

Elders Speak to Kamiah Elementary Students at Adopt an Elder Day



Bo Oatman demonstrates how to fish for salmon using a dip net

District's Native Culture and Language Team held their first Adopt An Elder Day, on November 21 at the Kamiah Elementary School, grades kindergarten through sixth. The event provided students an opportunity to hear from elders and learn about various subjects. It was a successful event and students were fully engaged.

Each classroom had an elder presenting on Nez Perce cultural topics such as hunting and drying meat, gathering local plants, digging roots, fishing, traditional storytelling, corn husk

The Kamiah School bags, traditional dancing regalia, and more. The children were able to ask questions and get some hands on experience tasting, feeling, smelling, and holding certain objects. The overall goal of the event was to teach and discuss what it means to be respectful. The following elders volunteered their time presenting to the students: Ron Oatman, Martha Oatman, Gwen Carter, Essie Carter, Bo Oatman, Marilyn Bowen, Chris Porter, Lilly Kauffman, Arrow Robinson, Lucy Hutchins, Jeannie Warden, Nancy Wahobin, and Anna Warden.

AIHEC Student Congress Northwest Regional Representative Lindy Warden

Lindy is from Kamiah, Idaho located on the Nez Perce reservation and is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe. She is a junior at Northwest Indian College studying Native Environmental Science and is expected to graduate in 2021. Lindy began her educational journey in 2017 at Northwest hopes to positively represent

Indian College and hopes to continue her higher education with plans to pursue a Masters degree in Fisheries Management at the University of Idaho.

passionate Lindy is about serving as the Northwest Regional Representative on this years ASC and her community, her tribe, and her college on her leadership endeavors. She will be assisting the ASC in strengthening Indian Higher Education through three initiatives; TCU Communication, Get Out The Vote for the 2020 presidential election, and TCU Sustainable choices and movement.

Lindy also serves as the chairwoman for ASC's Get Out The Vote initiative and would love to hear feedback from TCU students and staff on voter education at TCU's, voter registration, and how TCU's can assist with this years election process and 2020 Census.



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Nez Perce Tribe Veterans Program Annual Dinner Honoring Vets

Each year the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) Veterans Program hosts a dinner for Veterans, their families, and the community. The Veterans Dinner was started over 30 years ago by Sylvia Mitchell, Yvonne Holt, Julia Davis Wheeler, the late Shell McCormack and the late Shell McCormack and the late Snooks Allen. The dinner is typically held on Veterans Day, November 11th, unless that day falls on a Sunday then it is observed the following Monday.

The NPT Veterans Program started with the posting of colors and the Veterans followed in. Afterward the Veterans introduced themselves along with sharing their branch and years of service. "We honor the Veterans with lunch, and depending on our budget, we also give them a gift," stated Mary S. Taylor, NPT Veterans Program. "For example, this year they received a T-shirt, lanyard and a water bottle. They also received a copy of the Veterans issue of the paper."

The Lapwai Elementary 5th grade class attended and presented letters to the Veterans. The class also sang them a song. Mrs. Raml brought her Lapwai Middle School art students, who drew pictures for the Veterans. Two of her students also read letters to the Veterans, thanking them for their service.

The NPT Veterans Program would like to thank Pepsi and Coke for donating drinks, the Clearwater River Casino & Lodge for the water donation, and a big thank you to the volunteers and to those who contributed dishes for the dinner; without their help this dinner would not be possible.





2019 Veterans Dinner



Nez Perce Veterans in the Lewiston Veterans Parade





Lapwai Middle School students presenting letters to Veterans

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NORTHWEST

Plans Moving Forward for US12/US95 Interchange Near Clearwater River Casino

Access to Aht'Wy Plaza

Clearwater River Casino

According to the Idaho Transportation Department, design of a proposed interchange near the Clearwater River Casino on US12/US95 is expected to be completed this winter. After the design is complete, the Nez Perce Tribe is expected to secure funding for construction, and the project can go to bid soon after.

From adjustments to the speed limit to installing a signal, several options for the area have been considered by the tribe, the Idaho Transportation Department and other transportation officials. The consensus is that an interchange is the best long-term solution.

The ITD says seven people have died near the Aht'Wy Plaza since 1996. Between 2012 and 2017, there were 12 crashes at the west entrance and six at the east entrance - directly tied to movements to and from the plaza. Most crashes at the entrances have been related to drivers exiting the plaza and failing to yield to oncoming traffic when turning left, prompting the 2017 improvements to the west entrance. ITD's Office of Highway Safety identified four other locations around the state to compare with based on the volume of traffic, proximity to

at least one intersection, the number of lanes and median type. Compared to these locations, Aht'Wy Plaza had the greatest rate of crashes per 100 million miles traveled. In fact, the rate was nearly three times greater than these other sites for crashes resulting in fatalities and serious injuries.

The interchange proposed will include a bridge

over the highway and four ramps to access the plaza near the east entrance. The fourlane highway will be separated by concrete barrier, eliminating the existing median, turn lanes and acceleration lanes, to make room for ramps in the ITD right of way and avoid environmental impacts. North of the interchange, the grassy median will remain. Retaining walls will be built to support the elevated ramps. The parking area just north of the east entrance will be shifted south to provide the Army Corps of Engineers access to maintain the nearby wetland mitigation site. The old parking area will be restored with natural vegetation.

After the structure is built, the Idaho Transportation Department will assume ownership and maintain it as part of the public transportation system.

"Thank you to the volunteers & City Staff who helped with lighting the Lapwai City Park." -City of Lapwai



Enroll in Online Food Preservation Class with "Preserve@Home"

Do you want to learn how to safely can, dry or freeze your garden's bounty? University of Idaho Extension invites you to enroll in Preserve@Home, an online food preservation class to teach individuals how to safely preserve a variety of foods. Participants learn how to produce high-quality, preserved foods and the science behind food preservation and food safety.

The registration deadline is Monday, January 13, 2020. The first lesson of the 6-week course opens online on Thursday, January 16 at 1 pm MST. Each lesson includes online text (that can be downloaded and printed), online bulletin board to facilitate participant discussion, and a real-time weekly chat to interact with classmates and instructors. The weekly online chat session for the first lesson will be on Thursday, January 23 from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. MST. Topics to be covered include: Foodborne Illness – causes and prevention, Spoilage and Canning Basics, Canning High Acid foods, Canning Specialty High Acid Foods – pickles, salsa, jams, jellies, etc., Canning Low Acid Foods, and Freezing and Drying. Supplemental materials will include materials on planting varieties for food preservation, cold storage and root cellaring.

The cost is \$35 plus the cost of supplemental materials. Many of the supplemental materials are available free, online. For more information, contact Laura Sant at 208-852-1097 or Isant@uidaho.edu.



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Olde Fashioned Christmas Show in Kamiah

As the song says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" and what better way to kick off the holiday season, than to join Upriver Youth Leadership Council (UYLC) for a night of musical and theatrical fun, as they take amazing local talents to the stage for their annual holiday show. The "Olde Fashioned Christmas Show" will feature local talent from around the Clearwater Valley in a night of singing, performing and dancing to the greatest songs of the season.

The show is set for Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Kamiah American Legion Post on Main Street. Doors will open at 5:30. Tickets are \$5 for Adults, \$3 for seniors/ students K-12, Veterans and children under four are free. UYLC has a limited number of family scholarships available.

"We are proud to bring back our Christmas show again this year," said UYLC Executive Director Sharlene Johnson. "It was a huge hit last year and adding this event to our very successful "UYLC Festival of Trees" gives our local talent a chance to shine on stage along with the twinkling lights on our spectacular trees and wreaths. We are very excited to present this show in Kamiah. It will be a great way to start the holiday season." Proceeds from the show and the

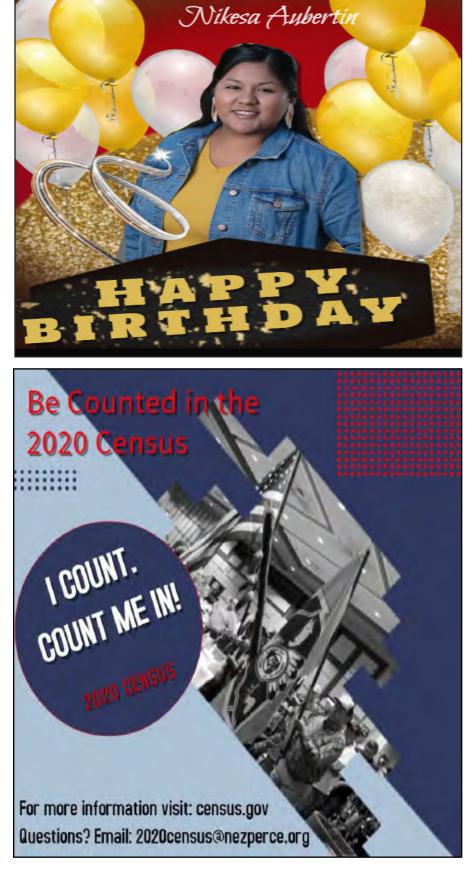
As the song says, "It's Festival of Tree's Auction will ost wonderful time of help with Teen Center expensar" and what better way es in 2019, Johnson added.

The acts are very diverse, from Christmas ballroom dancing exhibits to a Bagpipe performance. The Valley singers and the Clearwater Valley High School Choir will also be joining in the festivities. Locals Josh Crosby, Amy Sedgewick, Kathleen Shown, Marty Graham, Trena Schleiper, and Elizabeth Nuxoll will be singing all your Christmas favorites as well as originals.

Sisters Dahlia and Arizona Hendren have been practicing a duo especially for the program. There will also be a compelling reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by KHS drama coach Jody Dow. During intermission Ted Weeks will search the crowd for the highest bidders for the UYLC Festival of Trees Live auction, along with a pie social featuring homemade pies by the valley's greatest bakers. The evening will end with Christmas caroling and Chinese lanterns on Main Street.

This show is sure to delight both young and old, make plans to start a new Christmas tradition and begin your holiday season with this festive show!

For more information upriverylc@gmail.com or (208)-743-0392.



U of I Extension is Offering Current Topics in Farm & Forest Health

A variety of factors can affect forest, range, and crop-land health. Current Topics is an annual program that provides landowners and managers with some of the latest information on issues that impact the achievement of land management goals. This year's program will focus on pesticide use around the home and garden, herbicide resistance in agriculturally important weeds, new herbicides for ventenata and annual grasses, control of weeds in dry-land pastures, and herbicides for forest management applications.

Thursday, December 12, 2019, from 8:55 am to 3:45 pm, at the Ponderosa Restaurant, Orofino, Idaho. Sign-In begins at 8:30 am.

Idaho Pesticide Credits: 5 & Washington Pesticide Credits: Requested SAF Continuing Forestry Education Credits: 3 and Idaho Pro-Logger Credits: 5.5

Registration is highly encouraged to ensure seating availability and to help us plan for handouts and refreshments. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact the UI Extension office at 208-476-4434 or email clearwater@uidaho.edu to request additional program information.

NPTPD

From the Desk of Chief Scott



What does it mean to be a police officer? My answer to that question is simple, it means that we serve and protect the people and our community. Although it's an easy question to answer, the action is complex and it is not something that I alone can control. I need a team that I can depend on to cover all aspects of what that means.

When I started my position as the Chief for the Nez Perce Tribe Police Department (NPTPD), it became my priority to do more community policing. There are many negative stigmas associated to 'cops' and I wanted to move in a direction where people saw us as a helpful resource; not just law enforcement. This has shown to be successful, although nothing changes over night.

Police officers face adversity daily, but this past year we experienced challenges and obstacles that truly tested us. Through it all, I am extremely proud of my team in how they have handled each instance. NPTPD covers the entire Nez Perce Reservation, which spans over 770,000 acres many of which are in rural areas. With the expansive amount of area to cover, we should ideally have at least 18 officers. On average, this last vear, we functioned with ten.

Although there are many occasions to note, here is a glimpse of the last year. Last fall we hosted our first

"Take Back the Streets" walk, advocating for cleaning up our community and removing the drugs. We participated in organizing a meal and care packages for our homeless population. We were able to hire a Ranger and begin rural patrols. We participated in our first National Night Out, and hosted an event in Lapwai. Recently, our **Criminal Investigations Division** completed a narcotic emphasis that resulted in a confiscation of nearly \$16,000 worth of illegal drugs. Throughout the year we participate in a variety of community events, and you will often see our officers grilling on the BBQ. You will always see us being an escort during funeral services and helping to create security when people are utilizing our streets. We work with the schools, to have a regular presence and to get to know the students. This is all in addition to our regular work and patrols. As a whole, we experi-

enced a tragedy when one of our own was shot in his home in front of his family; an officer's worst nightmare. In an instant every one of our officers drove to the hospital to be by his side. Throughout his stay in the hospital, a NPTPD officer was assigned to provide security. During that first week my team also began planning a benefit fundraiser to help the officer during his time of need.

The benefit was planned in a matter of a couple of months, without any real experience in this type of event planning. Staff used work hours and personal hours to plan, gather donations, and organize. Through all their efforts, tickets sold out and an amazing evening was to be had for all.

Over 36 first responder agencies were represented, over 500 people were in attendance, and over 200 items were donated to the auction. The event raised over \$47,000 and after expenses were paid, the officer received almost \$30,000. We also purchased and presented four limited edition, Pendleton Blankets to the officer and the officers from Lewiston Police Department, who responded to the incident. In addition, our community partners provided a few surprises that evening. Follett's Mountain Sports donated a fully loaded mountain bike to the officer, to help in his recovery. Inland cellular provided the officer with a security system in his new home, and went even further to extend this to all NPTPD officers by providing them with a Google Nest video doorbell.

Aside from the benefit fundraiser, my team rallied to take care of other needs as well. The first night, three car seats were purchased for the children and a cell phone for the officer's wife. In the following weeks, our department paid for the repair and replacement of windows in

the officer's personal vehicles. Officers also participated in helping pack, move, and clean once the officer moved out of his home. We also covered the cost to repair the damage that was incurred to the home, during the incident. I want to extend an enormous thank you to my team for all your work and efforts. You are the backbone of this department, and it is because of you that this program remains successful. It is your passion and drive for this community that inspires and motivates me each day.

Clark County Lewis Sheriff's Office stepped up majorly when they, without any questions asked, responded to calls and patrolled the Reservation while we were at the hospital. I am forever grateful for that tremendous act. I also want to thank all the partners, donators, and volunteers that assisted with the benefit and to those that lent a hand during the time following the incident. This was a difficult time and a large undertaking. Without your assistance and support we would not have been able to pull off the event. It is in these times that we truly get a feel for how fortunate we are to be a part of this community. From covering for us while we stood next to our brother during his time of need, to a simple heartfelt handshake or hug; it all means the world. Thank you.



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Opportunities to Join the Nez Perce Tribe Police Department Team:

In House job announcements are open to enrolled Nez Perce Tribal members and

current employees of any Nez Perce Tribe entity.

General Public job announcements are open to everyone.

POLICE OFFICER (LATERAL) - In House Only

DETECTIVE I- In House Only

The Nez Perce Tribe Police Department is recruiting for: POLICE OFFICER (LATERAL) HR-19-185 full-time. To direct staff and protect and serve the people of the Nez Perce Tribe. Responsible for enforcement of tribal, city state, and federal laws, ordinances, codes and regulations for assigned area of responsibility. Works within a general outline of work to be performed; develop work methods and sequences under general supervision. Prefer to be willing to reside within the boundaries of the Nez Perce Reservation or resides within a thirty (30) mile radius of assigned workplace and responds from residence to the Nez Perce Indian Reservation within thirty (30) minutes of notification when on-call or recalled to duty for emergencies and manning shortfalls. Require a High School Diploma/GED or equivalent and formal training, special courses, or self-education equivalent to satisfactory completion of one (1) year of college education or specialized advanced training in Law Enforcement or a closely related field. Requires proof of U.S. citizenship. Lateral entry officer must be at least twenty one (21) years of age. Requires basic police officer training course graduation certificate from the Federal Law Enforcement Center (FLETC) or Indian Police Academy (IPA) or Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Academy from any state. Selected candidate must successfully complete an honesty interview and polygraph, drug urinalysis, psychological and medical evaluation, and a complete background investigation prior to hire and to retain employment. The candidate must enter into a contract with the Tribe to work for four (4) consecutive years from date of hire. Requires at least two (2) years of continuous law enforcement service as an active member of a Federal, State, Tribal, County, Municipal, or local police law enforcement agency or department. Class description available at the NPT Human Resources Department. NPT Police Department application forms are available at the NPT Human Resources Department. The Nez Perce Tribe is a drug free work environment, pre-employment drug testing required. Requires a valid driver's license with the ability to be insured under the Tribe's policy. Must provide a current motor vehicle report from the state(s) where you have been licensed to drive within the last three years. This position closes 11/8/19. (Grade 16)

The Nez Perce Tribe Police Department is recruiting for: DETEC-TIVE I HR-19-194 full-time regular. Requires current certification in law enforcement officer training. Responds to serious violent crimes. Expertly interprets and enforces tribal, federal and state laws and regulations specifically related to complex criminal investigations. Responsible for initiating and completing investigations of; violent crimes against persons; property crimes resulting in substantial loss and/or damage; conducts search and seizure; covert surveillance activities; implementation of raid and arrest briefings; participates in the investigation of clandestine drug laboratories; investigates complex narcotic conspiracy cases, undercover investigations and complex financial investigations; represents the Nez Perce Tribal Police Dept. while working cooperatively with a variety of law enforcement organizations such as the United States Attorney's Office; Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA); Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and Idaho State Police as well as Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies from numerous reservations. Requires in addition to completed Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST), or Federal Law Enforcement Center (FLETC), or Indian Police Academy (IPA) training and certification. Hold permanent status as (preferred) a Nez Perce Tribe Police Officer or as a Lateral Police Officer of a Federal, Tribal, State, county, municipal, or local police law enforcement agency or department. Nez Perce Tribe Police must have completed an acceptable law enforcement academy and have at least two (2) years law enforcement experience. Must have demonstrated acceptable proficiency in report writing, investigative and interviewing/interrogation skills. Must be organized and have demonstrated the ability to complete assigned tasks and investigations with minimum supervision. Class/job description available at the NPT Human Resources Department. The Nez Perce Tribe is a drug free work environment, pre-employment drug testing required. Requires a valid driver's license with the ability to be insured under the Tribe's policy. Must provide a current Motor Vehicle Report (MVR) and any MVR from other state(s) where you have been licensed to drive in the last three (3) years. This position closes 12/10/19. (Grade 16)

POLICE OFFICER (ENTRY LEVEL) - General Public

The Nez Perce Tribe Police Department is recruiting for: POLICE OFFICER (ENTRY LEVEL) HR-18-187 full-time regular. To protect and serve the people of the Nez Perce Tribe. Responsible for enforcement of tribal, city, state, and federal laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations for assigned area of responsibility. Works within a general outline of work to be performed; develops work methods and sequences under general supervision. Must reside within a thirty (30) mile radius of assigned workplace and response from residence to the Nez Perce Indian Reservation within thirty (30) minutes of notification when oncall recalled to duty for emergencies and manning shortfalls. Requires a high school diploma/GED, and college level education preferred. Requires proof of U.S. citizenship. Entry level officer must be at least twenty one (21) years of age. The selected candidate must successfully complete an honesty interview and polygraph, physical test, drug urinalysis, psychological and medical evaluation, and a complete background investigation prior to hire and to retain employment. The candidate must enter into a contract with the Tribe to work for four (4) consecutive years from date of hire. Must not have a dishonorable, bad conduct or discharge other than honorable from the military service. Requires a positive work history that reflects strong work ethic, good character and a willingness to learn and follow instruction. Successful applicants will be placed on a one (1) year probationary period to be completed before permanent assignment. NPT Police Department application forms are available at the NPT Human Resources Department. Class description available at the NPT Human Resources Department. Requires a valid driver's license with the ability to be insured under the Tribe's policy. Must provide a current Motor Vehicle Report (MVR and any MVR from other state(s) where you have been licensed to drive in the last three (3) years. Open until filled. (Grade 15)

SPORTS

A New Beginning for Lapwai Boys Basketball



Lapwai Boys Basketball Coaches L to R: Emmit Taylor Jr., Tre "Tommy" Miles-Williams, Zachary Eastman, John Williamson, RedSky Chimburas

Lapwai Wildcat The Boys' Basketball Program began their first year with new head coach Zachary Eastman. They tipped off with their first game December 3rd, 2019 against Grangeville.

The team has set goals to increase the number of ball possessions in each game and to keep their opponents successful shots under 35%. The coaching staff are confident and believe in their players to get out and fill the lanes quickly, pushing the ball forward, playing an upand-down style of basketball. "Zach has a level of energy that he brings to the team as a coach," said Junior Varsity Coach, John Williamson. "His enthusiasm is infectious with the coaches, and the players."

Coach Eastman expects his players to be respectful but to also play with a sense of urgency. Ultimately he anticipates winning games but emphasizes focusing on performing well both athletically and academically. "What I want from them every day is the hard

work they've been putting in," said Coach Eastman. Outside of the gym, he also expects his players to be like a family, "I want them to realize we are one here, we are a community, we are a family, I want that to

portray on and off the court." Coach Eastman has a young team to work with and mold, with one varsity player returning from last year, but that does not intimidate the team. Two sophomores were selected to lead the team as captains, Simon Henry and Titus Yearout. "I'm excited for this year, glad to be able to lead my teammates," Henry said. "Just working with my team, pushing each other every day in practice, plus our chemistry together, we can have a successful season." The current players for Lapwai have been playing this sport for a long time, they've played in a lot of games with each other and

have all grown up together.

for this season and my team-

mates is to win a state title," Yearout said. "As long as my team and I put in the work and come out ready to play every night, I know we will be on a path to lots of success."

Coach Eastman is thankful for his players who show up every day, on time, ready to go to work. He is also thankful for his coaching staff: Williamson, Tre "Tommy" Miles-Williams, Emmit Taylor Jr., and RedSky Chimburas. "We have a lot of experience, every coach brings their own piece to the puzzle

and right now we're coming together as a coaching staff with new players, we're all going to keep building to meet the team goals," Coach Eastman said.

With every game the Wildcats plan to excel and get better, "We already know we have the talent, now we have to put it together," said Coach Eastman. "It's just like a puzzle right now, we're putting all the pieces together and when it comes time for State, the puzzle will be complete and we'll be ready to go."



SPORTS

Wildcats Hold 5th Annual Hustle & Heart Youth Basketball Tournament

The 5th Annual Hustle & Heart Basketball Tournament was held on November 23-24, 2019, in three gyms - Lapwai Elementary, Lapwai High School, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Nez Perce Tribe. The tournament is a major fundraiser sponsored by the Lapwai High School athletic teams including both basketball teams and the cheer team. Putting into perspective

this five-year milestone; current senior athletes, were part of the 8th grade teams during the very first tournament.

The number of teams hosted by the committee has grown each year. This year marked the largest tournament to date with 29 teams registered. The committee has a three game guarantee and strives to keep registration affordable. The student athletes



and coaches run the entire each component, the tournatournament covering administration and planning plus specific tournament duties such as scorekeeping, clock, gate, concessions, and officiating alongside one certified official. All-star selections are determined by LHS student athletes to recognize players who demonstrate the best attitude, effort and teamwork.

Glory Sobotta, a LHS junior reffed the 7th and 8th graders. "Hustle and Heart was an exciting weekend, some close games and some blowouts," Sobotta said, "but both boys and girls played tough." Sobotta stated she loves the Hustle and Heart tournament as it reminds her of her middle school years playing in the tournament herself. Tournament staff would like to thank the teams, coaches, fans, and officials for their support as well as the student athletes who worked tirelessly all weekend. Without

ment would not be as successful as it has proven to be.

Hustle & Heart 2019 **Division Champions**

5-8 Year Old Co-ed: Lapwai Ballers Coach Shawn Spencer

4th Grade Boys: Inland Coach Sonny Big Smoke

5th/6th Grade Boys: Young Bucks Coach Bobby Parrish

5th/6th Grade Girls: **Piteen Warrior** Coach Angela Picard

7th/8th Grade Boys: Lapwai 2024 **Coach Jeremiah Wynott**

7th/8th Grade Girls: **Sweetwater Athletics** Coach Jack Yearout

Lapwai Girls Collect 2nd Victory Crushing Genesee 69-20

After opening up the season with a "W" the girls basketball team defeated the Clearwater Valley Rams on November 22, 2019 and faced the Genesee Bulldogs on the 26th, their second game of the basketball season.

Lapwai faced the Genesee Bulldogs and jumped out to a 20-point lead early in the first-quarter. Lapwai senior KC Lussoro led with 17 points with Lapwai sophomore Sayquis Greene adding 13 as the Wildcat's record advanced to 2-0 in the Whitepine League and overall. Lauren Gould nabbed eight rebounds and Omari Mitchell contributed with seven rebounds, five steals, and four assists.

"They were really focused," Lapwai interim coach Ada Marks said. "Their team chemistry is coming along. "There's a few little things we still need to work on, but overall, I feel we played really well tonight." Lapwai's Junior Varsity also defeated Genesee's Junior Varsity 89-20.

GENESEE

Molly Hanson 1 0-1 2, Emerson Parkins 0 1-2 1, Mikacia Bartosz 0 1-1 1, Kendra Murray 0 0-0 0, Bailey Leseman 0 5-10 5, Isabelle Monk 0 0-0 0, Makenzie Stout 0 3-5 3, Claira Osborne 3 2-9 8, Taylor Mayer 0 0-0 0. Totals 4 12-28 20.

LAPWAI (2-0)

Grace Sobotta 3 0-0 6, KC Lussoro 7 2-2 17, Julia Gould 3 0-0 7, Omari Mitchell 3 1-3 7, Glory Sobotta 1 4-4 6, Sayquis Greene 5 2-2 13, Jaspen Ellenwood 0 0-0 0, Lauren Gould 2 2-3 7, Raylin Shippentower 2 0-0 6, SimSin Heavyrunner 0 0-0 0, Jordan Shawl 0 0-0 0, Alexis Herrara 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 11-14 69.

Genesee 4 7 4 5-20 Lapwai 24 24 12 9-69 3-point goals — L. Gould, Lussoro, Shippentower 2, Greene, J. Gould.



Sayquis Greene at the line, knocking down both free-throws

NATIONAL

Brown Travels to Japan to Celebrate 40 Years of the Sister City Exchange



Attendees pose at the farewell party gift exchange

This year marked the 40th anniversary of a Sister City exchange program between Toyonaka, Japan and San Mateo, California. During summers in San Mateo, Ed Brown, current Finance Manager for the Nez Perce Tribe, umpired Little League baseball games to earn extra money during high school. After graduation, he became the youngest manager and ended up managing teams for 16 years.

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In 1979, their league received a call from the City of San Mateo's Parks & Recreation Department. Thev were informed that Toyonaka was sending a team of 11 and 12 year-old boys to the United States the following week, to play a series of baseball games. Everyone involved rushed to organize the event. It was a success.

Two years later, San Mateo received an invitation to send a return team to Toyonaka. This meant Brown's players were now 13 and 14

years old. Upon returning, the Parks & Recreation Director George Musante and Brown got involved in the Sister City Association itself. From that point forward, they formulated processes and procedures to formalize and continue these goodwill baseball exchanges every two years, with the two cities alternating as hosts. Brown would end up

traveling to Japan two more times as a coach in 1985 and 1993. He also served as the Sister City President for a number of years. When he moved to Spokane, Washington in 1994 he would step down as President, and his sucessor would be Tom Brady's father.

In October 1994, he returned to Japan for his 4th trip, not as a coach but as part of a delegation commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Sister City relationship. Mr. Brady was unable to attend. It was a great reunion, and Brown figured it would be his swan song. However, early this year, Musante called Brown and invited him, and a guest, to be part of their 2019 trip for a special 40th anniversary celebration. With Brown being a foundational component to the program's initiation, he agreed to make the trip. On July 28th, 2019 he embarked on the 11-hour flight to Tokyo.

The following Tuesday was an all-day tour of Tokyo. After arriving in Toyonaka, they were greeted with a long row of people as they walked down a runway to continuous clapping, into the welcome ceremony. The week would be filled with baseball, sightseeing, and building on friendships old and new.

Thursday morning Brown gave a speech at the 40th Anniversary ceremony held at City Hall. "The concept of sister city programs originated under President Eisenhower, and how he envisioned a network that would champion peace and prosperity by fostering bonds between people from different cities around the world. Post World War II, he felt that if people from different cultures could better understand, appreciate and celebrate their differences while building partnerships, it would lessen the chance for conflicts between their countries in the future," Brown stated. "These programs have evolved over the years to include not only sports, arts, cultural and educational exchanges, but also humanitarian assistance and

economic and sustainable development activities that can increase economic vitality between the participating cities."

As an ode to the 40th Anniversary, a traditional Farewell Party was put on by the Sister City Association and held at Toyonaka's Performing Arts Center. This was another phenomenal experience, with guests receiving red carpet treatment. The next morning, Brown was presented with a commemorative and personalized DVD, set to Beatles songs such as, All You Need is Love, Come Together, Hello Goodbye and Get Back. It contained not only chronological highlights over the past 40 years, but also of all of their activities during that most recent week. One especially heartfelt feature on the DVD was the inclusion of Brown's daughter Lia, who had accompanied the Toyonaka group one year on a side trip to Disneyland.

"Looking back, my association with this program over the years has provided me with wonderful personal relationships, both here and abroad. I think it has given me a better appreciation and deeper understanding of another culture, and each time I have come away with tremendous respect and amazement at the hospitality and kindness, and generosity offered by the people of Toyonaka (and all of Japan), for which I am forever grateful," Brown concluded.



Dinner at Japanese Inn



Brown and Musante reunite at the 40th Anniversary Sister City Exchange

NATIONAL

Trump Addresses Missing & Murdered American Indians & Alaska Natives



Pictured: Navajo Nation Vice President Lizer joined other tribal leaders and President Trump for signing of missing and murdered Indigenous persons executive order.(Photo: Official White House Photo by Joyce N. Boghosian, Public Domain)

Native American women experience some of the nation's highest rates of murder, sexual violence and domestic abuse. The National Institute of Justice estimates that 1.5 million Native American women have experienced violence in their lifetime, including many who are victims of sexual violence. On some reservations, federal studies have shown women are killed at a rate more than 10 times the national average. The CDC says homicide is the third leading cause of death for Native American women aged 20 to 24 and fourth leading cause for those 15 to 19.

November 22, 2019 President Trump signed an Executive Order, establishing a Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives. This interagency task force, co-chaired by Attorney General William P.

Barr and Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, will work to address the crisis of missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives in this country, particularly women and children. In coordination with tribes, the Task Force will develop model protocols and procedures for new and unsolved cases, collect and share data among various jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies, and address the need for greater clarity concerning roles, authorities, and jurisdiction throughout the lifecycle of cases involving missing and murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

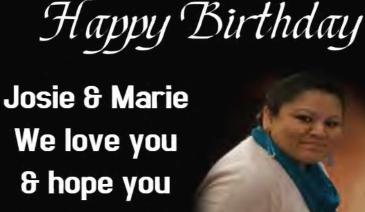
"American Indian and Alaska Native people suffer from unacceptable and disproportionately high levels of violence, which can have lasting impacts on families and communities. Native American women face particularly high rates of violence, with at least half suffering sexual or intimate-partner violence in their lifetime. Too many of these families have experienced the loss of loved ones who went missing or were murdered," said Attorney General Barr. "President Trump establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives will enable us to further strengthen the federal, state, and tribal law enforcement response to these continuing problems."

Attorney General Barr traveled to Montana to speak with representatives from the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the Flathead Indian Reservation to speak with Tribal leaders and law enforcement officials on the issues of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons and meth abuse across the state. He an-

nounced the launching of a national strategy to address missing and murdered Native Americans. The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Initiative places MMIP coordinators in 11 U.S. Attorney's offices who will develop protocols for a more coordinated law enforcement response to missing cases. The plan also calls for the deployment of the FBI's most advanced response capabilities when needed, improved data collection and analysis, and training to support local response efforts. The MMIP Initiative will involve a coordinated effort by more than 50 U.S. Attorneys on the Attorney General's Native American Issues Subcommittee, the FBI, the Office of Tribal Justice, with support from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).



Confederated Salish and Kootenai Culture Committee Director's Vernon Finley (L) and Tony Incashola (R) take photos with U.S. Attorney General William Barr after gifting him a blanket Friday, Nov. 22 at the CSKT Tribal Chambers in Pablo, MT.



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