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## Eleven Nez Perce Tribal Members Selected to Model in Denver



Nez Perce NFITC participants L to R: Lydia Skahan-McCloud, Kiahna (Pie) Padilla, Glory Sobotta, Chloe Thompson, NFITC representative, Kaitlyn Bashaw, Loreal Ellenwood, Jayden Leighton, Emmie Larock, Marcelle Bourgeau, Dana Sotomish, Bernice Smith

Native Fashion in the City (NFITC) hosts and produces an annual event set in Denver, Colorado showcasing indigenous fashion designers, stylists, models, and photographers in one interactive runway show. This year marks the 7th annual NFITC, to be held this March. Eight spots were reserved for Nez Perce models to participate in the event. However, the NFITC team ended up selecting 11 during auditions at the Clearwater River Casino on February 8th, 2020.

The following were selected to attend: Kaitlyn

Bashaw, Bernice Smith, Glory Sobotta, Jayden Leighton, Chloe Thompson, Loreal Ellenwood, Marcelle Bourgeau, Dana Sotomish, Kiahna (Pie) Padilla, Lydia Skahan-McCloud, and Emmie Larock.

The participants are looking forward to this experience. Each individual will bring a diverse sense of creativity to the event.

What distinguishes NFITC from other showcases is its unique approach to planning the event, organizing it similar to a fashion week. In 2015 the event director in-

vited local and national fashion writers, reporters, photographers, talent scouts and store buyers. It was broadcasted locally and internationally by top media networks.

NFITC is committed to strengthening the impact and influence Native American Fashion has on the fashion market. Their professional and creative team plans interactive runway shows, cultural showcases and other special events that feature fashion designers, stylists, models, and photographers. The event is open to both male and female models, of any shape and any size, no experience necessary but applicants must have a positive attitude and willingness to learn. NFITC requires applicants to be tribally-enrolled Native American or First Nations, applicants must be at least seven years of age to audition.

NFITC also offers developmental programs to support the next generation of fashion designers and models alike, where they provide a creative and professional environment to foster promising fashion talent by offering little to no cost business mentoring, educational seminars, webinars, networking opportunities and coaching. NFITC's workshops and educational programs are constantly updating and have helped attendees in both their professional and personal capacities. Workshops and programs are tailored to meet specific requirements of companies and organizations looking to really make a difference moving forward on their journeys.

If you'd like to showcase your designs in the next NFITC runway show, please email [nativefashioninthecity@gmail.com](mailto:nativefashioninthecity@gmail.com).





# 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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## NPTEC Hosts 2020 Legislative Reception in Boise

Each year the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee (NPTEC) spends a full day in Boise, Idaho meeting with as many state legislators as time will allow. During the evening the NPTEC hosts their annual Legislative Reception inviting all state legislators, staff, and partners. It is a wonderful evening where attendees get to learn about the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) and also connect with Tribal leaders to discuss a number of issues.

This year NPTEC members Shannon Wheeler, Casey Mitchell, Chantel Greene, and McCoy Oatman attended, along with staff. A series of meetings were held at the state capitol with Governor Brad Little, Senate Majority Leadership, Tom Kealey with the Department of Commerce,



Casey Mitchell, Shannon Wheeler, Gov. Brad Little, Chantel Greene, and McCoy Oatman

Idaho Conservation League, District 6 Delegation, Minority House and Senate Leadership, House Majority Leadership, and Health & Welfare.

There was a list of topics to discuss during these meetings. One high priority with Governor Little was the Central Idaho Land Exchange. NPTEC had some concerns

on the proposal and voiced these issues to the Governor. Governor Little agreed that all parties should be able to look at options to come out with a solution that works for everyone. He asked to meet with NPTEC again in 30 days.

Throughout the rest of the day subjects such as the MMIW Task Force, Peace Of-

ficer Recognition for Tribal Police Officers, the updated Economic Impact Report, and Climate Change and Energy Developments were discussed. Legislators were given the chance to ask questions and seek clarification. It was the perfect opportunity for them to learn about some of the Tribe's priorities and concerns.

Throughout the years, this event has allowed the Tribe to build on partnerships with various legislators. This has created positive outcomes in several situations. These meetings and the reception create an ideal situation where all parties can come together to focus on what is important. As Chairman Wheeler put it, "...even if we don't agree on 90% of things, let's focus on that 10% we do agree on."

## Ask Dr. PerCap "Romance Scam"

*Dear Dr. Per Cap,*

My uncle is elderly and recently met a person he claims "is the love of my life" on a dating website. Our tribe pays per cap and the other day he asked me to drive him to Western Union so he could send his online "girlfriend" some cash. I see a train wreck coming but how can I warn my uncle without breaking his heart?

*Signed, Suspicious Niece*



*Dear Suspicious Niece,*

I agree this doesn't sound good. It has all the makings of a classic romance scam.

According to the Federal Trade Commission romance scams sometimes called Casanova scams were the most reported scam in 2018 duping unsuspecting love struck hearts out of a collective \$143 million. The typical victim lost about \$2,600. Elders who might be divorced, widowed, or disabled are the most frequently targeted.

Often the scammer will create a fake profile on a dating website doctored with phony photos of a model gorgeous person, fake location, and other bogus details. Once they win their victim over they begin asking for gifts, money, bank account and credit card numbers, and other personal info. And from there the con is on.

It's frightening how rampant these scams have become and it's all because the fair weather fraudsters are master manipulators who know how to appeal to a victim's emotions. Many people just like your uncle hope to be swept off their feet by the romantic partner of their dreams. But love is a powerful emotion that can cause people to not think clearly or make rash decisions. Who among us has never been blinded by love? Certainly not Prince Harry!

Sadly, I come across people like your uncle in many parts of Indian Country. Intervention can be tricky because victims might be deeply invested on an emotional level. In fact I've even seen cases where a victim is presented with overwhelming evidence that their online romance is a con and they still won't believe the truth. Unfortunately, it might not be as easy as simply telling your uncle that his supposed soulmate is a sham, taking away his phone, or freezing his bank account.

Experts warn that victims who are abruptly cut off from a romance scam relationship can suffer from tremendous feelings of loneliness, isolation, depression, even suicidal thoughts. There's now a hollow in their lives that the romance scam filled - albeit in a very unhealthy, harmful way.

Moreover, support for victims of online scams which can include romance, lottery scams, and other web based frauds is a relatively new area of mental health. Meaning counselors, therapists, and caregivers are not always trained on how to treat them.

So please act carefully. As a first step you can address the source of income that your uncle is using to send money to his online love interest. If it's per capita contact your tribal finance office or the bank to see if you or another trusted relative can become the designated custodian of his financial accounts so that any transactions must be authorized. Also consider reporting the suspect profile to the dating website; although most romance scammers will switch communications to text or email pretty quickly.

But most importantly encourage friends and family to engage more with your uncle and spend as much time with him as possible so that he understands how much the real people in his life care about him and love him.



Lapwai Ladycat Champs Head to State as First Seed



Omari Mitchell, Grace Sobotta, Sayq'is Greene, KC Lussoro, and Glory Sobotta pose with the Whitepine League trophy

The Lapwai Girls Basketball team took home the Whitepine League trophy for the 2019-20 season. The Wildcats faced the Prairie Pirates at the Lewis-Clark State Activity Center where they battled back and forth in the District II title game. Sayquis Greene and Grace Sobotta each hit back-to-back 3-pointers late in the

fourth quarter to help seal Lapwai's victory over Prairie, 54-43. Lapwai trailed by two points with four minutes left in the championship game before Greene hit the first of the 3-pointers. Thirty seconds later, Greene knocked down another wide open 3-pointer to give the Wildcats a four-point lead. Sobotta caught fire directly after, hitting a 3-pointer

with 2:20 left on the clock, then with an assist from Omari Mitchell, Sobotta hit another within two minutes to make it 50-42, Lapwai. With 1:45 left, Lapwai's KC Lussoro seemingly sealed the game with a layin from a teammate's steal to give the Wildcats a 10-point lead. Prairie turned the ball over four times during the

Wildcats 14-2 run. Once Lapwai had momentum, they attacked and never stopped. Both Idaho Class 1A Division I teams will travel to the state tournament with Lapwai secured as the Whitepine League's top seed. Lapwai will face Riverstone on Thursday, February 20th, at 6:15 p.m. (MST), at Columbia High School in Nampa.



Lapwai Wildcats - District Champions



Julia Gould jumping at tip-off



Lauren Gould's pressure defense



Grace Sobotta with a bounce pass to Omari Mitchell



## University of Idaho's Tribal Nations Night



Idaho star Trevon Allen had a career high 36 points for the Vandals against Montana on Saturday, February 8th, 2020. That was a special game for Allen, it was his last University of Idaho "Tribal Nations Night" at the Kibbie Dome (Cowan Spectrum).

The senior guard came out on fire from the jump. He scored the Vandal's first 11 points, and the Idaho Vandals led the Montana Grizzlies 34-33 at the half.

At halftime, a tribal dance exhibition and youth activities sponsored by Tribal Relations and the Native American Student Center took place. With dancers at four corners, a spotlight special was dedicated to each corner as Light-



ning Creek was the host drum. John Williamson was the announcer and spoke on the significance of each style of dance.

After halftime, Montana took the lead but Allen went on an 8-0 run by himself, capped by a steal and fast-break layup to cut the lead to one possession. That was as close as Idaho got in the final eight minutes.

Allen also made 12-of-14 shots from the free-throw line. He drew nine fouls while committing zero fouls himself.

"It's my last Tribal Nations Night, that was a big factor, it's pretty important to me," Allen said. "There were lots of people in the stands I knew. That is motivation for why I do what I do."

## 2020 Census Snapshot - American Indian/ Alaska Native

What is the census? Every 10 years, the United States counts everyone living in the country on April 1. Our tribes do not share enrollment numbers with the government, so it is important for all American Indians and Alaska Natives to participate in the 2020 Census.

What's in it for me? The 2020 Census is an opportunity to provide a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating in the 2020 Census, you help provide an accurate count of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Your responses to the 2020 Census can help shape how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year for programs and grants in our communities.

The 2020 Census is our count. Our responses matter. Regardless of age, nationality, ethnicity, or where we live, we all need to be counted.

Responding to the 2020 Census is: Easy- In early 2020, every household in the United States will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail.

Safe- Your responses to the 2020 Census are confi-

dential and protected by law. Personal information is never shared with any other government agencies or law enforcement, including federal, local, and tribal authorities.

Important- The federal government and local American Indian and Alaska Native leaders and decision-makers will use 2020 Census data in a variety of ways that can benefit Native people and our communities.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who should complete the census questionnaire?

A. One person in the home should complete the questionnaire and include every person living there, including relatives, nonrelatives, babies, and children.

Q. How do I fill out the race question correctly?

A. If you self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native, you should check the American Indian or Alaska Native race box. You should then print the name of your enrolled or principal tribe in the write-in area.

Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?

A. Assistance responding to the 2020 Census will be available on 2020census.gov and via our toll-free phone number. Language guides, language glossaries, and language identification cards will be available in 59 non-English languages. Large-print guides to the questionnaire will also be available upon request, as well as telephone devices for hearing impaired. On 2020census.gov, video tutorials and how-to resources can help you

complete your census form. Many communities, partners, and local organizations will also provide assistance.

Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?

A. Census Bureau employees work extensively to take in-person counts of people living in group housing, like college dormitories and shelters, as well as those experiencing homelessness or who have been displaced by natural disasters.

## Your family counts!



How you fill out the U.S. Census really matters to you and your tribe!

- Indian tribes are projected to lose \$3,000 in federal funding for every member who doesn't get counted.
- If that happens again, our tribe could lose \$10,674,000!

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**Question 5:**  
"What is Person 1's name?"

Pick a Nez Perce tribal member to be Person 1. This can be any member of your family — even a child.

**Question 9:**  
"What is Person 1's race?"

Check this box:  
"American Indian or Alaska Native"

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Write the word,  
"Nez Perce"



## New Magazine Promotes Hemp and Cannabis in Indian Country



Nez Perce matriarch Alice "Jeanie" (Johnson) Warden is featured in the premier issue of Tribal Hemp & Cannabis, a new magazine that focuses on hemp and cannabis issues in Indian Country. (Photo courtesy Indianz.Com)

By Acee Agoyo with  
Indianz.com

WASHINGTON, D.C. - "I was born into this," Mary Jane Oatman says of a life steeped in tribal activism and respect for her matriarchal and family traditions.

As a student on the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho, Oatman battled racism and stood up for her people's sovereignty. She remembers her father being beaten and jailed for exercising his tribal treaty rights. But fighting for what's right spans generations in Oatman's family. Her grandmother, Alice "Jeanie" (Johnson) Warden, was sent to prison for growing marijuana on her family's allotment, on land that was passed down following treaty negotiations with the United States in the late 1800s.

As a third generation farmer, Oatman is now turning her experiences into another advocacy effort. Surrounded by friends and fellow Native women leaders, three generations of the family traveled to the nation's capital this week to celebrate the launch of Tribal Hemp & Cannabis, a new magazine that aims to educate the public about the "medicine" -- as Oatman puts -- that Grandma Jeanie was punished for cultivating.

"This issue is so critical, and it's moving at such a fast pace, that we need single-focused vision and collaborative efforts," Oatman said of

the guiding factors behind her decision to promote hemp and cannabis in Indian Country.

Three generations of Nez Perce women -- from left, Judy Oatman, Alice "Jeanie" (Johnson) Warden and Mary Jane Oatman -- celebrate the launch of Tribal Hemp & Cannabis magazine in Washington, D.C., on February 13, 2020. Photo by Indianz.

Oatman, a past president of the National Indian Education and former member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education, counts some prominent supporters of her initiative. Rep. Deb Haaland (D-New Mexico) tied hemp and cannabis to the inherent right of tribes and their citizens to determine their own futures.

"Part of tribal sovereignty is deciding which industries to engage in and how best create economic opportunities for your tribe," Haaland said in a video message that she delivered at the magazine's launch party in Washington, D.C., on Thursday evening.

"But the federal laws regarding cannabis and hemp stand in the way right now," Haaland continued, sending regrets that she was unable to be at the event in person as originally planned. "That's why I support legalizing recreational marijuana and opening up agriculture to hemp farming opportunities."

Among those paving the way is the Walker River Paiute

Tribe, whose leaders entered into a government-to-government agreement with the state of Nevada to address marijuana on their lands. Chairwoman Amber Torres attended the magazine launch and said she stands with Oatman's platform.

"We need to be able to grow this plant," Torres said at the King Weedy Mansion, the home of a collective that promotes cannabis in D.C., where marijuana is considered legal for medical and recreational purposes.

"We are Indigenous people. We started that whole revolution," Torres added. "We just need the ability to make it happen."

Making it happen hasn't been straightforward for everyone in Indian Country, though. For all the successes in places like Nevada and Washington, which was the first state to implement the marijuana compact model, there have been raids, arrests and threats of enforcement by authorities at every level of government.

"Living in a state like Idaho, we have a lot of work to do to protect Idaho tribes from the long reach of the state's arm," Oatman said of a state where hemp and cannabis are considered illegal.

But the landscape is shifting, at least when it comes to one significant area of the budding industry. Following the enactment of the Farm Bill in 2018, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is finally reviewing and approving tribal plans to grow hemp. During the National Congress of American Indians winter session this week, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Stephen Censky said his agency has approved seven tribal hemp plans so far. One of the first was for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, whose leaders destroyed their own marijuana operation after being told they would have been raided by the federal government. The state of South Dakota ended up prosecuting non-Indians who worked with the tribe.

"We have more that are in the queue," Censky said on Wednesday. Accord-

ing to the USDA website, more than two dozen tribes have submitted plans or are in the process of doing so in order to enter the hemp industry.

Is it these kinds of efforts that Oatman intends to spotlight with Tribal Hemp & Cannabis --- or THC, for short. She is planning to publish a couple of issues this year in conjunction with various events before moving to a quarterly schedule in 2021.

"As Indigenous tribes move forward in this industry, they are taking their community into account and setting the building blocks so that they don't harm future generations," said Oatman, who recently served on the board of the Minority Cannabis Business Association as part of her efforts to secure changes in law and policy that will help tribes and entrepreneurs in Indian Country.

As for Grandma Jeanie, the matriarch who started it all, she proudly graces the cover of THC's first issue. A story written by her daughter Judy, who is Oatman's mother and also was in D.C. for the launch, documents the family's farming roots on their Indian allotment in southwestern Idaho.

"We should be able to grow on our own lands and not have to fear what I lived through in the 70's and 80's," Jeanie says in the cover story. "It is medicine. It helps a lot of people."

And at age 81, Grandma Jeanie shows little signs of slowing down, telling Indianz.Com that she still works on road construction projects in her reservation community of Kamiah, whose name coincidentally comes from the Nez Perce words for fishing ropes that were historically made from hemp. A year ago, she gave her family a big scare when she suffered a broken leg and ribs in a vehicle accident. But all she could think about was getting back to work -- she was back on the job barely three months after the incident, she said.

Grandma Jeanie also was excited to take part in the launch of THC, especially since it was her first visit to the nation's capital. She was as proud as ever to support her granddaughter.





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## One Month Left to Apply for SBA Disaster Loans

Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center-West today reminded private nonprofit organizations in Idaho and the Nez Perce Tribe of the March 12, 2020, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury caused by severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred April 7-13, 2019. Private nonprofits that provide essential services of a governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

According to Garfield, eligible private nonprofits of any size may apply for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. "Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the private nonprofit suffered any property damage," Garfield said.

These low-interest federal disaster loans are available in Adams, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, Valley counties; and the Nez Perce Tribe.

The interest rate is 2.75 percent with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

## Chair DeFazio Statement from Hearing on Transportation and Infrastructure Land Needs

Washington, D.C. — The following are opening remarks, as prepared for delivery, from Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR) during today's hearing titled "Assessing the Transportation Needs of Tribes, Federal Land Management Agencies, and U.S. Territories."

Thank you, Madam Chair, for holding this hearing today to examine the infrastructure needs of tribes, Federal Land Management Agencies, and U.S. territories. An assessment of the Federal-aid highway programs that support critical infrastructure on tribal, Federal and U.S. territorial lands is long overdue.

One of my top priorities in the FAST Act was requiring a negotiated rulemaking committee to establish a Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program within U.S. DOT, in keeping with other Federal agencies who have successfully implemented similar self-governance programs.

A Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program will streamline delivery of Federal funds to tribes while easing administrative burdens and allow greater autonomy for tribes to address their unique transportation infrastructure needs. I was pleased to hear that the negotiated rulemaking committee was able to reach agreement last year, and I look forward to DOT beginning implementation of this program in the coming months. I'd also like to thank Head Councilman Garcia and Ms. Clark, who are here with us today, for their work on the negotiated rulemaking committee as tribal representatives.

While this progress is encouraging, the state of transportation infrastructure on tribal lands remains abysmal. I continue to hear from tribal representatives that basic transportation needs are un-

met due to a lack of resources, and that critical services—safe routes for school buses, access for first responders, and transit options for commuters—are hindered as a result.

I also look forward to hearing from the Federal Land Management Agencies represented here today. We have seen significant infrastructure improvements on our Federal lands thanks to Highway Trust Fund investments. In FY 2018 alone, FAST Act funding facilitated the rehabilitation of 113 bridges, the construction of 39 new bridges, and the improvement of over 1,600 lane miles on Federal and tribal lands.

Yet, the needs far outweigh the available resources. The backlog of deferred transportation infrastructure maintenance at Federal Land Management Agencies is staggering. The Forest Service reports a deferred maintenance backlog of \$3.6 billion, while the National Parks Service reports a backlog of \$6 billion. My district alone has a deferred maintenance backlog of over \$100 million for Forest Service roads, trails, and bridges. Addressing these maintenance needs is crucial to ensure these road systems provide access for critical safety needs such as emergency access and wildfire management.

And finally, we'll hear today about the transportation and infrastructure needs of U.S. territories. Funding for the Territorial Highway Program has fallen steadily as a proportion of overall funding for the last decade, despite growing needs. Today, territories receive fewer highway program dollars than they received under SAFETEA-LU.

Thank you to our witnesses for being here today, and I look forward to hearing your testimony on how this Committee can uphold its commitment to our tribal, territorial, and Federal partners.



Raising Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women

Thousands of people marched throughout Indian Country on Friday, February 7th for a group of crime victims that are often invisible to the media and law enforcement. Those are the Native American women who have disappeared or have been killed, leaving families with more questions than answers.

The annual rally for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) drew a passionate crowd of Nimiipuu students who stood on the sidewalk on Lewiston’s 21st street.

Those in attendance had red handprints across their mouths to symbolize silenced Indigenous women. They wore MMIW t-shirts and carried signs bearing the harsh estimated statistical numbers of how many Native American women have been kidnapped or killed. Though the exact number has not been determined due to the way crimes are reported and tracked, getting a handle on that number is one of the missions and many reasons tribes march and raise awareness for MMIW.



Lapwai High School students at MMIW rally. L to R: Krissalyn Bisbee, Julia Gould, Rainbow Henry, Jaspen Ellenwood, Amaris Mitchell



The students lined up along 21st street in Lewiston, Idaho



Quintana Lozon, Loreal Ellenwood, and Noe George

Lapwai High School and Middle School Honor Roll for Fall Semester 2019

Congratulations:

**SENIORS:** 3.0-3.9 gpa — Lucinda Bohnee, Julia Gould, Sim Sin Heavy Runner, K.C. Lussoro, David Morrell, Justin Rabago-Johnson.

**JUNIORS:** 4.0 gpa — Linnea Herrera, Omari Mitchell, Alan Weaskus; 3.0-3.9 gpa — Tamahsat Blackeagle, Jenz KashKash, Alonzo Picard, Jaden Salazar, Glory Sobotta, J.C. Sobotta, Sincere Three Irons.

**SOPHOMORES:** 4.0 gpa — Sunceria Powaukee; 3.0-3.9 gpa — Armani Bisbee, Kayden Comer Penney, Alexander Ellenwood, Corey Greene, Simon Henry, Lydell Mitchell, Grace Sobotta, Kross Taylor, Titus Yearout.

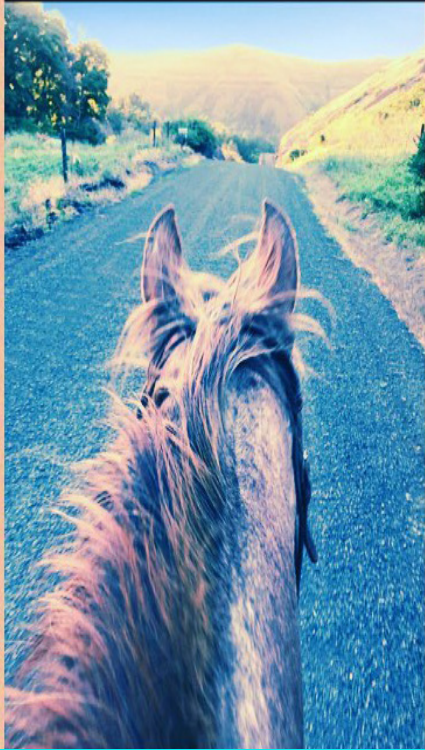
**FRESHMEN:** 4.0 gpa — Wanbli Chimburas, Amaris Mitchell; 3.0-3.9 gpa — Lilinoe George, Jaspen Ellenwood, Lauren Gould, Rainbow Henry, Soa’ali’i Moliga;

**EIGHTH GRADE:** 4.0 gpa — Presley Nellesen, Ayanna Oatman-Pinkham, Joseph Payne, Samara Smith, Abigail Whitman, Kase Wynott; 3.0-3.9 gpa — Christopher Bohnee, Mason Brown, Marshall Earls, Mathias Fox, Owen Gould, Taillee Kickingwoman, Sierra Sage Leighton, Jordyn McCormack-Marks, Qubilah Mitchell, Layson Morrell, Ahlius Yearout.

**SEVENTH GRADE:** 4.0 gpa — Amasone George, Romelia Henry, Faith Sobotta; 3.0-3.9 gpa — Jamie Broncheau, Grace Carlin, Andraeana Domebo, James Paddlety III, Nalonni Simpson, Alexia Villavicencio.

SPRING BREAK RIDING CLINIC

MARCH 23 - 27, 2020



FREE clinic, ALL youth are welcome! We are so excited to be utilizing our Ewing Indoor Arena this time around! See you on spring break!

**Group A**  
(Ages 12-18)  
8:30-11:30 a.m.

**Group B**  
(Ages 6-11)  
1.) 12:00-12:50 p.m.  
2.) 1:00-1:50 p.m.  
3.) 2:00-2:50 p.m.

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## Spring Session of Strengthening Families Program to be Offered

The Upriver Youth Leadership Council (UYLC) will be offering The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) beginning March 4th. This program is a free, fourteen-week interactive workshop for parents and children ages 6 to 11. Classes will begin at 5:30 pm at the Kamiah High School, and are facilitated by Trena Schlieper, Jennifer Heitman, and Tina Brotnov.

The sessions, which are designed to improve relationships between parents and their children, include dinner, games, discussions, shared activities and more. Each week's two-and-a-half-hour session begins with a free family dinner. "We will offer nutritious meals that are family-friendly through a partnership with our local churches" said Sharlene Johnson, UYLC Executive Director. Johnson also noted that there will be family-friendly door prizes throughout the course and that all graduating families will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. Childcare for younger children is available, as well as mileage reimbursement for all families who complete the entire fourteen-week class.

After dinner, families are divided into groups, with adults and children meeting separately. In their session, youths are led by two trained facilitators through various activities, games and

discussions. Issues that are covered include setting goals, appreciating their parents and dealing with peer pressure, among other topics. In the meantime, the parents, working with a trained facilitator as well, discuss different expectations of parents that occur when raising adolescents, such as showing love, setting limits, making house rules and encouraging good behavior. The parents and their children then reunite for a one-hour family activity that promotes team-building. "This program will enlarge your tool belt as a parent," stated Trena Schlieper, a Kamiah Elementary School teacher who participated in the training, "You will gain skills and strategies that build your family's relationships."

Strengthening Families was developed at Iowa State University. Research done there has indicated that youth who took part in the program have had significantly lower rates of using alcohol and other drugs and have also had fewer behavioral problems in school. The program is offered in all 50 states and in more than 25 countries.

For more information, including how to register for upcoming sessions, please contact Sharlene Johnson at (208)-743-0392 or email [upriverylc@gmail.com](mailto:upriverylc@gmail.com).

## LCC Presents Awards at Annual Thanks-4-Giving Event

Each year Lapwai Community Coalition (LCC) hosts their Thanks-4-Giving event. This provides an opportunity to thank all those that have given their time, talents, and resources throughout the year to support LCC. The event is open to the community providing a recap of the year, lunch, and a presentation of three awards.

This year LCC selected Soa Moliga as Youth of the Year. Moliga is president of the Next Gen Youth Advisory Board and active in her community. She is known to be quite involved and always willing to help. She is the daughter of Tui and Taricia Moliga.

Shawna Leighton was selected as Community Member of the Year. Leighton is the secretary for LCC and works for the Lapwai School District. She is a strong advocate for all youth and has been working in that capacity for several years. She is also a valuable resource to those youth and their families in need.

For Community Partner of the Year, LCC selected University of Idaho Extension Program for the Nez Perce Reservation. This program is managed by Danielle Scott. Scott is vice chair for LCC. Through her program she brings a plethora of opportuni-

ties and resources for the youth and LCC. She is also a regular volunteer for LCC fundraisers, especially when it comes to being in costume and dancing to a Michael Jackson tune.



*Community Partner of the Year-  
U of I Extension Office  
for Nez Perce Reservation*



*Community Member of the Year-  
Shawna Leighton*



*Youth of the Year-  
Soa Moliga*

## Idaho Writing Challenge: Deadline Feb. 28th

**Enter in the 11th Annual Idaho Youth Writing Challenge:  
Our Collective Future!**

Idaho middle school/junior high and high school students are invited to create an original poem that tells a story in 100 words or less about Our Collective Future.

Let's create an emergent genre of stories about the future we want - stories that grasp the struggle that we must undertake, grounded in the reality of our world today and our vision for tomorrow.

### Choose from one of the five prompts:

- Collective Thriving: Who do we need to be and what do we need to do for everyone to thrive?
- Authentic Love: How can we love our whole selves and others authentically? Envision a world where we love others for who they truly are.
- Belonging: What is possible if we honor everyone's true selves, if everyone has a purpose and a role across generations and communities?
- Cooperation: How can we transform from a culture of competition to cooperation? What would we need to change about our culture?
- Healing: What do we need to heal so that we can move toward collective thriving? What will be possible if we heal ourselves first?

### Awards include:

- \$100 to each of the top 10 selections for middle school/junior high and high school! (20 total)
- \$25 gift-cards to each of the published authors in our upcoming book to be released in April 2020!
- 10 students will be selected to read their story at Tree Fort Music Festival Storyfort! Travel costs covered for student authors, and one adult chaperone.

Increase your chances to have your poem be chosen for publishing by submitting up to three poems!

Accepting submissions till midnight on Friday, February 28, 2020.  
Stories of Transformation Themes, Guidelines, and Awards

Submit Stories at

<https://idvsa.org/2020-story-circle-challenge-submission-form/>

The Idaho Commission on the Arts, Idaho Writer in Residence, Malia Collins will assist in the selection of the final submissions.





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RACHEL EDWARDS  
at (208) 843-2253.  
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Incumbent – Bill Picard  
Incumbent – McCoy Oatman  
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THE ELECTIONS JUDGES:  
-Melissa King  
(208) 843-7307 or  
melissak@nezperce.org  
-Melissa Guzman  
(208) 843-7332 or  
melissag@nezperce.org  
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(208) 669-0115 or  
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## North-Central Idaho Timber Market Outlook

University of Idaho  
Extension is offering:  
North-Central Idaho  
Timber Market Outlook  
The program will have  
presentations from forest  
economists and mill  
representatives that will  
look at factors influencing  
log prices and prospects for  
where they may be headed in  
the future.

Thursday, March 12, 2020,  
from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm,  
at the Extension office,  
2200 Michigan Ave.,  
Orofino, Idaho.

Sign-In begins at 5:30 pm.  
Cost is \$10.00 per person.  
Call the UI Extension office  
at 208-476-4434 or email  
clearwater@uidaho.edu for  
additional program  
information.

Pre-registration is highly  
encouraged to ensure  
seating availability and to  
help us plan for handouts  
and refreshments.



## OSHA HazWOPER Training

FREE OSHA HazWOPER Training March 16-19, 2020  
OSHA 8 hour HazWoper Refresher March 20, 2020  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
205 Birch Ave. E,  
Lapwai, Id 83540

This four-day training course satisfies the basic requirements of OSHA 29 CFR 1910 required by Federal and State agencies to work in: General Industry, Construction Sites, Demolition, Facilities Management, HazMat Response, Waste Management, Health Facilities, House Facilities, House Keeping, Emergency Operation  
20 seats available with lunch, refreshments, and learning materials provided. 40 hour HazWOPER Certification and 8 hour HazWOPER Refresher Certification will be issued at course completion. ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN

Contact John Loffredo 208-843-7368, johnl@nezperce.org, or  
contact Kay Seven, 208-621-4604, kseven@nezperce.org

## Foster Homes

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster home for Nez Perce Tribal Children? You can inquire more information on how to become a foster home by contacting Loretta Higheagle @ (208)843-4669 or lorettai@nezperce.org.



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has been extended to  
**March 20, 2020!**

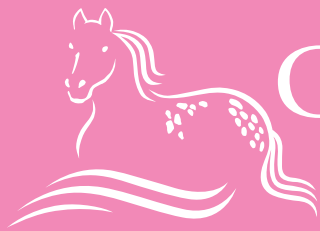
For any high school seniors/potential transfer students interested in attending WSU in the fall, this scholarship is for \$4000/year, renewable for 4 years, a total of \$16k! More information and the scholarship packet can be found at:  
<https://native.wsu.edu/mouscholarship/>

- Applicants must be an enrolled member of one of the tribes that is signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding with WSU. (Nez Perce Tribe, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Colville Confederated Tribes, Confederated Tribes of the Salish and Kootenai, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Cowlitz Tribe, Kalispel Tribe, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, Quinault Tribe, and Spokane Tribe)

- Applicants must have a minimum high school or college GPA of 3.0.

The Nez Perce Tribal Education Department is part of the process as students are required to get nomination of their Tribe by submitting the app first to the Education Department for signatures of the director and Tribal Chairperson. The process is outlined in the app.





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