yow to all who helped with food, drinks, flowers, cards, and labor. Special thank you to all those who provided financial assistance to help with family members travel to attend services and return home. We like to thank Laurie Ann Cloud & cooks as well as all those who brought dishes on their own, Nez Perce Tribal Law Enforcement, NPT Executive Committee, NPT Social Services, NPT Education Dept., Land Services Dept., Nimiipuu Health Staff & Corlene Eberle, NPT Ex. Director Staff, Wagner Farm’s, Nez Perce Presbyterian Joint Session, Talmaks Association, First Indian Presbyterian Church, Second Indian Presbyterian Church, St. Joseph Hospital ICU Staff & Pastoral Care, Brower Wann & Jason Harwick, Josie Ramsey Family, Chief Joseph & Warriors Committee, Rev. Kingsley, Dr. Murray Larsen & Staff, Matt Enick, Ryan Jain, Brandon Metoxen, Alicia Wheeler, Eric “Sheets” Holt, Jackienna Hopkins, Molly Ellenwood and family, and all those who shared their special stories at the services and on social media.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude and she would be glad knowing her family was taken care of by a caring community.

-The Halfmoon & Ellenwood Family

2019 Tamkaliks Dance Results		
<u>Women’s Traditional Seniors 50 and over</u>		
1. Katie Blackwolf	Pendleton, OR	
2. Bev Allen	Peshastin, WA	
3. Diane Walker	Chiloquin, OR	
<u>Women’s Traditional Adults</u>		
1. Katrina Miller	Pendleton, OR	
2. Sara Dowty & Trinette Nowland	Warm Springs, OR	
	Pendleton, OR	
<u>Girl’s Tradional Teens</u>		
1 .Latis Nowland	Pendleton, OR	
2. Layla Sohappy	Cayuse, OR	
3. Natasha Slimjohn	Lapwai, ID	
<u>Girl’s Tradional Juniors</u>		
1. Mania Wolf	Pendleton, OR	
2. Leona Smith	Lapwai, ID	
3. Elizabeth Bevis	Pendleton, OR	
<u>Fancy Shawl Dance</u>		
1. Aurora Whiskeyjack	Pendleton, OR	
2. Mary Harris	Pendleton, OR	
3. Alayna Bevis	Pendleton, OR	
<u>Jingle Dance</u>		
1. Teata Ellenwood	Pendleton, OR	
2. Josephine Penney	Tillamook, OR	
3. Jareen Hines	Pendleton, OR	
<u>Men’s Traditional Seniors 50 and over</u>		
1. Don Nanamkin	Nespelem, WA	
2. Steve Reuben	Kooskia, ID	
3. J T Williams	Arrow Junction, ID	
<u>Men’s Traditional Adults</u>		
1. Jesse Bevis Sr	Pendleton, OR	
2. Michael Bad Warrior	Owyhee, NV	
3. Alex Broncheau	Post Falls, ID	
<u>Boys Traditional Teens</u>		
1. Sky Smith	Lapwai, ID	
2. Aiden Wolf	Cayuse, OR	
<u>Boy’s Traditional Juniors</u>		
1. Eli Bauer	Pendleton, OR	
2. Cashis Bevis	Pendleton, OR	
3. Adam Bauer	Pendleton, OR	
<u>Fast and Fancy</u>		
1. Garian McDonald	Pendleton, OR	
2. Eli Bauer	Pendleton, OR	
3.Tony Smith	Lapwai, ID	
<u>Grass Dance</u>		
1. Jesse Bevis Sr	Peshastin, WA	
2. Wilber Oatman & Logan Quaempts	Pendleton, OR	
	Lapwai, ID	
	Cayuse, OR	
<u>Women’s Short Fringe Special</u>		
1. Bev Allen		
2. Trinette Nowland	Pendleton, OR	
3. Fern Smith	Lapwai, ID	
4. Jacy Sohappy	Cayuse, OR	
<u>Slick Style Special</u>		
1. Jesse Red Sky Bevis	Pendleton, OR	
2. Louis Van Pelt	Pendleton, OR	
3. Wilber Oatman	Pendleton, OR	
4. Caleb Minthorne	Pendleton, OR	
<u>Celebration All Arounds</u>		
Jesse Bevis Sr: 1st Grass, 1st Men’s Traditional, 1st Slick Style		
Eli Bauer (Age 12): 1st Boys Traditional, 2nd Fast & Fancy		
Wilbur Oatman: 2nd Grass, 3rd Slick Style. Bev Allen: 1st Short Fringe, 2nd Golden Age Women’s Tradition-		
al. Trinette Nowland: 2nd Short Fringe, 3rd Golden Age		



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Marshall Tucker  
Band

September 6th

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