

2019 Marks 15 Years in Current Nimiipuu Health Facility



Fifteen years ago this August, Agnes L. Weaskus wrote an article in the Ta'c Tito'oqan on the grand opening of the current Lapwai Nimiipuu Health Clinic. On July 26th, 2004 Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony moving from the old clinic into their new facility. "It was both a joy and a farewell to a clinic that has served the community for decades," Weaskus wrote.

In the early 1960's health care was limited to one nurse and a part-time doctor. By the mid 1960's there was a one room medical clinic and a one chair dental clinic, out of a house in Lapwai. The dental clinic was operated by an Indian Health Service development (IHS) dentist, in a single room in the basement. In 1966 IHS received funds for a new clinic and began construction. The building, now headquarters for the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department, was only intended to be a health station with one doctor, one dentist, one pharmacist, and one nurse; not a five day a week clinic. By 1970 NMPH's new facility was providing services to all tribal members with the ability to travel to Lapwai.

In 1992, thanks to the Ambulatory Expansion Pilot Project, a new project began with a mutual partnership between IHS and the Nez Perce Tribe; developing an alternative

initiative to provide a modern, comprehensive health care facility for the underserved Lapwai community. The initial contract between IHS and the Nez Perce Tribe was signed, and later amended in 1993, for the completion of a full new modern facility. Planning for the project commenced in 1994. It was not considered in the best interest to repair or improve the structure. Instead the planning team decided to seek additional funding. Fortunately, funding was received through a "pilot project" of IHS in the Portland Area Office. The project was equally funded by IHS and the Nez Perce Tribe. The Nez Perce Tribe would be the owner of NMPH and the primary manager of the project from concept through construction, with technical support and assistance provided by the Portland Area Office and the Office of Engineering Services.

Construction broke ground on April 30th, 2001; building and expanding to twelve exam rooms and adding six dental rooms. The pharmacy and lab were expanded as well; allowing the center to process samples on site.

NMPH opened its new doors on August 27th, 2004. Bill Picard, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Chaplain, gave a blessing and prayer. Following, 2004 NPTEC Chairman, Allen Slickpoo, Jr., held an eagle feather in his right hand and pointed out how sacred the earth is to the Nez Perce. "Our people are hurting; I ask that all the people who come here get healed," he said. Slickpoo then sang a spiritual song and others in attendance joined in.

The late Horace Axtell, spiritual leader for the Nez Perce tribe, also spoke to the people. He began speaking Nimiipúutimtki, then translated his speech into English. Axtell spoke of visiting the old clinic as a boy when he would get sick, and all they would give him was castor oil. "That was the cure for everything back then," he said, "Graves are scattered all over because they didn't have medicine to cure or treat us back then. We had to rely on our Medicine Man and Medicine Woman." He then asked everyone who still believed in the old way to gather with him, and they sang a happy song.

LeRoy Seth, patient advocate, was the moderator for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Seth stated there were many honorable nominees to do the honor of cutting the ribbon. The individual selected served many years on NPTEC and represented the Nez Perce Tribe on both the National Indian Health Board and

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

AugustWaw'ama'ayq'áal(wa-wa-my-call)"Salmon reach the the headwaters/ heads of creeks"

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2019 Commemoration of the Battle at Big Hole

at Biq "Stopping Hole, Chief Looking Glass announced that the band would not travel the next day, but remain over and rest," confirmed Husis Owyeen, Wounded Head, in *Hear Me, My Chiefs!*

Each year on August 9th, the Nez Perce Tribe closes for business in commemoration of the Big Hole Battle of 1877. A battle, or ambush rather, that will forever be remembered as a tragedy for Nez Perce people. This year marked the 142nd year since the Nez Perce people were attacked that early morning; awakening to bullets and fire.

From the opening quote you can imagine the atmosphere. It was a time for the people to rest after their long journey, and a time to prepare for the continued journey ahead. The previous day men may have been out hunting or fishing, women gathering, and children playing. Through the camp ran a glistening creek and the fields would have still been lush. August in that part of Montana is breathtaking.

This year, the commemoration occurred on a Saturday; with the largest crowd ever witnessed. After life, and your loved one's providing a slow sprina storm the previous night the temperature warmed, the sun appeared, and the skies were clear. It was ideal weather for being outdoors.

As folks arrived, they gathered around a circle of chairs. In attendance was a rainbow of demographics. Some sat in the soft grass, some brought their own chairs, while others stood; all the while curious grass hoppers bounded ubiquitously. Events commenced abruptly at 10:00 a.m., led by tribal elder Wilfred 'Scotty' Scott.

Throughout the ceremony, individuals were invited to speak or share a story. Incredibly, many stood up to share their personal battles, and how coming to this commemoration was on their path to healing. When you consider everything that was put on the line during the Battle, you can understand how this place would aid a person on their unique journey. Everyone who comes to this site has their own unique experience. They return home with a new story to add to their collection, and share with others. Imagine you are physically in battle. Your lives, are on the line. Everyone may have different, and many, reasons to fight. For the Nez Perce people, the fight was to simply preserve a way of life. In the midst of that war, just to keep what was inherently theirs, many died; everyone lost loved ones. Though there is no clear record, it is estimated, somewhere between 60 and 90 Nez Perce men, women, and children died that day.

Though many died, the Nez Perce fought valiantly. By mid-day they had driven the soldiers out of the camp, captured the howitzer and seized the ammunition packing mules. Those that survived are the reason many of us are here today, and the reason why the Nez Perce people are still alive and prosperous.

As the scheduled commemoration ended, the weather drastically changed. The clouds surrounded, the thunder rolled in, and lightening began to crash. Attendees had cleared out and the Battlefield was empty of people, all that was left were the skeleton teepees. The wind blew the soft grass and the clouds slowly opened,

kle of rain; the only sound was the roar of thunder.

Within the hour it down poured, and minutes later it hailed; enough hail to completely cover the ground. In Hear Me, My Chiefs! Husis Owyeen, compares the bullets coming down to hail. During that storm there was not a close escape; and back in 1877 there literally was nowhere to escape. "They shot down on us like a hailstorm, but we faced it charging toward them," Husis Owyeen stated. Getting caught in an actual hailstorm, we are fortunate the only result was water soaked clothes and shoes.

Fortunately, you would suffer no wounds during that hail storm; what you might feel though is a miniscule sense of the scene on that day back in 1877. Imagine you are sitting in the middle of that battlefield during the war, eyes closed. Pay attention to the sounds, the physical feeling, and the emotional feelings.

In Hear Me, My Chiefs!, L.V. McWhorter describes the scene after the war: Shortly after midday August 9, the grieving, wounded cavalcade of Nez Perce families took to the trail. They followed the creek until completely out of sight of the enemy, then swung gradually west across the Big Hole Valley toward the mountains.

Each person has their own experience when they visit. You can't take another's experience and assume yours would be the same. Rushing back down the hill from the overlook view of the Battlefield, the rain and hail never ceased. Not till the evening would the storm end, leaving a cool breeze and a dim sunset.



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2019 CRITFC Salmon Camp Hosted on Nez Perce Reservation

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission's (CRIT-FC) annual Salmon Camp, was hosted on the Nez Perce Reservation this year. Participants spent a week touring the area and learning about the Nez Perce people. 25 youth participated, all enrolled members of one of the four Tribes that represent CRITFC. They had different themes each day and got to take field trips to different locations throughout the Nez Perce Reservation. They also participated in activities such as swimming at Big Eddy, taking the Hells Canyon Jet Boat Tour, and canoeing at Winchester Lake.





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the Northwest Indian Health Board. NMPH staff members Loretta Penney, Susie Ellenwood, Donna Henry and Josette Henry held up the ceremonial ribbon; Julia Davis Wheeler did the honor of cutting the ribbon. Penney stated, "Mov-

ing into a new building with so much more space was great. We added more services and staff throughout the years and it has been beneficial to the patients. We have also strived to maintain Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) Accreditation, which tells us that we are an organization that demonstrated its commitment to providing quality patient care through compliance with AAAHC Standards."

Today, NMPH has two locations to serve patients. The Lapwai facility offers medical care, lab and x-ray services, pharmacy, dental care, physical therapy, optometry, mental health and substance services, as well as a wide variety of community health services. An ambulatory clinic is located in Kamiah. It is a 7,000 square foot health facility and was opened in 2001. Kamiah offers medical, dental, behavioral health and community health services on site.



For completion of the 12 week Indian Academy Police training in Artesia, New Mexico. Awarded for Squad Leader & Performance Driving



National Night Out Beats the Heat with Fun for Everyone

National Night Out is an annual event that occurs on the first Tuesday of August. The goal is to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. The Nez Perce Tribal Police Department (NPTPD) registered to host a 2019 National Night Out event in Lapwai on August 6.

NPTPD along Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises (NPTE), Nez Perce National Historical Park, and the City of Lapwai took on a large role with organizing the event. The event date happened to fall on what turned out to be the hottest day of the summer. Folks still gathered to enjoy the many festivities.

Night Out National commenced with a march from Valley Foods to Lapwai City Park (Park). Participants were led down Main Street by a group of hand drummers, who sang and drummed the entire march. Once they reached the Park, everyone joined in the center to participate in a round dance. Following, various speakers opened the evening and welcomed participants. Then, DJ Tee stole the show playing hits from all eras.

Many NPTPD Officers managed booths, sharing information about different programs within the department. Other Tribal programs and community organizations participated as well, playing games and giving away prizes. NPTE gave out free food, snacks, and beverages. While other food vendors were also on site selling food. You couldn't miss the large bouncy castle and water slide. Participants also enjoyed cornhole, yard-zee, a scavenger hunt, and many other games.

The dunk tank was a hit and many well-known community members volunteered to take the chair. A few volunteers included Bill Picard, Chantel Eastman, and Kermit Mankiller. Each participant left the tank, soaked from head to toe.

At 4:30 the National Guard arranged to have a Blackhawk Helicopter land in the Lapwai High School football field. Upon landing, the pilots were greeted and attendees were invited to tour the helicopter. Children and adults alike, rushed to check it out.

If you stayed a little later, you would have enjoyed watching a couple rounds of 'Bobbing for Donuts'. The first round consisted of NPTPD Officers, while the second round featured volunteers. Each participant held their hands behind their back, as they tried to eat a donut dangling from a string.

The evening ended with a light show, where NPTPD vehicles engaged their lights and sirens. Tickets were sold for the bouncy castle, water slide, and dunk tank, with proceeds going to the Lapwai Boys and Girls Club. NPTPD is looking to make this an annual occurrence and they are looking forward to next year.









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9th Circuit Affirms Tribal Sovereignty in North Idaho Encroachment Ruling

Victory impacts Indian law across 9 states

In a decision impacting tribes across the Western United States, the 9th Circuit United States Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe on August 9, 2019, clarifying the binding power of tribal court decisions and setting a groundbreaking precedent in the field of Indian law.

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Judge Richard Randall Clifton, writing on behalf of a three-judge panel, ruled that tribes have the ability to enforce their judgments against non-members in federal court. Now, tribes and non-tribal members have clear guidance under the rule of law that tribal court decisions are enforceable in federal court.

"This a victory not just for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, but it also provides important precedent for all tribes within the 9th Circuit region that our tribal courts' judgments against non-members can be recognized and enforced at the federal level," Ernie Stensgar, Chairman of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council. "Our tribe is committed to protecting its resources through all legal means and we look forward to achieving 100% encroachment compliance in the near future."

The 9th Circuit ruling holds that when a tribe, acting under its sovereign power to enforce its own laws against a non-member, brings a tribal court judgment to the federal court for recognition, tribal court decisions can be enforced by the federal courts.

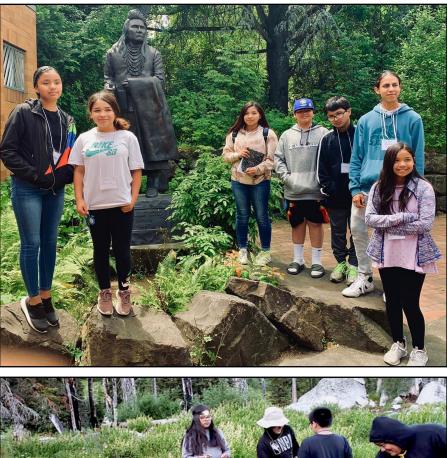
The opinion follows years of battles in the Coeur d'Alene Tribe v. Hawks case stemming from an encroachment of a boat garage and pilings on the southern shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. The portions of Lake Coeur d'Alene and the St. Joe River within the boundaries of the Reservation are held by the United States in trust for the benefit of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, law that was reaffirmed in Idaho v. United States and Coeur d'Alene Tribe in 2001.

The encroachments violate codes implemented by the Tribe, and in 2003 the Tribe requested the encroachments be removed. The Hawks ignored the tribal court action, including judgment requiring removal of the encroachments, until the tribe has filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Idaho in 2016. The goal of the Tribe was to have the previous Tribal Court Judgment recognized and enforced but ultimately, that Court ultimately dismissed the Tribe's case. The tribe then appealed the District Court's dismissal to the 9th Circuit.

Attorney Jillian Caires of Smith + Malek arqued on behalf of the Tribe in Coeur d'Alene Tribe v. Hawks. Caires worked with founding Smith + Malek attorney Peter J. Smith on the case. Smith argued a similar case In 2017 on behalf of the Tribe before the Idaho Supreme Court in Coeur d'Alene Tribe v. Johnson in the Idaho Supreme Court, resulting in new state law affirming the sovereignty of the tribe and enforceability of tribal court judgments.

"Together, the Hawks and Johnson decisions reinforce that tribes are sovereign nations, and make clear that tribal court judgments against nontribal members may be recognized and enforced at both the federal and state levels," Caires said.

Project Venture Fills Summer with Activities





The 2019 summer session for Project Venture is drawing to a close. Students for Success saw an overall increase in attendance for Project Venture classes.

The second half of the Project Venture schedule focused on outdoor awareness and goal setting. An overnight hike to Box Lake near McCall, ID challenged youth to embark on an eight mile loop while hauling their own gear. The trail was somewhat strenuous. Students for Success Director, Abraham Broncheau observed, "If you look up at the mountain peaks and see the snow; that's how far we went."

Camp Wittman near Lapwai was the site for the next excursion. Cultural based engagement is integral to the Project Venture model. Various instructors spoke to campers about Nimiipuu culture and customs. Gary Greene and Dana Sotomish led a session on contemporary pow-wow dance. Josh Arthur guided students in the basics of Native American stick games. The last day was highlighted by a trip to pick huckleberries at "ku'nu" ridge.

Throughout the school year, Students for Success recruits middle school and high school aged students for meetings and conferences. This past June, local students attended the 9th annual THRIVE conference in Portland, Oregon. The organization THRIVE (Tribal Health: Reaching Out InVolves Everyone) sponsors the event for native youth to learn about health promotion and disease prevention with a strong focus on suicide prevention and mental health. The youth that attended the Beat Lyrics seminar had the chance to shoot a music video. Other tracks included graphic design, graphic novels and traditional foods.

Fort Vancouver Visitor Center to Feature Nez Perce Artist Kevin Peters

Redefining Past and Present, a new exhibit featuring Nez Perce artist Kevin Peters, will open at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site on August 17, 2019. The exhibit opening will be accompanied by a talk by the artist, and a tipi raising program presented by national park rangers and curators from Nez Perce National Historical Park.

Born in 1957 and raised in Lewiston, Idaho, Kevin Peters studied twodimensional art, art history, photography, live drawing, and museum studies at the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He assisted with the development of the Yakama Nation Cultural Center, and has worked as an interpreter at Nez Perce National Historical Park and Big Hole National Battlefield. Kevin has also exhibited his artwork at national parks and other cultural institutions in the region. Kevin's most coveted pieces are traditional works such as quirts, headdresses, and buckskin and rawhide items. His paintings and drawing honor past artist and incorporate traditional values and history while reflecting contemporary Nez Perce culture.

On August 17, 2019, at 2 pm, at the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center, Kevin will deliver a presentation on his artwork and its cultural significance. Following this presentation, the public is invited to a tipi raising program outside the visitor center. Visitors will assist Nez Perce National Historical Park curators and rangers in the raising of a tipi painted by Kevin Peters. Visitors will learn about the parts, uses, and historical evolution of the tipi, and the Indigenous cultures of the Columbia Plateau.

"The Nez Perce people have a long and complex connection to this site, from trade and kinship to, sadly, war and incarceration," said Fort Vancouver National Historic Site Superintendent Tracy Fortmann. "We are so pleased to feature Kevin Peters as our next quest artist, and highlight tradition, resiliency, and creativity. We are also pleased to welcome our colleagues from Nez Perce National Historical Park, showcasing that unique unit of the Park System." National

The exhibit will be on view from August 17, 2019 to February 15, 2020. On Saturday, August 17, 2019, at 2 pm, Kevin Peters will discuss his work in a free public talk at the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center, 1501 E Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98661. This talk will be followed by an outdoor tipi raising program with park rangers and curators from Nez Perce National Historical Park.





Over 20 years ago, a group of people identified a need within the community and created an event in response to that need. This inaugural event was christened the 'Back to School Barbecue' which combined food and a school supply distribution for children in the area. The eclectic group who made it all possible consisted of current and former employees and community members.

In 2009, the event was transferred to the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Direction Department with the intent to make collaboration easier. This year marks the 11th annual school distribution event within this department.

Planning and coordination efforts for the event essentially begin before summer break commences. The event dates and other logistical details are set almost a year in advance and school supplies are calculated, ordered, and tracked over a period spanning 6-8 months. This allows for a smooth distribution process for students in grades pre-Kindergarten through 12.

These events would not be possible if it were not for the leadership of the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee and management team, the organizational efforts of department and program staff, and the hard work and dedication of volunteers. "Our staff and volunteers for the school supply distributions are amazing and play an integral role in ensuring these events are successful. We really cannot thank them enough for their commitment and enthusiasm," acknowledges Catherine Big Man, Executive Assistant.

In 2009, 460 bags were handed out at three distribution sites. Since then, the average number of bags handed out annually is well over 1,000. This year approximately 1,200 bags have been handed out thus far. Those served include students in schools on and near the Nez Perce Reservation as well as in several states beyond the Idaho border. No student is turned away for any reason. School supplies will continue to be distributed until the first week of school.



Kevin Peters' 1992 painting "Walks Softly and Carries One Large Hatchet" will be on display, along with other works by the artist, at the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center.



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Advocating for Equity and Inclusion Comes Naturally for Student Leaders

By Steve Nakata, Division of Student Affairs



(L to R) Veneice Guillory-Lacy and Ralph Chikhany, GPSA vice president and president; Quinton Berkompas and Jhordin Prescott, ASWSU president and vice president, are strong advocates for campus equity and inclusion. Photo by Sarah Page, Division of Student Affairs

Washington State University Pullman student body president Quinton Berkompas leaned back in his chair and pointed up at a line of framed photos that adorn the office on the third floor of the Compton Union Building. The photos feature some of the past presidents and vice presidents of the Associated Students of Washington State University (ASWSU).

"If you look at the students who served dating back to our first student body president and vice president in 1903, they are mostly white and male. Things really started to change right here," said Berkompas, pointing to the picture of Jared Powell and LaKecia Farmer, who served as ASWSU president and vice president during the 2014-15 school year.

As an African American woman, Farmer not only brought diversity to her role. She helped establish AS-WSU's first director of diversity position-now called the director of diversity, inclusion and veterans affairs.

Further evidence of inclusivity is evident just down the hall from ASWSU in the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) office. GPSA President Ralph Chikhany was born and raised in Lebanon, while Vice President Veneice Guillory-Lacy grew up in Lapwai, Idaho, on the Nez Perce Reservation.

By bringing diversity to the forefront, Berkompas believes Farmer helped pave the way for those who followed, including Jhordin Prescott, this year's ASWSU vice president who also identifies as an African American female. Berkompas pointed out he is the first person to serve as ASWSU president since 2014 that doesn't represent a diverse group.

"When you focus on equity and inclusion, you see student organizations that haven't been active become more involved and that encourages more diverse students to take on leadership roles," he said. "It's important to acknowledge our history and see how far we've come. It's an important part of our story."

Each one of these studentleadersattributestheirpassion for equity and inclusion to their unique lived experiences.

Broadening

his worldview: Berkompas grewup in rural Packwood, Washington, where he said at least 95 percent of the residents are white and share the same socioeconomic status. The Berkompas family welcomed foster children into their home, many from diverse backgrounds. One of them was a Native American girl named Jade, who provided him with a glimpse into another culture. His family took Jade to pow wows on the Puyallup Indian Reservation and called the experience eye-opening.

"It pushed me out of the bubble that I grew up in and allowed me to see different backgrounds and lifestyles people have," said Berkompas. "It really shaped my worldview."

A sense of belonging: Prescott was born and raised in Auburn, Washington. Whether she was in school, at the grocery store, or movies, she was always connected with the black community there. In fact, it wasn't until she arrived at WSU her freshman year that she seriously reflected upon her ethnicity for the first time. "I didn't see many

people that I could identify with, especially in leadership positions," Prescott said. "I would like to help change that so everyone who comes here can immediately feel like they belong on campus."

Bringing different perspectives: As an international student who also identifies as queer, Chikhany is proud to bring different perspectives to the table. With international students making up about 25 percent of WSU's graduate and professional student population, he said it is important that they have a voice in determining campus policies and know about the programs and services provided by GPSA.

"The fact that I've been given the opportunity to serve in this leadership position says a lot about the inclusiveness of our university," Chikhany said.

Resilient and strong: Guillory-Lacy comes from a tight-knit family. Her father is black, her mother Native American. In her family home, she was taught all about black culture and traditions. The minute she stepped out her

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front door, she became immersed in Native culture. Her parents taught her that where she comes from is a big part of who she is. She said being part of two different cultures make her resilient and strong.

Coming from tight-knit communities like hers, Guillory-Lacy said many students of color find graduate studies isolating in an environment where students are taught to be independent, to find friends and solve problems on their own.

"It's contrary to our background and culture where family and community are everything," she said. "Getting involved with GPSA is my way of feeling connected and I want do something to help my community."

Broadening its audience: All four student leaders draw from their unique backgrounds and experiences and say together they bring a unified voice for equity and inclusion to the work they do.

Berkompas and Prescott have been bolstering AS-WSU's communication plan to better connect with students who are not part of mainstream information sharing. A big part of the new plan revolves around stepping-up the use of social media. They acknowledge, however, that there is no substitute for being at events and meeting with groups face-to-face. They vow to get out into the community to meet with diverse groups to learn what is on the minds of students and share how AS-WSU is advocating for them.

They are also joining student leaders from other Washington higher education institutions in lobbying for Senate Bill 5800 which will allow universities like WSU to direct more aid to homeless students or those who were foster children when they graduated from high school. A version of the bill calls for universities to make available housing for these students during holidays and summer breaks, ensuring they have a place to live year-round. ASWSU plans to host

its annual Multicultural Fundraising Banquet in the spring in support of the student recruitment conferences VIBES,

CASHE, and SHAPING. These conferences play a big role in helping to diversify WSU Pullman's student body.

Givingallstudentsavoice For many graduate and professional students, GPSA's Travel Grant provides an important source of funding that allows them to attend conferences. Between 16 and 25 awards are given each month totaling \$130,000 each year. Chikhany and Guillory-Lacy said the application process has been carefully structured to help make sure bias does not influence who is selected.

They would like to improve the application process for registered student organizations seeking funding through GPSA. Many of the same groups apply and receive funding every year, while others fail to submit competitive applications or apply at all. Discussions are underway to clarify application guidelines, provide more training, and give feedback to groups, making the process more equitable.

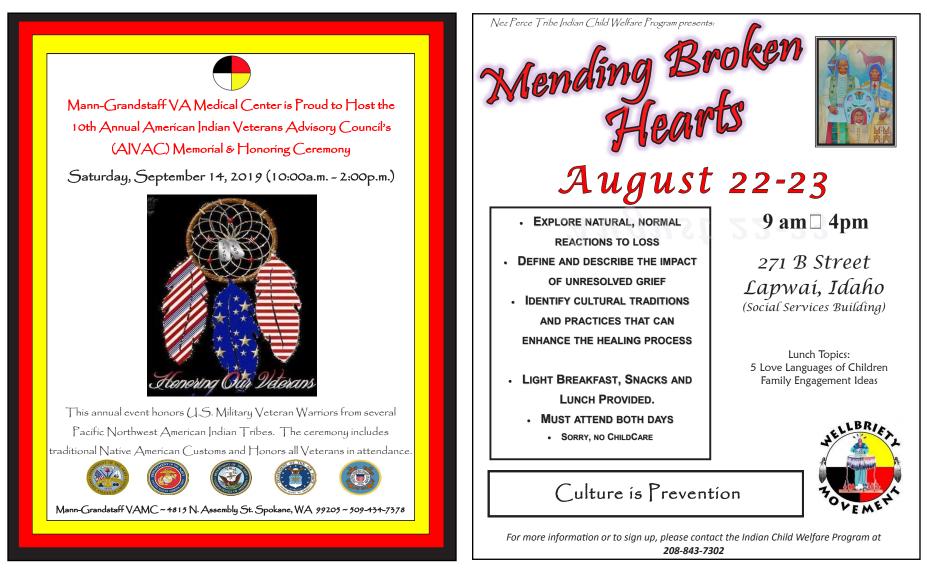
While diversity among the GPSA directors and executive board is currently strong, Chikhany and Guillory-Lacy said their continual goal is to encourage diverse students to apply for leadership positions.

"It's easy to put inclusion on a poster, but when you dive into the demographics of the student body, it isn't as easy to make sure everyone is being heard and that their concerns are being addressed," Chikhany said. "The future success of GPSA is dependent upon giving all students a voice."

The same might be said for student organizations across the university system and may be a reason why WSU's Student Government Council, consisting of student government leaders from each WSU location, is thought to be the most diverse in school history.

For Berkompas, Prescott, Chikhany and Guillory-Lacy, advocating for equity and inclusion is not something they need to be reminded of or told to do. It is second-nature for them.

"I know for Ralph and I, our lens is naturally like that because it's who we are," Guillory-Lacy said. "We are always looking for ways to give diverse students opportunities to have leadership roles."



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Hot August Nights

With road construction heavily influencing traffic on Main Street in Lewiston, Hot August Night's events will still go on as planned, due to the construction sites not being in the general area that Lewiston's Hot August Nights takes place.

Friday, August 23 events include the Les Schwab 4x4 Show and "Cruisin' Main Street". With the construction on Main Street directly in front of the Les Schwab store, the 4x4 show will feature vehicles on display in the Lewiston Community Center parking lot directly behind Les Schwab. This is a minor change from previous years. Friday night's, "Cruisin' Main Street," will not be affected. Driver's will still enter the cruise at 13th and Main Street next to Dairy Oueen, west of construction.

The Show and Shine on Saturday, August 23 will also go as planned. For more info on where participating vehicles should enter the cruise or Show and Shine for parking and cruising, visit Lewistonhan.com or call 208-743-6564 Ext 240.

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The Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority is accepting applications for a Maintenance/ Construction Worker for our rental units in the Kamiah area. Minimum four years experience in residential maintenance/construction, high school diploma or GED, valid driver's license and be insurable. Skilled in home repairs, construction knowledge in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, roofing, sheet rocking and painting. Legible writing, ability to document all work performed on appropriate forms, communication skills and great customer service. Excellent benefits, Tribal & Indian Preference will apply. The NPTHA reserves the right to transform this position into a training position if sufficient Indian Preference applications are not received. Submit employment application to: Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority, P.O. Box 188, Lapwai, ID 83540. More information at (208) 843-2229. Open until filled.

Attention Hunters, Fishers & Gatherers

<u>REMINDERTOHUNTERS, FISHERS and GATHERERS</u> 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 keeps a fety in mind. Make sure camp fires are totally extinguished out before leaving the area.

<u>PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNUSED FISH & ANIMAL PARTS</u> 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 suffi-

cient 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. <u>RESPECT THE EARTH AND DO NOT LITTER</u> 4-3-54 A person commits the in-

fraction 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.

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 mem ber).
- 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!

SUBMIT OR UPDATE

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As we begin working on the special Veterans Day edition of the November Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune, we are seeking your assistance to ensure veterans are listed with their accurate information and photo.

Please provide content to the Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program by <u>October 25th, 2019.</u> Qe'ciyéw'yew

Contact: Mary S. Taylor Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program 208-621-4738 mtaylor@nezperce.org

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Fall 2019 Scholarships NEZ PERCE TRIBAL 2-year Degree 4-year Degree Masters Doctorate Business School Technical School Trade School Dual Credit (HS) **STUDENTS Deadlines: Application opens: June 1** Final Deadline: September 15 *Per Scholarship Plan of Operation, NPTEC Resolution, NP17-224 Amended, 4/25/17. **Online application:** www.surveymonkey.com/r/nptscholarshipFA19 New & Transfer Students: Complete Application, Admission Letter, Class Schedule, Transcript from High School, GED, or previous colleges attended, Tribal ID or CIB, and Personal Letter Active Scholarship Recipients (funded in Spring 2019): Complete Application, Class Schedule, and Full Transcript from current college. (Degree audit if entering 3rd year) **IMPORTANT:** Have you filed your FAFSA and other financial aid forms? For more information: Joyce McFarland, Education Manager, 208-621-4610 or education@nezperce.org Website: http://www.nezperce.org/government/education/ h Regers CHRYSLER · DODGE · JEEP · RAM 2018 JEEP 2017 CHEVY CAMARO 1SS WRANGLER SPORT 4X4 31.999 36.995 2016 GMC 2017 RAM SIERRA 1500 3500 SLT 4X4 36.500 46.995 STRUCTURE 2017 DODGE 2014 FORD CHALLENGER SRT HELLCAT F150 4X4 58.500 °33.000 STC#10.0178 2014 RAM 1500 EC0 DIESEL 434 429 29.99 2014 E08 2017 56.9 T I Π F 208.743.9493 . 1.844.338.8618 1824 Main St, Lewiston, ID CHRYSLER • DODGE • JEEP rogersdodge.com



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 AND

Nez Perce Senior Citizens 61 and below who are income eligible Nez Perce Single Head of Household who are income eligible & Nez Perce Disabled who are Income Eligible With Firewood on or near the reservation

FIRE WOOD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Nez Perce Tribe Senior Firewood will supplement your home heating for the winter and will not meet the entire seasons heating needs

Firewood is for your <u>primary</u> residence only – one application per household

Completed Application – (Incomplete will not be processed)

61 years old & Under submit all household income verification

Verification of Nez Perce Tribe Enrollment Wood is not to be sold or traded

You must have a wood stove

THE WOOD WILL NOT BE STACKED

Return your completed applications to Social Services at tariciam@nezperce.org or at 271 B Street Lapwai. June 2018



Sept 20-22, 2019 Hells Gate State Park, Lewiston, ID for other events check us out at "Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment"

or website: Nimiipuuprotecting.org Contact Julian at 509-330-0023 "Save Salmon and Save Orcas"



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OBITUARIES Aaron "AJ" David Miles Jr., 23, Pullman, WA



Aaron David Miles Jr. (AJ), Nez Perce Tribal Member, passed away on Sunday August 11, 2019, at the family home in Pullman. He was 23 years of age. He was with his mother, father, sisters, brother, and nephew when he began his journey to the other side.

AJ was born at Gritman Medical Center in Moscow, ID on April 25th 1996 to Aaron and Julie Miles. He was their third child and their first son, and also the first grandson to the Miles Family.

He was given the Nez Perce name Lepit Hiisemtuks, meaning Two-Moons, at the Chief Joseph Warriors and Memorial Powwow at a month old. The name was passed down through family and was his late great-grandfather's Nez Perce name. His great grandfather David Miles, Sr. received the name from the old Nez Perce War of 1877 veteran as an infant as well. The name held great significance to the family and Nez Perce Tribe, and was fitting for AJ.

AJ attended elementary and junior high in Moscow, ID until his Sophomore year, at which time he transferred to Pullman High School. His love and passion was playing the game of basketball. After winning two State Titles with the Pullman Greyhound's he went on to play basketball at Big Bend Community College in Moses Lake where he earned Associate of Arts and Science Transfer Degree. Big Bend Community College Athletic website posted that "AJ personified what it meant to be a student-athlete on and off the court. Earning a 3.7GPA." "AJ was not only an outstanding player but a great person who loved and respected by his teammates and coaches", Coach Mark Poth. AJ was close to his assistant coach Mingo Scott who is also a Nez Perce Tribal Member.

Throughout AJ's youth played on many AAU he teams and for Indian tournament teams. AJ's sanctuaries were the basketball courts at the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center in Moscow and the Washington State University REC Center in Pullman playing basketball. He made so many friends on the tournament trails, the HIRC, and the WSU REC. He also had many friends on top of the many lifelong friendships from elementary, junior high, and high school. AJ played football throughout his 7th and 8th grade year and played CalRipkin baseball during his youth. He could play any position whether it is in football or basketball or baseball. He was a natural born athlete.

AJ loved talking about his back to back state championships he won while at Pullman High School. His Pullman Greyhound Basketball Team motto, "Is together forever". He loved showing his siblings his state championship rings. He has held a close bond during his Pullman basketball career and after with his coach Craig Bratner, and assistant coach Rick "Smitty" Smith and his teammates.

AJ worked for the Nez Perce Tribe's Fire Management Program as a Wildland Firefighter, Anabranch Solutions of Asotin restoring riparian habitat for salmon in Southeast WA, and at the time of his death he worked as a supervisor for DABCO Grounds of Pullman.

AJ's other passion was fishing with his family at rapid river. He loved being at rapid river to enjoy everything it brought. He grew up close with his siblings and cousins as a young child. He was a competitor at a very young age, he loved a good challenge mentally and physically. He was always calm under pressure and helped family and friends in trying times which was a characteristic he had on the basketball court. AJ was known for his

play-making abilities on the court, his on the "dime" passes to fellow teammates and his 3-point shooting game. AJ was a joy to watch on the basketball court with his passion for the game. His friends and family loved watching him. His parents and siblings supported him throughout his formative years playing basketball.

AJ cared deeply for many people. He treated his friends like family and showed generosity and empathy to people in his life. Even though he had older siblings, his older sisters looked to him and respected his leadership and logic, just as his little brother did. AJ had the ability to bring calmness to a storm; he was the guy to have in a time of crisis. AJ's siblings adored him and loved him for who he is. Besides being an amazing friend, brother, and son; he was an amazing uncle and loved being around his nephew RJ.

AJ is a beautiful man inside and out. He is the type of young man that could talk and befriend people from all walks of life. He brought so much joy and light in to the Miles Home and family. He was always kind and generous to all. AJ had such wit and sarcasm as well, he enjoyed getting a rise out of his friends and family. Debating was his specialty. His even keel demeanor was his advantage in any argument. AJ was full of life and a free spirit.

AJ had a close bond with his siblings and parents. As a young child he always had a basketball in his hand. AJ and James, his little brother were inseparable. He and James were constantly roughhousing and the two of them would play hours of intense basketball games on a nerf hoop in the house. James had to be by his side at all times of the day. James was so thankful that he had an older brother that taught him how to be strong, compete, and kind. The two were the best of friends (dumb and dumber) and inseparable bond. They played on the same little league teams for baseball and basketball. They were always together and as they grew older, working every job together (firefighting, stream restoration, Dabco), they built friendships with so many special individuals.

AJ brought so many people in to the Miles family. The Miles siblings now have many brothers, because of him. Growing up in the Miles home there was never a dull moment. This young man brought so much joy and light to a room. His smile and humor will never be forgotten.

AJ lived a full and eventful life. He was the type of an individual who was determined to do the opposite of what he was told. Most importantly, this young man loved and cherished his relationships with his family and friends dearly. His love is what continues to feed the family life.

He is survived by his parents Aaron and Julie Miles of Pullman, his oldest sister Selina Miles and Riston Bullock and their son Riston Gary Johnson Miles of Pullman, his sister Celilo Miles of Manhattan, NY, and his younger brother James Miles of Pullman and Bryce Morrell of Pullman. His paternal grandmother is Diane (Annie) Mallickan, his aunties are Rebecca Miles, Justine Miles-Ramsey (Rich Ramsey), and Delores Miles all of Lapwai. His cousins on his paternal side include Erin Ramsey, Tre Miles-Williams, Ivory Miles-Williams, and Jalisco Miles.

His maternal grandparents are Jim and Vickie Bailey of Clarkston WA, his aunt Tina and Randy Guavara of Salt Lake City, his aunt Diane and her husband Oscar Guz-**Continue Reading Miles on** Page 19

OBITUARIES

Willard P. Nanpooya Jr., 57, Seattle, WA

Our beloved brother, Willard Patrick Nanpooya, Jr went home to the Creator and joined his ancestors at Seattle, Washington on August 12, 2019 at the age of 57.

Willard Jr. is an enrolled member of the Confederate Tribes of Colville reservation and descendant of Joseph Band of Nez Perce. He is predeceased by his grandparents on his father's side, Ada Rogers and Ed Nanpooya. On his mother's side, John and Elizabeth Tababoo, his stepmother, Beatrice Whitebuffalo Nanpooya of Oklahoma. His brothers, Clayton Wapsheli, Johnny Wapsheli, Raymond Jim, and Jaime Jim, and his sisters, Arlene Wapsheli, Valerie Wapsheli, Julvanne Jim Mack (late Mitch Mack). Willard Jr., is lovingly remembered by his brothers, Seymour Arquette, Archie Wapsheli, Ralph Jim, Jr., and Wyatt (Glen Pinkham), Christine Nan-with friends pooya Bann, Rebecca Hall-Jim Willard (late Thomas Hall), and Sab-fancy dancing rina Prevost (Richard Prevost). in his youth, H

He is survived by his Uncle and Auntie, Kenny and Vera Sonneck, Uncle Dan Broncheau (late Jan Broncheau), Uncle Mark Holman, Auntie Charlotte Fitch (late Uncle Kerry), Auntie Mona, and Auntie Deanna June. He has numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandnephews and grandnieces.

Willard Jr., was born in Lewiston, ID on April 15, 1962. He spent his elementary years in Lapwai, ID. He later moved to Wapato, Washington and attended Wapato Middle and High School. At the age of 19, from January 19, 1981-October 23, 1984, he served in the United States Marine Corps. His rank was Lance Corporal. while in the military he was at Fort Pendleton training base and later stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He would often bring gifts from overseas to share

and families. Jr., Willard enjoyed fancy dancing at pow wows in his youth. He also liked to disco dance with his platform shoes. Sometimes, he looked like he was fancy dancing while he was disco dancing. Family and friends were thoroughly entertained. As he got older, he found other joys in kickboxing and biking in Seattle. He liked playing dominoes, scrabble, and chess in the park with friends and family. For five plus years he worked on a fishing boat in Alaska. In addition, for 10 plus years he was a creative artist making multi-dimensional Dreamcatchers. His Dreamcatchers were unique and beautiful. He sold them or gave to family members for graduation gifts or honorariums. He also liked writing and was working on his autobiography before he went to the Creator. His favorite food was Mongolian Beef. He loved to laugh and joke, making oth-

ers smile. He was very social and had a lot of friends. He will be missed by many friends and family. He was a very spiritual soul who spoke often of the Creator in his conversations. He was also a member of the Chief Seattle Club.

His dressing services were held at Yann and Sons Funeral Home in Auburn, WA on August 15, 2019. His body was taken to Lewiston, ID funeral home to his final resting place in Lapwai, ID. On Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 7:00PM, the family will have a prayer service to honor and celebrate his life at the Methodist Church in Lapwai, ID. A light meal will be served.

His funeral service will be held at the Methodist Church in Lapwai, ID, on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 10:00AM. He will be laid to rest at Webb Cemetery, at his request to be buried near his mother. A luncheon and short honorarium will follow.

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Jim-Whitebuffalo

Nanpooya, and sisters Yvette

Pinkham

man of Lewiston, and uncle Troy and his wife Kerry Baily of Clarkston. His cousins are Kitra, Beau, Koda, and Brock all of Salt Lake City; Melissa Guzman, Brandon Guzman, Danielle Zenner, Kelsey Reyes, Bethany Guzman, and Shirley Guzman all of Lewiston; and Jesse Bailey, Bree Ruark, and

Olivia Bailey all of Clarkston. And he has many great nieces and nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his late grandfather, David J. Miles, Jr. this past June. We have an account set

up with (Potlatch #1 Financial Credit) P1FCU 67335 S2.1 AJ Miles under Julie & Aaron Miles for AJ's life, for his giveaway (Potlatch) memorial we will hold next year at this time. As well for a future memorial basketball tournament to honor AJ. If anyone would like to donate.

We thank you all for all the memories and love for our son. He is a beautiful soul never to be forgotten.

The Memorial Service will be held Thursday evening at the Pullman High School Gymnasium starting at 6pm to 8pm. The Funeral Service will be Friday morning at 10am in the Pineewaus Gym in Lapwai, Idaho. Following the Funeral service and last meal with AJ at the Pineewaus we will bring AJ home to Pullman Kimball Funeral for cremation. We will at a later date have an internment for AJ. Never Forgotten and Together Forever.



