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# A Fresh Start with Nimiipuu Health 2020 & Beyond



Dr. Kim Hartwig, Medical Director of Nimiipuu Health, stands with Roberta José -Bisbee, Executive Director of Nimiipuu Health

The Federal Government's earliest goals were to prevent disease and to speed Native American adaptation to the general population, expecting Native Americans to depend on Western medicine.

Since then, responsibility for Native American health has endured many organizational transfers, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and now resides with the Indian Health Service (IHS), an operating division of the Department of Health and Humans Services (DHHS).

The Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) has chosen to use the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) to assume responsibility for health care formally offered by the federal government.

In 1992, Congress amended the ISDEAA to authorize a Tribal Self-Governance Demonstration Project within IHS, giving Native Americans the option of entering into self-governing compacts to gain more independence in the health care program.

The Nez Perce Tribe entered into the compact in 2002 which gave the Tribe the most flexibility to fit health care services to the needs of the community.

Nimiipuu Health is taking a new approach on the health care of the Nez Perce

people. Dr. Kim (Cunningham) Hartwig, Medical Director of Nimiipuu Health, and Roberta José -Bisbee, Executive Director of Nimiipuu Health, addressed some of the Nez Perce people in an event named 'Nimiipuu Health 2020 & Beyond' held at the Pi-Nee-Waus on January 22, 2020. At the event, Dr. Hartwig and José -Bisbee spoke on improving the health care facility from the inside out.


Dr. Kim Hartwig is a proud graduate of Lapwai High School, class of 1991. She attended Loyola Marymount University where she received a bachelor of science in biochemistry, while playing Division I basketball. Dr. Hartwig proceeded to medical school at the University of Washington School of Medicine, where she graduated in 2003. She completed her residency at Family Medicine Spokane in 2006.

Her desire to help people became more and more evident, and at the age of 13, she decided she wanted to become a doctor. She chose family medicine so that she could someday return to her reservation to take care of the Nimiipuu people.

Prior to her return home, Dr. Hartwig owned Hartwig Health, PSC, in Spokane, Washington for 5 years. Her knowledge and experience

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

<b>February</b>	‘Alatam’áal (ala-tum-all)	“season between winter & spring”
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<b>I Love You</b>	‘iin ‘ee héetewise	<i>een-aahh-hit-tow-wissa</i>
<b>Happy Love Day</b>	‘éey’s’nin’ heté’ew léeheyn	<i>eye-ts-nin-hit-te-ow la-hey-n</i>
<b>My special one</b>	‘iinim heté’ew	<i>ee-nim-hit-te-ow</i>
<b>You are in my heart</b>	‘ee wées ‘iinim tim’ néepe	<i>aahh-wass-ee-nim-tim-nappa</i>
<b>Good looking!</b>	tá’c hekípe	<i>tots-ha-kippa</i>
<b>Sweet heart</b>	cicúuk’is tim’íne	<i>s-its-you-kiss timinna</i>
<b>Cute</b>	hamóol’ic	<i>ha-mole-lits</i>
<b>Heart</b>	tim’íne	<i>timinna</i>
<b>Candy</b>	tepulwéeku’s	<i>tep-pull-wah-kos</i>
<b>Flowers</b>	láatis	<i>la-tiss</i>
<b>Dozen</b>	púutim wəx lepít	<i>poo-timt wah la-pit</i>
<b>Roses</b>	tamsáasnim láatis	<i>tom-sis-nim-la-tiss</i>

## NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE

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

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## PUBLISHERS POST

In this day and age, our youth are doing some pretty phenomenal things as young individuals. One thing they tend to gravitate toward in our area is sports, primarily basketball. Although sports are fun to participate in, they also teach more than just athletic abilities. In order for players to reach their full potential they'll need to be supported and taught correctly; balancing encouragement and discipline. Coaches have a way of figuring out how to do that with each player.

One thing I had to learn and adjust to quickly is, each team has its own personality; what works for one won't necessarily work for another. It wasn't until I had my second basketball team that I started making a more conscious ef-

fort to better understand my players. These were little girls with fragile hearts, but that doesn't mean I can completely be soft on them. I had to learn how to coach with a bit more compassion and empathy. I started letting them know that I understood what they were feeling, and no matter the circumstances they were in I'd always be there to love them.

I learned to correct my players without punishing them for something they weren't quite getting yet. I had to make mindful decisions on how to react to certain situations in practice to get each player to the next level, without completely destroying their love for the game and dreams of playing. As a coach, it is my job to bring out the best in my players and to help

them learn to believe in themselves; to help them embrace all of their individual talents, gifts, and potential. Equally, as an adult, it is my job to be a positive role model for them and to direct them onto a path of constant learning that they will use throughout life.

You lead by example. We cannot expect youth to know how to be mature and mentally stable in all situations, they have to be shown. There's a time to have fun and be silly, but there are also tough moments where players need guidance to help them be responsible and respectable people. They may not like it at that time, but if it's always done out of love, they will forever be better for it. We can't allow children to talk back, show attitude,

and disrespect each other; it does not make them better. Ultimately it hurts them.

Though the talent may be there, not every player can become a coach. Spectators may think it's a simple thing; go to practice, dribble, shoot around, pass the ball, run some plays, play games. However, it is so much more than that. Us coaches become educators and mentors that create influence on these young souls.

Whether it's sports or not, if you are a teacher, a parent, a coach or anything in between, adults affect children's lives. Coaching basketball for me is not about fame, it's about the youth respecting how they represent their family name, their community, their tribe. Even if it's uncomfortable, we have to teach what is right.

## New Chief of Interpretation & Education for Nez Perce National Historical Park in Lapwai

The National Park Service (NPS) has selected Laura Law as the new Chief of Interpretation and Education for Nez Perce National Historical Park, Whitman Mission National Historic Site and Big Hole National Battlefield.

Law has been the education specialist at Glacier National Park since 2005. She has a master's degree in science education and an undergraduate degree in natural resources with a focus on urban geography and native plant restoration. Before coming to Glacier, Law taught middle school science in south Florida. In addition to Glacier National Park, Law has worked for the NPS for over 28 years at sites that include the Alaska Public Lands Information Center, Olympic National Park, and Everglades National Park. She also worked seasonally for the U.S. Forest Service as a wilderness kayaking ranger in southeast Alaska and for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service assisting with native plant restoration in Texas.

"Laura's experience and success in interpretation, educational outreach, and tribal partnerships will serve our parks, the public and partners well," said Superintendent Mike Gauthier. "We are excited to add Laura to our team and share her energy and expertise with our surrounding communities." Laura will join the park in February 2020.



**Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizen Program is hosting a Valentines Day Birthday Luncheon  
Lunch is provided for tribal elders (55+) with door prizes and bingo**



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*Dr. Hartwig & José-Bisbee*  
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of running a quality care facility will assist her in transforming Nimiipuu Health into a clinic that the Nez Perce Tribe will be proud to receive care from. Her plan is to raise her family in the community in which she was raised and teach her children about the rich culture and traditions of the Nez Perce Tribe, while improving the health of the Nimiipuu people.

Being a Native physician has always interested her and she knew that a role in administration would fit her future best. Dr. Hartwig fulfilled the dream of returning home in July 2019 when she became the Medical Director of Nimiipuu Health.

Dr. Hartwig is the daughter of the late Cheryl Cunningham (Johnnie) and adopted father David Cunningham, Sr., and biological father Hank Left Hand. Her maternal grandparents are the late Janie and Chickie Harrison and Raphael Johnnie. Her paternal grandparents are the late Fred and Marian Cunningham and Alberta Hollie.

Roberta José -Bisbee received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Montana in 2005. She has worked a number of positions with the Nez Perce Tribe. In 2010 she was elected to serve on the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee. There she served as the Human Resource Subcommittee Chairman and an At-Large Member to the Health and Human Services Secretary Sibelius Tribal Advisory Council.

Following her role on Council, she worked for the Tribe's Human Resources Department. In 2006 she began working for the Human Resources Department there she served as the Human Resources Generalist and later the Human Resources Manager. In both roles she worked with the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Level Management Team until her departure in December 2019. During part of 2018 and

2019, she was also appointed twice as the Interim Executive Director for Nimiipuu Health.

José -Bisbee and her husband Michael Bisbee II have been together since high school. They, along with their four children, Micah – 21 years old, Michael III – who would have been 15 years old, Madden – 12 years old, and their youngest Memphis Blaze – 6 years old, are all enrolled Nez Perce Tribal members, living on the Nez Perce Reservation in Lapwai.

José -Bisbee's parents are Fredbert José and Jennifer 'Woofy' Ramsey. Her paternal grandparents are the late Fred José and Roberta Moffet. Her maternal grandparents are the late Aaron Ramsey, Don Taylor, and Josephine P. Ramsey.

"We are starting a new initiative to be transparent, and hear the needs of the patients we serve," said José-Bisbee. She also addressed the rumor that the Kamiah clinic could be closing its doors, saying "...no, we do not have intentions of shutting down the Kamiah clinic, no discussions have ever been made on doing so," she stated.

Dr. Hartwig and José-Bisbee also have expectations of protecting, preserving and promoting the Nimiipuu culture for the youth. They encourage everyone to exercise the traditions as well, and to be proud of who they are. Dr. Hartwig thanked everyone for the privilege to be able to come home and serve in the unique capacity of health care, and for the trust as her and her team transform Nimiipuu Health into the model of health care that the Nimiipuu people deserve.

"I ask for your patience as we redirect our ship towards a healthier, more powerful people that would make our ancestors proud of their sacrifice, and I ask that we purposefully make our sacrifice for the next 7 generations." Said Dr. Hartwig. She spoke on increasing the health care status, "we will strengthen our Nimiipuu identity, make our ancestors proud for their



*Roberta José -Bisbee, Executive Director of Nimiipuu Health*



*Dr. Kim Hartwig, Medical Director of Nimiipuu Health*

hard fought battle and allow us to use the foundation that they laid for us to follow, and for others to follow after us," concluded Dr. Hartwig.

Both Dr. Hartwig and José-Bisbee touched on some tasks for improvement, mainly the quality of care and service. The clinic hours have been adjusted from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., pharmacy is open until 6:00 p.m., to provide services when needed. Recruitment of qualified providers are now in place, along with case studies from recent care provided, expanded knowledge of quality care, standardized workflows, provider meetings for continuing education, improved communication interdepartmentally for cohesive care delivery, elevated standards and expectations from leadership, financial growth and independence, increasing third party billing (ie. INR, DM education, home visits), and improved documentation leading to collection of funds

for services already provided.

Rebecca Miles, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director, also stood up and spoke of her concerns on 30-plus Executive Directors for Nimiipuu Health and stressed the importance of standing behind Dr. Hartwig and José-Bisbee. "I really hope that there is support so we can keep these beautiful women who know and understand our own."

Miles was emotional when speaking to the crowd, "Dr. Hartwig understands. I felt the pain in her presentation. She lost her mom, I lost my dad, we all lost somebody that maybe we shouldn't have lost when they passed away, maybe they had a few more years to live or they should have had better health care. We had decisions made for us that shouldn't have been made about health care just because of the lack of services and the lack of education; but the future is bright for us now!" Miles concluded.

### **Nimiipuu Health Important Announcement on Metformin**

***The FDA is currently examining the United States' supply of metformin for possible impurities. The impurity is called NDMA, a cancer causing agent, and is commonly found in water and foods such as cured and grilled meats, dairy products, and vegetables. There ARE NOT ANY metformin recalls affecting the U.S. market at this time. If you currently take metformin, please CONTINUE to take it. It can be dangerous to stop taking metformin without first talking with your provider or a pharmacist.***



## St. Joseph Regional Medical Center leaves the Regence network Jan. 16, 2020

*What this means for you as a Nimiipuu Health patient and employee of the four tribal entities*

### **Nimiipuu Health Patients:**

*Nimiipuu Health Providers, Nursing Staff, Purchase Referred Care (PRC), and Patient Care Coordinators (PCC's) will process accordingly:*

Please be advised, PRC eligible patients with Regence insurance that require a new referral will be referred to Valley Medical, Tri-State or any other in-network Regence Provider.

For informational purposes only, our Nimiipuu Health's Purchased and Referred Care costs for FY 2019 were over budget by \$775,000, which allowed us to provide 100% care for patient services, however the "no deal agreement" between SJRMC and Regence will effect negatively on the NMPH PRC budget, resulting in a much higher budget cost for the NMPH PRC Program. This means Nimiipuu Health will have to revisit the Utilization Review process to determine the priorities for referrals, similar to when we used to evaluate and maintain a priority I and priority II list.

Nimiipuu Health encourages our patients to be cautious when visiting emergency room services, we advise if at all possible you utilize the Tri State Hospital for emergency room, purposes, this will assist us paying extensive costs and allow the monies to be available to other Nimiipuu Health patients.

### **Please follow the PRC policies as outlined below when visiting the emergency room services:**

Emergent or acutely urgent medical and/or dental services received by Nimiipuu Health patients at outside facilities, without prior approval in the form of a Nimiipuu Health referral and a prior authorization or purchase order number from the Nimiipuu Health PRC staff, are considered self-referrals. Self-referrals require a retrospective review of the

patient's eligibility status, compliance with notification requirements, and clinical/medical information by designated Nimiipuu Health PRC staff prior to approving or denying emergency services or self-referrals for PRC/CHS payment.

In emergent/acutely urgent cases, the patient or an individual or agency acting on behalf of the patient, or the medical care provider must notify the Purchased/Referred Care program within 72 hours of receiving emergency treatment or hospital admission. The 72-hour period may be extended if it is determined that notification within the prescribed period was impracticable or that other good cause exists for the failure to comply. Elderly patients, 65 years of age or older, are allowed 30 days to notify. The Nimiipuu Health Clinics are also considered an alternate resource, and therefore, PRC funds will not be expended for services accessible and available at the Nimiipuu Health Clinics.

We are working to be transparent and providing the initiative to be informative to the patients we serve. We need your help in order to extend help to our fellow patients as well. As mentioned the negotiations are ongoing and if you have insurance with Regence please make sure to make contact with Regence at 1 (888) 367-2117 Members, or 1 (800) 810 BLUE (2583) Outside the Area, and request continuity of care is approved by Regence to complete your treatment.

### **Nez Perce Tribe/Nimiipuu Health/Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority/Nez Perce Tribal Enterprise Employees:**

We realize this network change creates questions and concerns. Despite Regence's efforts to reach agreement on a fair, updated contract, St. Joseph's Tennessee-based owner, LifePoint Health, chose to remove the hospital from

the Regence network Jan. 16, 2020. We've been advised that negotiations are ongoing but until an agreement is reached, St. Joseph hospital is out of network for our medical plans.

### **What this means for you:**

- Care received on or after Jan. 16, 2020, will be covered at your out-of-network benefit levels and cost you more out of pocket. Some members do not have out-of-network benefits, so please call us if you have questions.

- If you are currently receiving medically necessary treatment for an illness or injury and have concerns, please call us so we can help plan your continued care.

- We have many high-quality in-network providers, including those at Tri-State Hospital in Clarkston, Pullman Regional Hospital in Pullman, Gritman Medical Center in Moscow; St. Mary's Hospital in Cottonwood, Clearwater Valley Hospital in Orofino; and primary and specialty physician care from Catalyst Medical Group.

We understand this network disruption creates questions for those currently receiving care. Regence has provisions for continuing qualifying care.

### **What is continuity of care and how does it help Regence members?**

During the first 120 days after a network change, members currently receiving treatment from St. Joseph or who have scheduled care with this provider may request to have their in-network benefits apply. This is known as continuity of care. Members may request continuity of care by calling Regence Customer Service. All requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Members that schedule care with St. Joseph on or after Jan. 15, 2020, are not eligible for continuity of care.

If continuity of care is approved, a member may

complete their treatment with St. Joseph using in-network benefits that may provide considerable cost savings. St. Joseph, however, may choose to balance bill members for care received on or after Jan. 15, 2020, if the provider goes out of network. Balance billing is when a provider bills a member for the difference between how much the provider charges and the amount Regence allows. It is important that a member, their caregiver, or provider contact Regence Customer Service as soon as possible to explore treatment and coverage options.

### **What types of care generally qualify for continuity of care? What does not qualify?**

While each member's care needs are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, services that meet continuity of care criteria include:

- Recent surgeries in the immediate post-operation phase
- A course of staged surgeries with the last surgery scheduled to complete within three months of a provider contract terminating

- Third-trimester pregnancies, and high-risk, second-trimester pregnancies

- Radiation treatment scheduled and in progress prior to a provider contract terminating

- Chemotherapy treatment scheduled and in progress prior to a provider contract terminating

Services that generally do not meet continuity of care criteria include elective surgeries performed after a provider is out of network.





### Majority of Fatal House Fires are Caused by Space Heaters

Keeping sufficiently warm during the winter months can prove challenging, particularly when frigid temperatures persist, as they have recently for much of the country. While portable space heaters can help generate heat, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding the public that they do present potential fire hazards and must be used with caution.

According to NFPA's latest U.S. Home Fires Involving Heating Equipment report, which was released today, heating equipment is the second-leading cause of U.S. home fires and the third-leading cause of home fire deaths. More than half (53 percent) of all home heating fire deaths resulted from fires that began when heating equipment was too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.

Between 2011 and 2015, portable and stationary space heaters accounted for more than two of every five (43 percent) U.S. home heating fires and five out of six (85 percent) home heating fire deaths.

"Space heaters can be effective tools for providing added warmth at home, but it's critical that people follow basic pre-

cautions to ensure that they're used safely," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of NFPA's Outreach and Advocacy division.

Carli says space heaters should be placed a minimum of three feet away from anything that can burn, and must be turned off when people leave the room or go to sleep.

"Make sure children and pets are kept well away from space heaters at all times, and remember that space heaters should never be left unattended," said Carli. "When you're ready to go to sleep, it's time to turn off your space heater."

December, January and February are the leading months for home heating fires. The peak time of day for home heating equipment fires is between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (27 percent of fires), with another 20 percent occurring between 8:00 p.m. and midnight. The fewest fires occur between midnight and 8:00 a.m. (18 percent), but these fires caused almost half of the heating fire deaths.

"Put a Freeze on Winter Fires," an annual campaign run by NFPA and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), provides a wealth of information and resources to help reduce the risk of home fires during the heating season.

### Lapwai Perfect Attendance



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- Olivia Allen (6)
  - Kariana Covey (6)
  - Triston Konen (6)
  - Darwin Littlefish
  - Andraena Domebo (7)
  - Isias Johnson (7)
  - Marcisio Noriega (7)
  - Hadley McCulley (8)
  - Vincent Villa (8)
  - David Wheeler (8)
  - Jaishaun Sherman (9)
  - Jenz KashKash (11)

- ELEMENTARY:
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  - Kade Penney (K)
  - Caleb Basey (1)
  - Areez Montelongo (1)
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## Cheree LeCornu Sends a Message Empowering Young Women to be Confident

Cheree LeCornu, Nez Perce Tribal Member, has always had a passion for beauty. She recently modelled in the 5th annual Curves Beautifully Empowered (CBE) Fashion Experience in Seattle, Washington on January 17th and 18th.

Ever since she was a child, LeCornu always knew she wanted to model because she loved the camera. However, she found it mentally intimidating because in the past, society seemed to require extremely thin models. "I wasn't always proud of who I am or how I looked, just because none of the models in the industry looked like me," LeCornu said. And so, her dream of becoming a model was set aside.

It wasn't until she picked up a magazine and saw plus size model, Tess Holliday on the front cover. "Of course she got a lot of criticism because of her body and weight, but she didn't let the negativity stop her from loving herself and doing what she loves," said LeCornu. That was when she decided she wanted to be a role model and help create body positivity in the world. "...because all women are beautiful and they deserve to feel that."

CBE is a modelling program, founded by Kimberly Walker. Its mission was created to empower young girls and women to embrace and accept their curves. Over a period of one weekend, it



provides inspiring and empowering events that focus on mind, body, soul and style.

LeCornu's first experience walking in the CBE fashion show took place last year.

She had an amazing time and was able to witness how the CBE team embraces the power of women. "I have made awesome friends who've become like sisters to me," she said. "We

always check up on each other and communicate frequently on social media and texts".

Understandably, she was nervous her first time modelling. Thankfully, the other models were encouraging and made her feel like she belonged; boosting her confidence tremendously.

After that first experience with CBE modelling, LeCornu was chosen by three designers to return and walk on the runway again. "I went in there with so much confidence and killed it on the runway this year," she stated.

From this event, LeCornu has gained a lot of recognition and has recently been invited to do casting calls in Portland, Oregon and a casting in Tacoma, Washington.

LeCornu now has the chance, and intends, to become an advocate on body positivity for young women so they are never ashamed to be themselves.

"Besides walking in fashion shows throughout the year, my biggest dream I want to accomplish this year is for my ten-year-old sister, Autumn, and my three-year-old niece, Inez, to compete in being The Next Ashley Stewart on September 12th, 2020 in Newark, New Jersey," LeCornu concluded.

LeCornu is the daughter of Yvonne LeCornu, and Rob and Jewel Mason.





Tribe Promotes “Dig For The Truth” During McCall Winter Carnival



DFRM McCall Office snow sculpture followed this year’s theme ‘It’s a Kids World!’



“Marketing staff and Chief Joseph Foundation Royalty participate in the Winter Carnival Mardi Gras Parade

McCall Winter Carnival (Carnival) has been an anticipated event since the 1960’s. Folks from all over flock to McCall, Idaho to awe at the remarkable snow sculptures, cheer on the participants in the parades, and enjoy all the events that come along with the Carnival. This year, the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) decided to participate in the Carnival in an effort to increase awareness on their opposition to the Midas Gold project, “Dig For The Truth”.

More than 60,000 people make their way through McCall during this event. Creating an ideal opportunity to expand outreach on the negative impacts the Midas Gold project would have, were it to be approved. In order to facilitate this outreach, the Tribe coordinated with the Clearwater River Casino & Lodge marketing team and

participated in events on January 25 and February 1, 2020.

Leading up to the event, the Nez Perce Tribe Department of Fisheries Resource Management (DFRM), McCall Office signed up to participate in the snow sculpture contest. The theme this year was “It’s a Kids World!”. Beginning on January 6, eleven staff started working on the project. The foundation required constructing wooden forms and packing them with snow, then letting them freeze. From there staff would spend a couple hours each day sculpting. The end result was a 15-foot salmon, a seven-foot man, and a three-foot child with a fishing pole. The man was designed to be holding his arms in the air, emphasizing how large the salmon was.

During the sculpting process, several people stopped by and asked about the work being done through the DFRM

McCall Office. The team was also able to display an outreach poster next to the sculpture for additional information. Each participant enjoyed the experience and are thankful Dave Johnson, DFRM Manager, approved for staff to use work hours to work on the sculpture. Approximately 100 hours were spent on the project.

The first big event of the Carnival, was the Mardi Gras Parade. The Tribe participated by organizing a float. The float included “Dig For The Truth” signs and the Chief Joseph Foundation Royalty in their traditional regalia, waving to the crowd. The marketing team threw out candy, Mardi Gras beads, and small foam salmon with DigForTheTruth.org printed on them. The crowd was extremely receptive and several compliments were handed out on behalf of the Tribe’s participation.

To add to the cause, the “Save the South Fork” group was placed just behind the Tribe. They marched behind with salmon signs, banners, and a couple people in full salmon costume.

After the parade, and the following Saturday, a booth was setup near Depot Park. The booth provided several swag items, hot food, and information about the Tribe’s opposition to the Midas Gold Project. Throughout the rest of the Carnival, several people could be seen wearing hats and scarves promoting “Dig For The Truth”.

Several people expressed their appreciation for the Tribe’s leadership in opposition efforts to the Midas Gold project. The Tribe plans to continue these efforts raising awareness on the importance of protecting the resources, and being a voice for those that cannot speak.



DFRM McCall Office staff participated in creating a snow sculpture for McCall Winter Carnival



## Alaska Airlines Honors Fallen Warrior Alex “Mike” Pinkham Sr.

Alaska Airlines has a special plane “Honoring Those Who Serve.” In October 2019, Alex “Mike” Pinkham Sr. joined 21 other veterans on this plane to participate in the State of Alaska’s Last Frontier Honor Flight to Washington DC. His colleagues in Honor Flight Mission 13 visited sites and attended ceremonies that commemorate the service of this nation’s men and women in all military branches. He was the only World War II veteran in Mission 13. His nephew, Jaime, accompanied him on this trip to serve as his “guardian.”

Pinkham died on January 20, 2020. Working through Legacy Funeral Home in Anchorage, flights on Alaska Airlines were arranged to deliver him back to Nez Perce Country for burial after nearly 64 years as an Alaskan resident. Six people were set to provide the escort: Jaime Pinkham, Josiah Pinkham, Jeff and Christy Wilchek (his Alaska family), Ann Marie Mayer and Tiyana Chase.

When Alaska Airlines learned of this special transport, they arranged to provide the same “Honoring Those Who Serve” plane that flew him to DC in October.

In the early morning



of January 26 at the Anchorage airport, an Alaska Air gate agent announced that this would be a special flight to take a fallen warrior home. She provided his name, service and destination and sang the Star Spangled Banner. The six-person escort team was allowed on the tarmac as he was transferred onto the plane for the 12:30 a.m. flight to Seattle. The flight arrived in Seattle around 5:00 a.m. The escort team was joined by a TSA Honor Guard on the tarmac as he was unloaded for a long layover before flying on to Spokane, Washington.

The escort team and Honor Guard reassembled on the Seattle tarmac for a 9:45 a.m. flight to Spokane. The plane arrived in Spokane

about 11:00 a.m. On each flight, the pilots announced that a fallen warrior was on board and his destination, and when each flight landed, the escort team was the first to deplane to gather on the tarmac.

“The generous spirit of Alaska Airlines to provide their ‘Honoring Those Who Serve’ plane for Uncle Mike’s trip home was unmeasurable. Add to it, the heartfelt support and words of gratitude and comfort from the gate agents, flight crew, ground crew, TSA agents and the other passengers. For a quiet man who didn’t like to draw attention, Uncle Mike would’ve been impressed and honored for the respect and recognition Alaska Air provided in returning him to his Nez Perce family and homeland.”

Said nephew Jaime Pinkham.

From Alaska Air website: The Honoring Those Who Serve plane is dedicated to the brave men and women of the US military, as well as veterans of the armed forces and their families. Its unique exterior paint scheme, conceived by a small group of Alaska maintenance technicians, was designed to symbolize remembrance, pride, and appreciation. The special livery was created in partnership with Boeing. The design includes a red stripe and blue aircraft body to incorporate elements of the American flag; the phrase “Honoring Those Who Serve,” displayed on the fuselage; a symbolic crest representing the Alaska Airlines Fallen Soldier Program to the right of the cargo door; and an “Alaska Airlines Salutes” medallion on the right of the boarding door near the nose of the aircraft, with five stars representing the five branches of the U.S. Armed Forces: Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. A President Calvin Coolidge quote to the left of the rear cargo door reads, “No person was ever honored for what they received. Honor has been the reward for what they gave.”

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## Congratulations Officer Stuck



Retirement for Detective Sergeant Larry Stuck. Thank you for your years of Dedicated Service to the Nez Perce Tribal Police Department, Nez Perce Tribe & other law enforcement agencies.



## 1,791 Acres of Wallowa Lake's East Moraine Acquired for Wallowa County

JOSEPH, Ore. – The breathtaking beauty of Wallowa Lake's East Moraine forest and open space was permanently protected when almost 1,800 acres were transferred this week into Wallowa County ownership.

For over ten years the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership – a consortium comprised of the County, Wallowa Land Trust, Wallowa Resources, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department – worked to acquire the property in order to eliminate any risk of home development, especially on the moraine's vulnerable crest. Now that it is under Wallowa County ownership, all development and subdivision rights have been extinguished and the property will be managed as a working community forest, protecting native plants, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources while providing non-motorized recreational access and returns to the local economy through sustainable forestry and grazing.

"We couldn't have hoped for a better outcome that serves the public's need for permanent protection and access to this spectacular natural landscape," said John Hillock, Wallowa County Commissioner and Chair of the East Moraine Campaign. Push to protect moraine receives broad support

After nearly a decade of negotiations, the Partnership and the former landowner, the Ronald C. Yanke Family Trust, came to a purchase agreement of \$6 million in January 2019. Fundraising then went into

full-gear, with over half coming in the form of a \$3.5 million grant the Oregon Department of Forestry received from the USDA Forest Service's Forest Legacy Program that helped the Partnership reach the purchase price in a voluntary sale by the Yanke Family Trust.

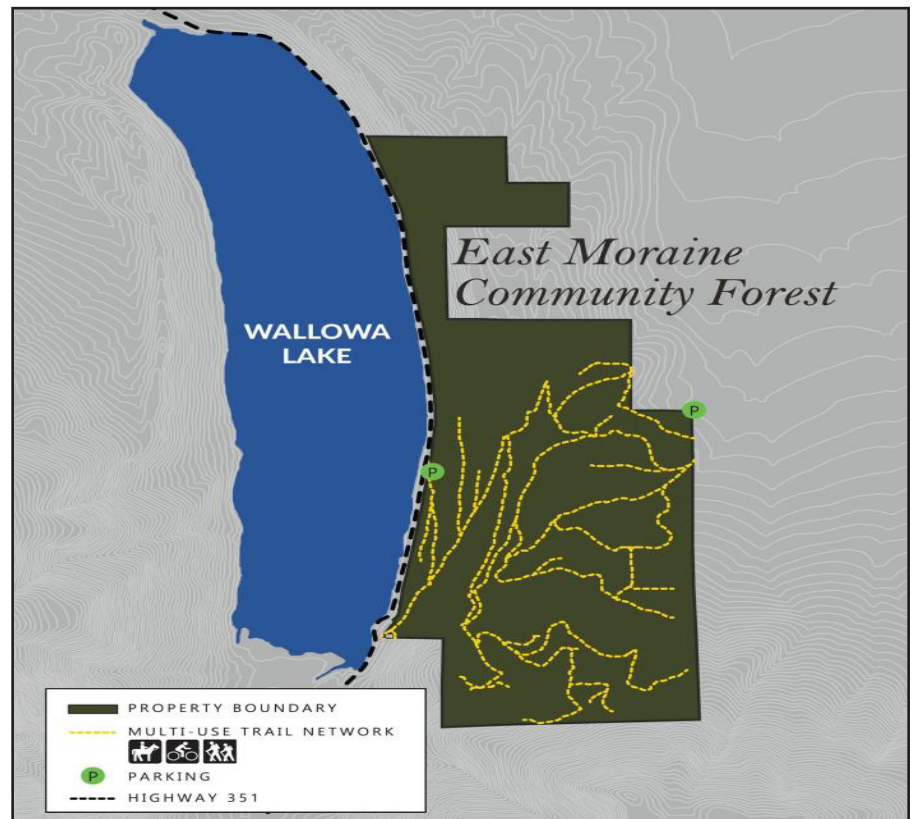
"Forest Legacy Program grants are one resource to help keep Oregon's working forests intact so they can continue to provide social, environmental and economic benefits to Oregonians," said Oregon State Forester Peter Daugherty. "We are pleased that we could help the Wallowa Lake Moraines Partnership protect this unique forest resource."

Obtaining Forest Legacy grants is a competitive process, Daugherty said, adding "I am proud that to date we've brought in \$8.2 million in federal money to fund the most worthwhile proposals from Oregon."

Individual donors contributed more than \$1.1 million to the purchase. Oregon Parks and Recreation contributed \$1 million and its staff is lending a hand in formulating the land's recreation plan. The Nez Perce Tribe gave \$300,000 to the campaign and is helping the Partnership with the plan for management as well.

All told, almost \$6.5 million was raised through grants and donations to purchase the moraine property and begin a multi-use management plan for its perpetual management. The Partnership continues to seek funding to support and sustain the management of the property.

"This is an incredible



milestone," says Kathleen Ackley, Wallowa Land Trust Director. "It's by no means the end of the project, we still have a lot of work ahead of this, but this is something to be proud of. More than a million dollars came from private individuals and families with deep connections to Wallowa County and an enduring love for Wallowa Lake and the Moraines. We remain astonished by the incredible generosity of our community."

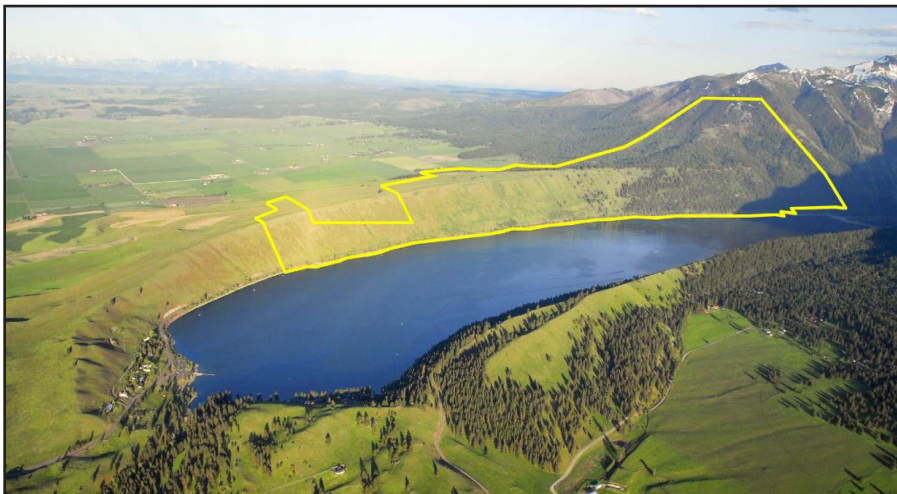
A Community Legacy For thousands of years the spectacular East Moraine has been a refuge for wildlife and sacred to indigenous peoples. Today it continues to be a working landscape enjoyed by locals and visitors alike. In recent years, the land was zoned for the development of houses, including three trophy homes on the crest of the moraine, but under county ownership the threats of development and subdivision are now extinguished in perpetuity.

Rebecca Miles, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director noted, "Participating with the Partnership and representing the Nez Perce Tribe has been a true honor. This purchase is a dream come true, closing out any and all fears of potential development on the East Moraine. This is a historical feat for the permanent protection of such sacred lands.

The protections of this property will ensure our ancestors and our way of life are forever protected and continue on."

Once complete, a multi-use management plan will strive to balance healthy habitat for native plants and animals, cultural resources, non-motorized recreation, and sustainable timber harvest and range management. Securing the East Moraine creates a significant habitat corridor; protects cultural resources; expands upon existing conserved lands; and opens to the public the property's beautiful views on the moraine's southern crest in a manner that is respectful of its scenic beauty. The draft management is currently scheduled for public input and review in spring of 2020. "Community forests are a powerful response to forest and rangeland loss to development," adds Nils Christoffersen, Executive Director of Wallowa Resources. "The East Moraine is central to our community's sense of place. This milestone helps us sustain our connection to the land, which is central to the custom and culture of everyone who calls this place home. It's an incredible achievement."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration is scheduled for late spring of 2020. Stay tuned for upcoming details.





Club Program Highlight - Library Club

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Nez Perce Tribe has started the collaboration with the Lapwai Public Library. Every single Thursday Club members have the opportunity to sign up to go to the Library as a part of "Book Club." The librarian starts out by reading a couple of the member's favorite books in circle time. Afterwards they do a fun library activity usually a craft of some kind. In the past they have made gingerbread houses, a thankful tree, and much more. Club members look forward to book Club each week! Thank you to our Public Library!



Club members speak out

Kade, age 7, enjoys coming to the Boys and Girls Club to play with his friends. He likes to be in the Arts and Crafts to participate in "free draw." Kade's favorite staff is Kieran, because he loves to play Ninja Turtles and all different kinds of games with him. When he is not hanging out in the Arts and Crafts, you can find him in the Gym participating in his favorite Program, Triple Play. Triple Play is a program that teaches members different kinds of lifetime sports and the skills to succeed in them. His ultimate favorite activities to play are volleyball, dodgeball and basketball.

Sicily, age 13, spends her free time hanging out in the Teen Center. She says that she loves coming to the club to spend time with her friends, seeing her cousins, and talking to her favorite staff, Montoya. Montoya is her favorite staff because she can talk to her about anything and knows she will not judge her and she gives her the best advice to help her through situations. She loves coming to Teen Night so she can watch movies and participate in all the different activities they put on. Even though she knows she is not the greatest at basketball she still likes to play and try to keep up with the boys.

Club Calendar

<b>February 3rd</b>	Youth of the Month Assembly (4pm)
<b>February 5th</b>	Youth Awards Night (4pm-5pm) Keystone Club (6:30pm-7:30pm)
<b>February 6th</b>	Library Club 4pm-5pm
<b>February 7th</b>	Power Hour Party (1:30pm-2:30pm) Smart Moves (7pm-8pm)  TRAIL Program (2:30pm-4pm) Baller's Night (8pm-10:30pm)
<b>February 12th</b>	Nez Perce Language Class (4pm-5pm) Keystone Club (6:30pm- 7:30pm)
<b>February 13th</b>	Library Club (4pm-5pm)
<b>February 14th</b>	TRAIL Program (2:30pm-4pm) Valentines Party (4pm-5pm)
<b>February 17th</b>	Club Closed for President's Day
<b>February 19th</b>	Nez Perce Language Class (4pm-5pm) Keystone Club (6:30pm-7:30pm)
<b>February 20th</b>	Library Club (4pm-5pm)
<b>February 21st</b>	TRAIL Program 2:30pm-4pm, Smart Moves (7pm-8pm) Baller's Night (8pm-10:30pm)
<b>February 26th</b>	Nez Perce Language (4pm-5pm)
<b>February 27th</b>	Library Club (4pm-5pm)
<b>February 28th</b>	TRAIL Program (2:30pm-4pm)

Youth of the Month for the Different Program Areas

The following Boys & Girls Clubs members were selected for "Youth of the Month" in the individual program areas. These youth consistently show positive role model qualities and great club leadership abilities.

<b>Service</b> Junee Picard	<b>Education/Computers</b> Shyanne Cox
<b>Leadership</b> Twila Moses	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b> Koen Smiscon
<b>Gamesroom</b> Kade Penney	<b>Phase II</b> Rainbow Henry
<b>Athlete</b> Olivia Allen	<b>Staff</b> Alexe Ortiz







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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Title:** Police Officer  
**Department:** Law Enforcement Department  
**Classification:** Full time, regular, non-exempt  
**Salary:** \$50,506.00 – \$55,157.00 (DOE)  
**Location:** Hood River or Boardman, OR  
**Closing date:** February 7, 2020


**Job Summary/Primary Responsibility:** Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement (CRITFE) Police Officers are directly responsible for carrying out all enforcement and protective patrols by foot, vehicle and boat on the main stem Columbia River (Oregon and Washington shores) and its environs and its environs and also patrol at the In-lieu and Treaty Fishing Access sites (TFAS). Patrols are dictated by CRITFC/CRITFE policy, Tribal policy, contractual obligations of the Law Enforcement Department, and at the direction of patrol supervisors.

**Essential Job Functions:**

1. Protect tribal treaty rights and the fishery resource, protect the In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access sites and the users of these sites. Maintain a working knowledge of fishing codes/regulations, laws, resolutions, customs, and traditions of the four Columbia River Treaty Tribes (Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama), learn the tribal codes, BIA/Federal codes, and codes of the States of Oregon and Washington as applicable.
2. Investigate violations and incidents, issue warnings and citations, apprehend violators, write case reports, prepare cases for court, process evidence and/or property, assist citizens as necessary, and refer non-treaty Indians and non-Indians to the appropriate state.
3. Safely operate and maintain all equipment pertinent to law enforcement including, but not limited to, boats, vehicles, firearms, radios, boat and vehicle electronic equipment, photography equipment, etc.
4. Cooperate with and assist other enforcement agencies in matters of mutual concern and/or mutual aid relating to ordinances, regulations, and enforcement. Maintain open lines of communication with tribal fishers, fellow officers, dispatchers and supervisors.
5. Maintain complete familiarity with, and a working knowledge of, the contents of both the CRITFC Personnel Policy Manual and the Law Enforcement department's Operations Manual (OM).
6. Perform other duties as assigned.

**Job Requirements/Qualifications:**

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**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Title:** Sergeant  
**Department:** Enforcement  
**Classification:** Full time, regular, non-exempt  
**Salary Range:** \$65,545.00 - \$72,185.00 (DOQ)  
**Location:** Hood River, OR  
**Closing Date:** February 14, 2020

**Job Summary/Primary Responsibility:** The Sergeants serve as a first line supervisor over the patrol division. The Sergeants are responsible for the deployment of enforcement and protective services initiated, associated records and reports, training, disciplinary actions, and keeping the chain of command informed of patrol related matters as they affect the agency.

**Essential Job Functions:**

1. Primarily works as the first line field supervisor by working in the field with subordinates; assisting officers in the field and directing field operations whenever necessary. Coordinates field operations and special emphasis patrols with the other patrol sergeant and officers on his team.
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3. Directs officer training and supervises performance levels, patrol methods and techniques, by working the field with subordinates and by maintaining a working knowledge of all applicable tribal, inter-tribal, state and federal laws, regulations, resolutions and procedures pertaining to tribal activities along the main stem Columbia River.
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RESOLUTION NP 20-139  
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Amendment to conform tribal  
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Yard Sale Fundraiser for Youth  
Events - Saturday, February  
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#### March 2020

LUMC Community Dinner -  
Sunday, March 1st @ 5:00 pm

"Clothes Closet" will be open.  
LUMC Evangelistic/Song  
Service - Friday, March 13th  
@ 7:00 pm

LUMC Lenten Service - Sun-  
day, March 15th @ 4:00 pm

#### April 2020

LUMC Evangelistic/Song Ser-  
vice - Friday, April 10th  
@ 7:00 pm

Easter Service - Sunday,  
April 12th @ 11:00 am  
Baptism, if requested

#### May 2020

LUMC BBQ Senior Class 2020  
- Saturday, May 9th @ 11 am



## Carol Janet Webb , 66, Kamiah, ID



Hinmut-tota-likat-sut (Thunder Clouds Going Over Mountains)

Carol Janet Webb passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020. She was born Dec. 12, 1954, in San Francisco, to her parents, Bertha Stevens Webb, of Kooskia, and Robert Webb, of Lapwai. At an early age, she and her family moved to San Mateo, Calif., where she resided with her parents and older siblings, June and Gordon Webb.

In grade school, Carol played the French horn and

on into high school at Hillsdale High, she also participated in the chorus. Carol graduated from Hillsdale High School in June 1973 and went on to the College of San Mateo, from which she later transferred to the University of California, Berkeley. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Native American studies at Cal Berkeley.

Carol learned Nez Perce art work from her grandmother, Dorcus Miller, and from her mother, Bertha Webb. She learned how to tan buckskin at her grandmother's home in Kooskia, and later went on to make several buckskin dresses, accompanied with fully beaded accessories. She also learned cornhusk weaving and became a renowned beadworker.

Carol taught Native American studies at University of California, Berkeley, the University of Sacramento and Stanford University, and supported

the San Francisco Bay Area Native Americans and culture.

Carol loved to travel and participate in the area powwows. Following her love for travel, Carol became a flight attendant with the International Airline of San Francisco. She then married Anthony Kahn, a Navajo, of Phoenix, and a mechanical engineering graduate of Stanford. They later divorced. While in Phoenix, Carol worked at the Heard Museum. She worked there for nine years, where she would have three to four exhibits of her own artwork displayed at the museum. The museum showcased the "Horse" named after the Appaloosa, which showcased Carol's artwork for two years. She displayed her work in the airports of Arizona for three years and in many displays throughout the Northwest.

In her later years, Carol resided in Idaho, enjoying traveling to area pow-

wows and casinos, shopping and being close to family.

Carol was a master of beadwork and cornhusk weaving, and loved to share her knowledge with anyone who was interested.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Bertha Stevens Webb and Robert Webb; her grandparents, Dorcus Miller and Simon Stevens Nicodemus; her sisters, June Webb, Shirley Ellenwood and Georgia Mae Ellenwood; and her brothers, Ernest Ellenwood.

Carol is survived by her brothers, Gordon Webb, Delbert Ellenwood; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren who loved her dearly.

Funeral services will be from 9-10 a.m. Saturday at Trenary Funeral Home in Kooskia. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery with lunch to follow at the Wa'yas in Kamiah.

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## Alexius Michael Pinkham Jr. , 95, Anchorage AK



Saapsis ilpilp (Red Moccasin Tops), also known as Alexius Michael Pinkham Jr., moved forward on his journey while at home surrounded by family Monday, Jan. 20, 2020.

Known in Alaska as "Uncle Alex" and in the lower 48 as "Uncle Mike," he was born Dec. 23, 1924, at Stites on the Nez Perce Reservation. His parents are the late Alexius M. Pinkham Sr., and the late Annette Blackeagle.

He was working on the family farm near Lenore when both he and high school friend and neighbor, Ernie Anderson, volunteered for service after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served in the U.S. Navy from June 25, 1943, to March 9, 1946, as a gunner assigned to the Armed Guard Center Pacific. He was tasked with protecting both military and merchant vessels

delivering troops and supplies, primarily in the Pacific.

While serving on the USS Brookings transferring troops from Europe to the Pacific, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. He turned 21 on board ship in Tokyo Bay and was honorably discharged three months later as Seaman First Class. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, American Area Campaign Medal and World War II Victory Medal. The Navy provided his introduction to Alaska during a deployment protecting merchant ships delivering supplies along the Alaska coast and Aleutian Islands.

After the war, he received diesel mechanic training in California and then worked seasonally as a forest firefighter and survey crewman for the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Yakama Indian Reservation in Washington state.

Looking for full-time opportunities and a new start, he departed for the Territory of Alaska in his 1955 Willys Jeep on May 21, 1956. He homesteaded a parcel of federal land at Bird Creek outside Anchorage, where he built a log cabin. He worked for the Alaska Native Hospital in maintenance and as an ambulance driver. At the hospital he met Maryanne Hennigan and they were married for 40 years. To-

gether, they built a home at Bird Creek and traveled across the country. Later, he worked for and retired from the Alaska Railroad. After 40 years of marriage, Maryanne died Jan. 19, 2006. In 2017, he relocated to the Thomas Center for Senior Leadership in Anchorage.

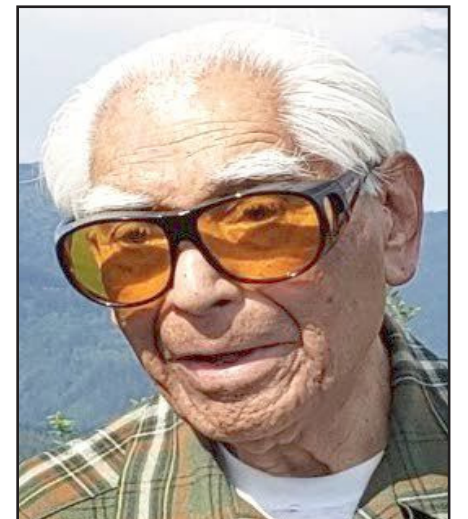
In the spring of 2019, he made his final visit to Nez Perce country where the tribe honored him as their last surviving World War II veteran and oldest citizen. In addition to the ceremony, he took a jet boat trip up the Snake and Salmon rivers with his brothers, took to the mountains in a Willys Jeep, and did television and newspaper interviews. In the fall, he joined 21 other veterans on Alaska's Last Frontier Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. His Mission 13 Honor Flight team visited memorials and observed ceremonies that commemorate service and sacrifice in all branches of the military.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents, as well as sisters Audrey "Audie" Redheart, Priscilla Pinkham, Loretta "Lonnie" Alexander, and Bernadine "Bernie" Greene, and brothers Leroy (infant) and Albert "Sandy" Pinkham Sr. He is survived by brothers Alfred, Alvin Sr. and Allen Sr. all residing at Nez Perce country, plus numerous nieces and nephews and many

who grew close in love and respect to call him their Uncle Alex or Uncle Mike. His family wishes to recognize his Alaska "nephew" Jeff Wilchek and his family for the love, friendship and support they provided during his life in Alaska.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Alaska's Last Frontier Honor Flight, [www.lastfrontierhonorflight.com/index.html](http://www.lastfrontierhonorflight.com/index.html).

Services in Anchorage will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. He will return to Nez Perce country for dressing services at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Nez Perce Longhouse followed by Catholic Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at the Longhouse; Walahsat services to follow — 12 songs officiated by Ron Pinkham. Walahsat and military graveside services will be 8 a.m. Monday at the Coyote Gulch Cemetery.



## Carlton Lewis Allen , 48, Lapwai, ID



Carlton Lewis "King Louie" Allen, 48, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020, in Lapwai. He was born June 30, 1971, in Lewiston, to Kenneth John and Madgalene Johnson Allen.

Louie graduated in

1990 from Lapwai High School, and after graduating went to work at various jobs for the Nez Perce Tribe. He worked as the lead surveillance officer at the Clearwater River Casino from 1994 to 2015.

He was an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe and attended the Methodist Church in Lapwai. He enjoyed attending the Pendleton Round-up, going on scenic rides in the mountains, fishing, hunting, playing the machines at Wild Horse and local casinos, and being on Facebook with family and friends. His favorite TV shows were

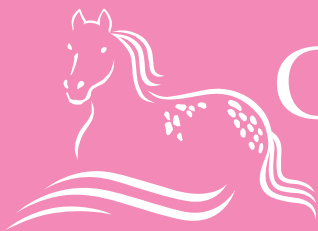
"M.A.S.H.," "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "Hee Haw." His favorite teams were the Oregon Ducks and the Detroit Lions. Louie was a believer in Bigfoot. He enjoyed eating at Hearthstone Restaurant and Bakery in Kamiah, and at Hal's Hamburgers and Up With Donuts in Pendleton, Ore.

He is survived by his grandbabies, Erin, Seneca, Faydrea, Baby Paris, Jeramiju, Genesis, Kyra, Loreal, Jaymin, Natavious, Isiah and LeVonne; various nieces and nephews; and siblings Tina (James) Redheart, Clendon (Bev) Allen, Leona (Scott) Wilson and Ly-

nette (Mickey) Swift. Louie was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents William T. Allen I, Julia White Allen, Moffet Johnson and Teresa Higheagle; brother Clendon Thomas Allen I; sister Dora Lee Morrison; and numerous other relatives.

A memorial will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Pi Nee Waus Community Center in Lapwai. The funeral will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at the community center, with the Rev. Stephen Kingsley. Burial will follow the service at the Old Spalding Cemetery in Spalding. Dinner will take place at the community center after the burial.





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