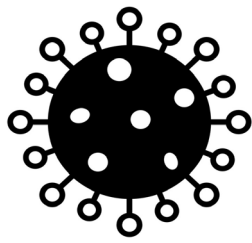


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Nez Perce Tribal Police Officer Chris Brown Awarded the Life Saving Award



*(L to R:) Patrol Supervisor John P. Williamson,
Officer Chris Brown and Officer Wade WhiteEagle.
Officer Chris Brown holding his Life Saving Award.*

On Monday May 18, 2020 at approximately 2148 hours, Nez Perce Tribal Officer Chris Brown responded to an overdose call which involved multiple subjects. The Nez Perce Tribe Police Department (NPTPD), Nez Perce County Deputies and Lewiston Fire and Ambulance were dispatched to the scene.

The scene described in Brown's report outlines a chaotic, panic stricken gathering of friends and relatives, who were desperate in their efforts to find professional assistance. His report indicated that the two female subjects were located in separate areas of the residence and were being attended to by various family members.

Brown's professional demeanor and calm response to the situation allowed him to prioritize the subject who was in the most critical need. In the midst of all this chaos, Brown was able to quickly and decisively assess the unconscious female, who was describe in Brown's report as having "no pulse and was not breathing". Using the skills and tools acquired over the years as a Professional Law Enforcement Officer, Brown administered the single dose of Naloxone he carried on him and began chest compressions on the female. Brown's actions surely saved the life of the female on this particular day.

"In the days that have followed, I have heard from many friends and family members of the aforementioned female subject, who have unilaterally praised Brown's actions and professional demeanor," said NPTPD Patrol Supervisor, John P. Williamson. "Each of the family members have stated that Brown saved the life of their loved one and each family member has asked that Brown is offered their sincerest, heart felt thank you."

Based on Brown's actions on this particular day, during this particular call in accordance with *Nez Perce Tribal Police Department Supplemental Policy 14.0 Evaluations, Promotions, Commendations subsection 14.4.3 Life Saving: Awarded to officers for saving a human life, or for valiant lifesaving efforts, even though the victim may perish. The employee performed his duty with calm, professional determination, applying the necessary skills to save the life of another. This award may be bestowed with any other award if merited.*

It goes without saying that there is no question, Brown represented the Nez Perce Tribe Police Department in the best way possible during this call. The NPTPD is proud to serve alongside a man of his caliber.

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

June tustimasáat'al (too-stee-ma-sot-tall)

"time to go up to higher country for root gathering, sun is high"

wic'éetx wáaq'is "stay well"



FEVER

kamká 'ila'yqtamáawca

"When you have a fever
(i.e. are fevering or are
having excessive heat)"



COUGH

kamká tamawíin'é
'oḡa'óḡaca

"When you are
coughing too much"



SHORTNESS OF BREATH

kamká héesink'iim wées

"When you have
difficulty breathing
(i.e. shortness of breath)"

Grande Ronde River
Oregon

NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE

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Publisher's Corner

Bombarded with the ever-changing reports of this global pandemic by both social media and mainstream media, you may have been overwhelmed with thoughts causing more chaos than calm inside of your mind. For those of us who have been feeling that way, now is the perfect time to surrender those thoughts and release the illusion that we ever had control.

Activated by the current state of the world, where do you find yourself grasping for control right now? Work, business, relationships, money? These are all situations where we never really had total control or stability in the first place, just the illusion of it. We can do our part in each instance, but we cannot control the outcome. Instead of struggling and attempting to constantly hold it all together. Sometimes we just need to pause and let ourselves breathe into this space and allow a sense of ease, like a river flowing through us instead of swimming upstream against the currents.

Even in times of instability and chaos, we always have a choice. We can choose how we respond to it. We are not victims of our reality, we are strong Nimiipuu who come from greatness. Our ancestors fought so that we could be standing here today, strong and proud of who we are. So I encourage you to take your power back, breathe in the simple pleasures and fully embrace your strength.

When required to practice social and physical distancing, we don't need to consider it to be a time of total disconnection from everything. We can always bond with Mother Earth, giving her some love and attention during this time as she heals. Spending time in nature may help ground your energy and slow down your nervous system, which is desperately needed when your mind urges you to raise the energy levels up in a fear and panic.

As we transition from season to season, waiting for COVID-19 to reappear, we can all embrace this time and this new beginning. Right now we have an incredible opportunity to take a look at how we have been doing things, finding out what is causing the chaos and what brings the peace inside our own minds. We know what is going on, we know how to take care of our health and protect our families through this unprecedented time, but I encourage everyone to keep spreading ways we can take care of ourselves, especially our minds.

Listen to the messages from the plants and the songs of the birds. As we breathe in, the trees breathe out, as we breathe out the trees breathe in. Without a spiritual connection to the earth, there is a disconnect in the circle of life. You are more powerful than you know, more connected than you know, and more impactful than you know. Trust and let every action you take be infused with believing in who we are as Nimiipuu.

Nez Perce Tribe Spring General Council Rescheduled

Lapwai, Idaho- The 2020 Spring General Council of the Nez Perce Tribe, which was postponed because of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, is now scheduled to be held on June 18-20, 2020, at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai, Idaho. The Nez Perce Tribe General Council committee made the decision to move forward with the newly scheduled 2020 Spring General Council based on guidelines from Nimiipuu Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state of Idaho for safely conducting large gatherings.

The Spring General Council, typically held the first full weekend in May, is a large event that invites the entire Nez Perce Tribe membership to attend a three-day meeting to receive updates from all tribal entities and discuss important matters. The event also includes the General Election for three seats on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee.

The original postponement of the 2020 Spring General Council for safety reasons was confirmed after a small, brief gathering occurred on the originally scheduled date, May

7, 2020. During the meeting, the General Council Committee Chair, Julia Davis-Wheeler, pursuant to recommendations from an accredited parliamentarian, made a motion to postpone the General Council until a later date. The motion was seconded, all attendees were in favor, and the motion passed.

This year's Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee elections were also postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The final results of the rescheduled Primary Election were tallied on Friday, May 29, 2020. On the day of the final count for the primary election, 892 ballots had been received. This was a record return.

In previous elections, tribal members were required to vote in person. During the General Election at General Council, on average approximately 645 ballots are received. This was a historic milestone for the Tribe; conducting the first vote by absentee ballot for all tribal members over the age of 18.

Moving forward into the General Election for Seat One will be Samuel Penney and Rachel Edwards who both received the most votes

of the six candidates on the ballot. The vote tally was: Bridgette Greene (93 votes), James Spencer (36 votes), Allen Slickpoo Jr. (113 votes), Samuel Penney (264 votes), Rachel Edwards (261 votes), and Keith Kipp Sr. (116 votes). Nine ballots were considered invalid. For Seat Two of the General Election, McCoy Oatman (incumbent) and Quintin Ellenwood will be on the bal-

lot. For Seat Three, Casey Mitchell (incumbent) and Louis Harris will be on the ballot.

The General Election ballot count will occur on Saturday, June 20, 2020. The deadline to submit ballots for the General Election will be by the end of the business day on June 19. The count will be streamed online via Facebook Live, through the Nez Perce Tribe Face Book page.

NOTICE

Nez Perce Tribe
Spring General Council

RESCHEDULED

New Dates:

June 18, 19, 20

(Subject to change)

Lapwai, Idaho

(Location TBA)

It is with reluctance that we have made the decision to reschedule the Spring General Council. However, due to the COVID-19 concerns we want to take all precautions and avoid any large gatherings at this time.

Due to the constantly changing environment, the date and location are subject to change. Updates will be provided as we approach June.

We appreciate your understanding.

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Clearwater River Casino & Lodge Reopens it's Doors

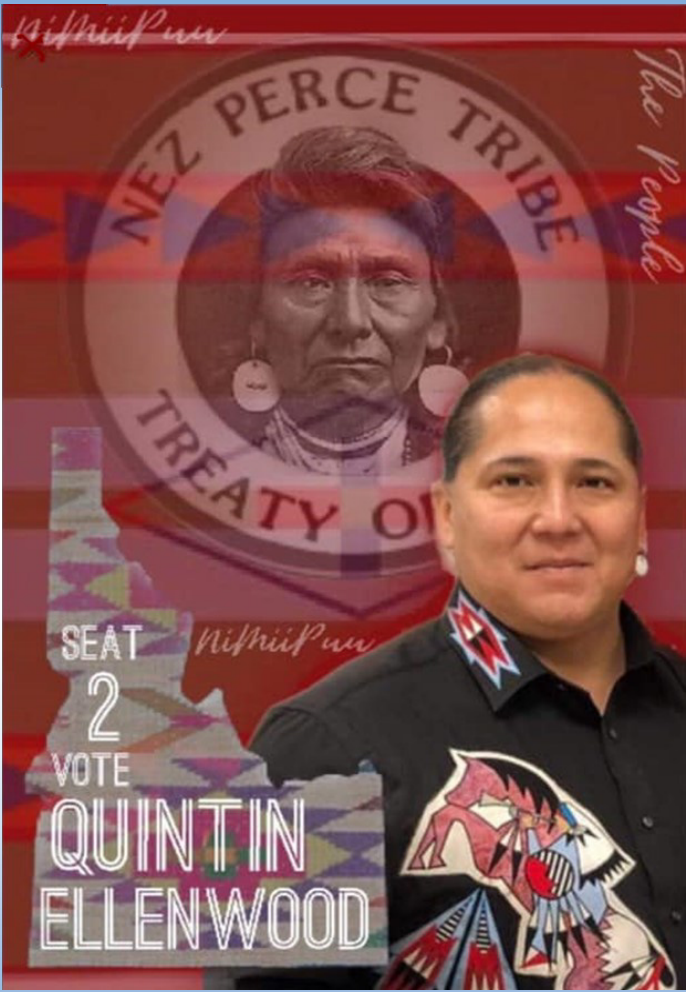


The Clearwater River Casino & Lodge (Casino) ceased operations on March 18, 2020 as a safety precaution in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, staff have been working diligently to prepare to welcome back customers to the gaming floor by completely sanitizing the facility and initiating new safety measures. Collective mitigation efforts in this region appear to

have minimized the threat of COVID-19 in the community as there has been a decline in COVID-19 cases. In addition, the Casino has met all of the recommended standards set forth by Nimiipuu Health and the Nez Perce Tribal Emergency Operations Command Center to safely reopen. As a result, the Casino has reopened it's doors as of May 22, 2020. In deciding to reopen,

the Casino has focused on two priorities in order to move forward; providing a safe work environment for all staff and providing a safe environment for customers. New protocols will include temperature screenings for staff and customers prior to entering the facility, enhanced cleaning and sanitation, social distancing requirements, mask usage, and no smoking. The Casino will also have specific hours of operation, to allow for ample cleaning and sanitation measures. The new hours are Sunday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. (midnight), Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. Some areas of the establishment have also been repurposed to allow for additional spacing of the gaming machines. In addition, hand sanitizer stations have been made available throughout the facility. Beverage stations will

be available but managed by staff. The Qeqiit Restaurant will be offering limited food options, to-go only. The Stadium Sports Bar will continue to provide drinks. The Yawwinma Café will have limited food, snacks, and drinks available. All new safety protocols adopted are based on the Nez Perce Tribe's COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures, the Centers for Disease Control standards, and Nimiipuu Health recommendations. "We have taken the last couple months to ensure we are taking every necessary precaution. We want all of our customers and staff to feel safe while in our establishment. We are excited to welcome back all of our customers and we look forward to providing everyone with our legendary hospitality," commented Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises Executive Officer, Kermit Mankiller.



SEAT 2
VOTE
QUINTIN ELLENWOOD

VOTE

Quintin Ellenwood

NPTEC Seat 2

I have heard your concerns and believe me when I say “I hear & feel you”! All your concerns are valid and I know you want action. I know you are concerned about senior housing & assistants, homelessness, jobs, education and training, public safety, strategic land acquisitions and protecting natural and cultural resources. I have these same concerns also and I will work hard to address these concerns for all Nimiipuu.

If elected, I will do all that I can to address your concerns and bring them to the sub-committee & NPTEC table. Work with all our Boards & Commissions. I believe my past work ethic speaks volumes meaning when given a task I will not stop until it is completed. I’ll be that voice who asks the hard questions for the well being of the people. I’ll look at the over-all picture of an issue without any bias or personal interest and make the best decision for the Nez Perce Nation.

Nimiipuu you have the constitutional right to have your voices heard and I encourage you to make your voices heard by voting in this year’s absentee voting. It takes all of us working together to create a more educated, prosperous and healthy Nation.

Tuukepelikeycey/Vote Quintin Ellenwood NPTEC seat #2.

Candidate For The People

Nez Perce Tribe COVID-19 Response Distribution

With the growing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, in early March an Emergency Operations Command (EOC) team was mobilized to keep abreast of the latest information and data related to COVID-19. The team was led by Marty Antone, Nez Perce Tribal Police Department Captain, who stated, "We will continue to march forward and do our best to protect the people in our communities."

The EOC team worked together to establish resources, supplies, and response protocols. They conducted daily meetings to debrief, discuss and address requests. The EOC team also worked collaboratively with Nimiipuu Health, to ensure emergency operations assisted the clinic in meeting the demands imposed on it by the COVID-19 pandemic. They worked diligently making sure the tribal community was adequately supplied and well cared for.



Line of families picking up care packages during phase 2 of the distribution

One of those resources provided was a food distribution center, located at the Clearwater River Casino Event Center. This became the hub for a food and supply distribution for Nez Perce Tribal members. Once the preparation for distribution was completed, the Tribe opened a COVID Response Distribution Call Center for Nez Perce families on and near the Nez Perce Reservation. During the first phase, once a request was made to the call center, individual boxes of food and supplies were prepared. Recipients were then able to do curbside pickup of their items; some boxes were also delivered. The second phase was a push to get all remaining items out to families, providing pre-packed boxes on a first-come first-serve basis, in Lapwai and Kamiah.

According to NPT Executive Director and EOC Logistics Section Chief, Rebecca Miles, "The distribution center was one of the activities we

put into action to help tribal members access much needed items during a stay at home order. It turned into so much more with the staff and volunteers that went above and beyond. We had a fully stocked distribution center, following CDC guidelines and FEMA distribution guidelines. We put all of that into process and policy so if we needed to do it again, we have the playbook to start it immediately."

During the first phase 512 homes, and 1,727 people were served. During the second phases 364 pre-filled boxes were given out. "We hope the limited resources that we were able to provide helped in some way. Our volunteers put in many hours of work and took extra precautions to ensure the safety of all involved," said Catherine Bigman, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director, Executive Assistant.

All of the employees and volunteer who were a part of the distribution spent time

away from their own families working long hours, including weekends, putting their own health at risk for the purpose of serving others and helping fill vital needs of the community. "This would not have happened without the exceptional hard work of our team. I cannot thank them enough and we hope down the road, when we get through these hard times, we can share and celebrate the hard work of these wonderful people," Miles concluded.



NPTEC Chairman, Shannon Wheeler paying a visit to the Emergency Operation Center



Bobby Parrish and Jerry McCormack (NPT Maintenance) loading boxes for delivery



COVID-19 Response team members at the Emergency Operation Center

Lewis Clark Valley Chamber and Local Businesses to Establish

The LC Valley Small Business Recovery Fund to Help Aid Local Businesses Innovia Foundation Assists as Lead Non-Profit The Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce in partnership with local businesses and generous community members have established the LC Valley Small Business Recovery Fund, held at Innovia Foundation. The Fund creates a tax-free mechanism for businesses and individuals to contribute critical funds to struggling small LC Valley businesses on the edge of closure due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. A recent membership survey revealed that 7.26 percent of LC Valley businesses that responded are closed, and 21.77 percent are open but with limited operations. The LC Valley Small Business Recovery Fund will provide microgrants to businesses with zero to five employees in Nez Perce and Asotin Counties. Funds are specifically designated for businesses that did not qualify for, would not benefit from, or missed the opportunity to receive Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), Paycheck Protection Program funding (PPP), or the Idaho Rebound Grant. Gifts made to the Fund will primarily be granted to cover limited but critical ex-

penses such as rent/mortgage and utilities, with the goal of helping local businesses make it through some of the toughest times while still trying to remain open or open back up. "Our goal is to respond compassionately yet strategically to help meet basic operating needs for local businesses that slipped through the cracks and have not received financial assistance," said Kristin Kemak, president and CEO of the Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce. "The LC Valley Small Business Recovery Fund at Innovia Foundation will collaborate with community partners to address immediate needs of small businesses in crisis. These are some of the local shops, merchants and service people who we have come to enjoy and depend on as part of the LC Valley's overall quality of life." After review and approval by the Fund's selection committee, and if granted assistance, payments will be made directly to the applicants' vendor and utility service providers. Potential businesses must be registered with state, provide a Tax Identification Number and be in general good standing with the city, state and federal governments. "Through differing and unfortunate circumstances,

many of our small businesses have not been able to receive even basic support that others in the community have relied on during these challenging times," said Chad Smith, Vice President of Lending at LCCU and LC Valley Small Business Recovery Fund Committee Member. "Our goal is to do what we can to assist these business owners who want to stay open; who want to remain employers and who simply want to continue serving the needs of the LC Valley community." The Fund will begin accepting applications at 12am midnight on May 26, 2020, with the goal of the first distribution in early June. Applications will be processed on a first come first serve basis. Please visit the Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce's website at lcvalley-chamber.org/business-recovery-fund for the application. Website will not be available until midnight on May 26. The Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce does not unlawfully discriminate with regard to employees, volunteers, delivery of programs or services, or clients served based on age, sex, religion/creed, race, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expres-

sion, disability, marital status, military or veteran status, pregnancy or genetic information. About the Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce: The Lewis Clark Valley Chamber of Commerce represents 537 small and large businesses employing 17,716 Washingtonians and Idahoans located on both sides of the Snake River. These members reside primarily in the cities of Clarkston, Lewiston, Lapwai and Asotin. Our vision is to create a united community, vibrant business environment and an exceptional quality of life in the Lewis Clark Valley. About the Innovia Foundation: Innovia Foundation ignites generosity that transforms lives and communities. We envision vibrant and sustainable communities, where every person has the opportunity to thrive. As the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho, we partner with people who want to make our part of the world better. Since 1974, the foundation's endowment has grown to \$135 million. Through the generosity of donors and the passionate support of our nonprofit and community partners, Innovia Foundation has awarded more than \$81 million dollars to organizations that improve lives.

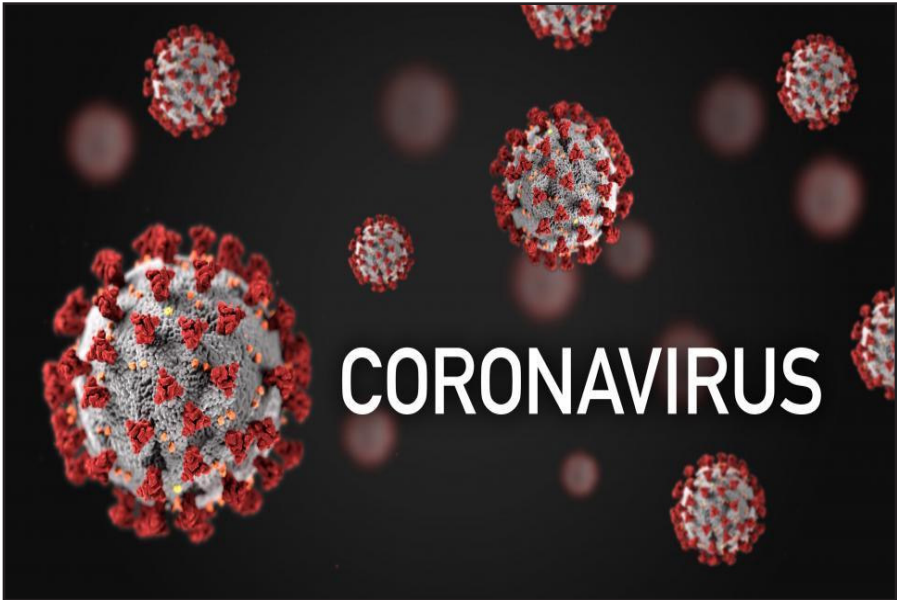
COVID-19 Update for Nez Perce Reservation

Lapwai, Idaho- As of May 15, 2020, Nimiipuu Health has tested 137 individuals for the COVID-19 virus. Of those tests, 17 have returned positive. All positive tests were from persons tested at the Lapwai clinic located in Nez Perce County. The ages of the individuals that tested positive range from ages 1 – 80. There have been no additional positive tests since May 11. Since Nimiipuu Health confirmed its first positive COVID-19 test on May 1, the facility has ramped up testing. The medical staff started testing all patients, including

asymptomatic patients, in an effort to gain perspective of the virus' reach on the Nez Perce Reservation. There have been multiple asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive. Based on more recent tests, it appears the virus now has community spread on the Nez Perce Reservation. This is due to one individual testing positive without that individual having any known contact with a COVID-19 positive person. "We want to test as many people as we can, provided testing kits and supplies remain available. These tests indicate the extent of the virus'

presence on the Reservation. Amongst several unknowns, we are striving to manage

the situation as best we can," stated Nimiipuu Health Medical Director, Kim Hartwig, M.D.



“Mexican Oxy” is Cause of Overdose Situation



Lapwai, Idaho- On the evening of May 18, 2020, Nez Perce Tribal Police Department (NPTPD) officers were dispatched to respond to reports of a potential overdose situation. Upon arrival, officers discovered two unconscious individuals. One of the individuals was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The other individual had labored breathing and at times would gasp for air. Narcan, a nasal spray that can help reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, including respiratory depression, was provided to both individuals. They were revived and transported to a local medical facility.

The drug of concern was a small blue pill, stamped with an “M” on one side and “30” on the other, nicknamed “Mexican oxy”. The two individuals had each consumed ½ of a single pill.

According to an article from AP News, “Mexican Oxy” is disguised as oxycodone. The drug, however, is actually fentanyl and comes in doses that range from low to lethal. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl is now the drug involved in the most fatal overdoses in the United States. From 2016 to 2017, fentanyl accounted for some

28,000 overdose deaths. Additionally, Customs and Border Protection data shows that most fentanyl smuggled from Mexico is only about 10% pure. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, 27% of the tablets seized between January and March of 2019 contained potentially lethal doses of fentanyl. A lethal dose of fentanyl is estimated to be about two milligrams, but can vary based on an individual’s body size, tolerance, amount of previous usage and other factors.

“This is a dangerous drug that has arrived on the Nez Perce Reservation. We were fortunate that our officers reached the two individuals in time before anything worse occurred. There is no telling the ratio of fentanyl in a pill or how quickly this drug can take effect on a person. Using any drugs, but especially one like this, is a gamble with one’s life which can be lethal,” stated NPTPD Lieutenant, Dan Taylor.

See something?
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Digital Eye Strain is Real

How long do you think you spend looking at your phone each day? How about your tablet? Your computer? What about watching TV?

We spend in average 4-6 hours a day in front of a screen. That amount has increased tremendously for the past 2 months with us following the news, working from home and doing distance learning. With increased time spent on digital devices, some of us may have noticed eyes burning frequently or sometimes getting a headache on the forehead or by temples. Prolonged viewing of digital screens can cause the following symptoms,

- Eye strain or tired eyes
 - Fatigue
 - Headaches
- Blurred vision or loss of focus
 - Dry eyes – burning/teary/red eyes
 - Neck/shoulder pain
 - Sleep disorders

Another interesting fact is that we normally blink, on average, 15 times per minute. However, when we concentrate and stare at things (i.e. when we are reading an interesting novel, watching a movie or playing a video game) we can go over a minute without blinking. Reduced blinking disrupts tear distribution and in turn cause or worsen the symptoms mentioned above.

Also, how your work station is set up can help improve or worsen above symptoms as well. With COVID-19 pandemic, many have had to create a makeshift work station with small laptop at home; on the dining table, in a bedroom or living room with dim or poor lighting. We didn’t get much time to consider ergonomics and properly set up our or our children’s work station.

You may wonder if there is any way to alleviate those symptoms that not only tire our eyes out but seem to suck the energy out of you also. Below are some ways

you can improve your visual comfort while using computer and other digital devices.

Keep your screens clean. Dim it if it is much brighter than your surroundings.

Remember to blink often. Blinking helps to distribute your tears evenly. Even distribution of tears help your eyes focus better.

Consider using artificial tears. Extra lubrication can help maintain clarity of vision.

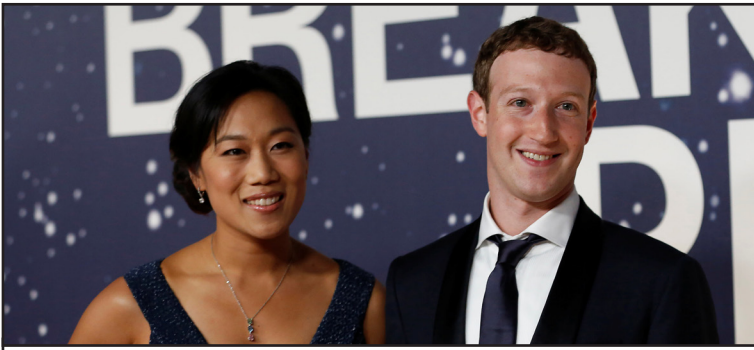
Contact lens wear can cause your eyes to dry and irritate more. Try wearing glasses and give your eyes a break from contact lenses.

Make sure the screen is at least at your arm’s length away and is not too high or low. Your forearms should be at good height for your keyboard and your back posture is good. It is best if you can position yourself so that you are looking slightly down at the screen when you are actively using it.

Practice 20-20-20 rule: After 20 min of screen exposure, take a 20 second break and look at something 20ft. Being exact is not the key here, actually. The point of this rule is, take frequent breaks for your eyes and your mind. If you have a window and you can see hills, that is great! Or a neighbor’s driveway across the street? That is far enough. Sometimes, it’s best to just turn off the screen for a while and go for a walk.

You can also consider computer glasses. They are specifically made for computer/screen usage. Wide range of people can benefit from it. Often, the prescription is different from your everyday glasses. Blue light blocking lenses and anti-glare coating are also available for your glasses. Talk with Dr. Huh or one of our friendly opticians next time you are in NMPH Optometry! Technology cannot be separated from our daily lives. But to utilize it to the maximum capacity and enjoy it for many years to come, we need to protect our eyes first and foremost.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Awards \$650,000 to Explore Culturally-Responsive Teaching and Engagement Practices



Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg

Nez Perce Education Department, Idaho State Department of Education, Lapwai School District, and Kamiah School District Partner on Cutting-Edge Research to Transform School Practices

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) today announced \$650,000 in funding to support the Nez Perce Tribe Education Department, in partnership with the Idaho State Department of Education. With the grant, the Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) program will explore the impact of culturally responsive teaching and academic advising practices on empowering students in their learning and development in Idaho's Lapwai and Kamiah School Districts. The STEP program provides technical assistance and professional development to school staff on culturally competent pedagogy, effective family engagement practices, culturally-responsive curriculum, leadership, and school environment practices. Strengthening shared leadership between parents/families and school staff on the school's parent involvement programs, policies, and practices is also a priority.

"This funding will enable us to expand the STEP program, and measure the impact of culturally-responsive teaching and engagement strategies for teachers, students, and families as a way to improve student academic, cognitive, social emotional, and identity development," said Joyce McFarland, Nez Perce Education Manager. "We believe effective engagement will strengthen

the relationship between students to teachers, teachers to families, and families to their children, which are all essential for supporting student self-direction and curiosity."

"Unlocking the power of advanced educational research depends on not only sharing with educators, but learning from, validating, and valuing their experiences and insights," said Sandra Liu Huang, head of education at CZI. "We are excited to support these collaborations between educators and researchers to advance whole child-focused school practices and help improve student outcomes."

This is one of nine grants, totaling \$5.45 million, announced today for teams of educators and researchers working together to improve school practices by applying the science of learning and development. The teams will be focused on school practices that help students develop self direction and curiosity. Each team, which includes educators, support organizations, and researchers, will participate in a multi-year collaboration designed to strengthen connections among educators, schools, and communities nationwide.

"We're excited to support the work of these teams to expand the definition of student success beyond academics by translating the science of learning and development into exemplary, replicable practices," said Brooke Stafford-Brizard, director of whole child development at CZI. "The Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership has demonstrated

the potential to not only improve student outcomes locally but to inform their peers and the broader education field."

CZI launched its Request for Applications for Effective School Practices to Support the Whole Child in August 2019. Today's announcement builds on CZI's efforts to expand the definition of student success beyond academics to include the identity, physical, mental, cognitive, social and emotional development of individual students. Each project reflects elements of Comprehensive Student Development (CSD), a research-based framework designed to ensure that every young person enters adulthood with the knowledge, skills, habits, and agency to thrive in a changing world.

CZI is committed to ensuring every young person enters adulthood with the skills and abilities they need to reach their full potential -- and each

teacher is equipped with the mindsets, tools and practices they need to support their students' learning and development. Learn more about CZI's education work at <https://chan-zuckerberg.com/education/>.

About Chan Zuckerberg Initiative: Founded by Dr. Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg in 2015, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) is a new kind of philanthropy that's leveraging technology to help solve some of the world's toughest challenges—from eradicating disease, to improving education, to reforming the criminal justice system. Across three core Initiative focus areas of Science, Education, and Justice & Opportunity, we're pairing engineering with grant-making, impact investing, and policy and advocacy work to help build an inclusive, just and healthy future for everyone. For more information, please visit www.chanzuckerberg.com.

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Ballmer Group Gives \$250,000 to Eastern Washington COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund

Spokane, Washington- Innovia Foundation announced this week a \$250,000 donation from Ballmer Group to the COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Fund for Eastern Washington.

"This is an ongoing crisis, and it will require an ongoing effort to support our most vulnerable populations. We are grateful to Ballmer Group for joining our funding collaborative to ensure that many of our region's nonprofits can withstand this crisis and continue to serve our region," said Innovia Foundation CEO Shelly O'Quinn.

The COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund for Eastern Washington is hosted at Innovia Foundation in partnership with Empire Health Foundation and Spokane County United Way.

"We are glad to partner with local businesses, philanthropies and individuals to make sure these organizations in Eastern Washington have the resources and support they need," said Andi Smith, Ballmer Group's Executive Director – Washington. In March, Innovia Foundation launched two COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funds that are designed to complement the work of

public health officials and expand local capacity to address the outbreak as effectively as possible. The two funds are: o COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund: Eastern Washington

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The \$250,000 commitment from Ballmer Group brings the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Funds to nearly \$2 million, with donations from businesses, philanthropic organizations and individual donors.

In partnership with over 100 regional advisory committee member volunteers, \$779,000 was distributed to 138 organizations throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho in the first round of grant-making. Grants were directed to nonprofit and grassroots organizations, as well as schools and other government agencies, that are on the front lines of the COVID-19 response.

The second round of grant distributions is expected in mid-May and will focus on locally identified needs of communities throughout Eastern Washington and North Idaho.

Individuals and organizations can donate and find additional information about the COVID-19 Re-

sponse and Recovery Funds via www.innovia.org/covid19.

The COVID-19 Community Response and Recovery Funds are anchored by donations from funders including Innovia Foundation, Empire Health Foundation, Spokane County United Way, Avista Foundation, Ballmer Group, BECU, Better Health Together, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Burlington Northern, Community Building Foundation, Delta Dental of Washington, Equinox Foundation, Health Sciences & Services Authority of Spokane County, Itron, Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation, Multi-Care Health System, M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Perigee Fund, Premera Blue Cross,

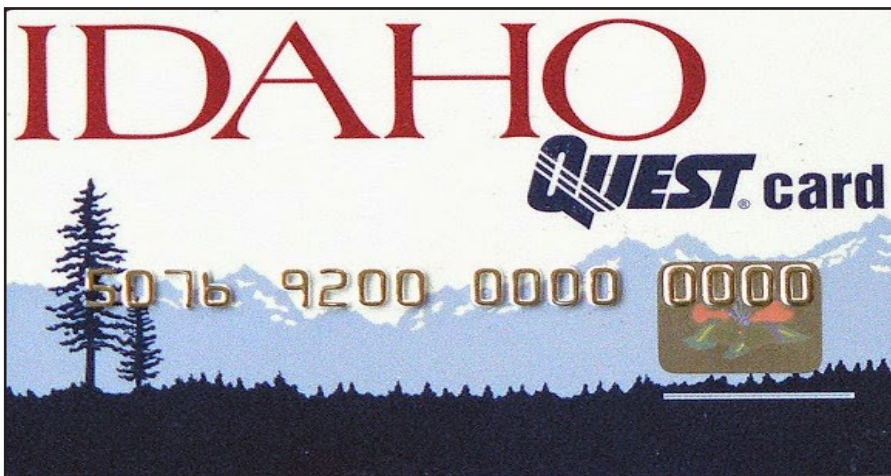
Providence Health Care, Umpqua Bank, Wells Fargo and Women Helping Women Fund.

Innovia Foundation ignites generosity that transforms lives and communities so that every person has the opportunity to thrive. As the community foundation for Eastern Washington and North Idaho, we partner with people who want to make our world better. We work together to address and solve our region's problems, help those in need, identify and respond to our greatest opportunities and leave a lasting impact. Each year, Innovia Foundation invests nearly \$7 million into our communities through grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and local students.



Steve and Connie Ballmer, Co-Founders of Ballmer Group.

Idaho SNAP Benefits Can Now be Used for Online Purchases



The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare is pleased to announce that Idaho families receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits can

purchase groceries online starting today at Amazon and at Walmart locations in Jerome and Caldwell. All Walmart stores will accept online orders starting Thursday, May 7.

Idaho has been approved to participate in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) online purchasing pilot project. SNAP recipients can choose in-store pickup or delivery, where available, but those who choose delivery will have to pay any delivery fee out of pocket. SNAP benefits do not cover these costs.

"As stay-at-home orders are lifted, everyone is still encouraged to continue practicing social distancing, and this should help that effort," said Kristin Matthews, program manager for Idaho SNAP. "At-risk and needy

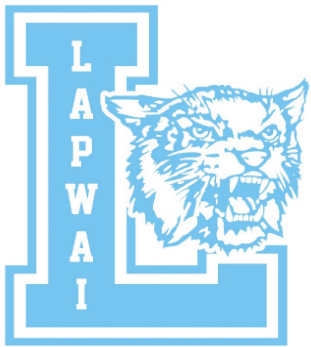
populations are still facing tremendous difficulty finding and purchasing food, and Idaho is continuing to explore ways to better serve them."

Walmart and Amazon are the only retailers currently approved by USDA to accept SNAP benefits online in Idaho. Other retailers may apply directly with USDA to participate in this program. If the closest Walmart is in another state, check with the store to see if online purchasing is available.

For more information on SNAP, visit www.livebettidaho.gov or call 855-289-1427 to apply.

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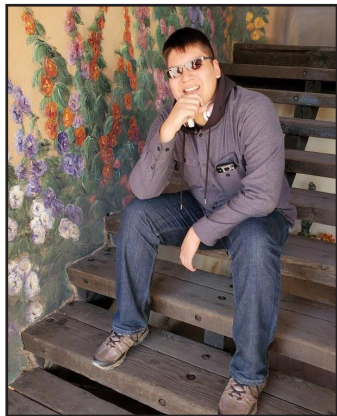
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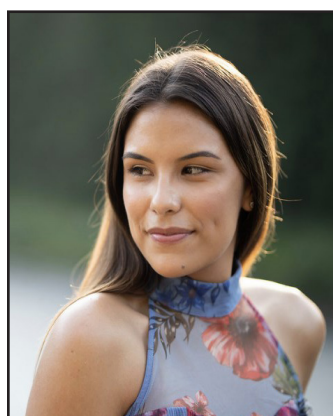
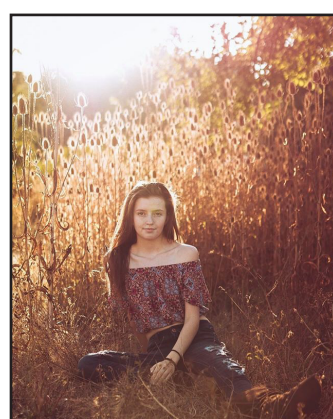
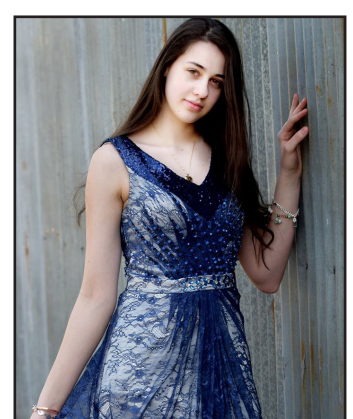
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Digital Library Services Increased, Self-Registration Offered

While Valnet libraries including your local Prairie River Library District branches work on a plan to safely resume services to our valued patrons, our community can access numerous digital resources via our website, www.prlld.org. Using the Libby app, patrons can download ebooks and audiobooks (up to five at a time) to a device, phone, or computer from anywhere with wi-fi for 3 weeks. A large purchase of new titles has increased availability and selection for readers and currently over 14,000 books are available to borrow for free with your library card. Kindle owners use the OverDrive app to access the same selection.

In addition to our growing digital library, PRLD has created a COVID-19 resource page (<http://www.prlld.org/covid-19-resources>) featuring links to local and national health information, educational and entertaining pages including Idaho History at Home, museum tours, wildlife cams and more. A reminder

that the Idaho Commission for Libraries provides all residents, library patrons or not, access to a huge database of resources at Libraries Linking Idaho (LiLI). LiLI.org is the gateway for Idaho residents for free access to online tools for their educational, business, and recreational needs. The LiLI databases provide easy online access to the full text of thousands of magazines, professional journals, reference materials, and newspapers. Also included are databases for personal and professional development, including auto repair, readers' advisory, health information, language learning, genealogy, scholarly research, computer and software literacy, practice tests for college and occupational entrance exams, and much, much more!

Families finding themselves suddenly homeschooling can find many resources on our website including free access to Scholastic Teaching materials, an online database of thousands of searchable and

printable educational materials. Created by teachers and precisely leveled, these ready-to-use resources support parents preparing kids for kindergarten readiness, homeschool teachers and learners from Pre-K to grade 6, and young patrons who need extra skills practice. Log in with your library card number.

Any local resident who doesn't have a current Valnet library card can self-register for instant access to our digital catalog, including the streaming app Kanopy, for 60 days at valnet.org. One portion of the Kanopy app, Kanopy Kids, is entirely kid-friendly and features TV series like Sesame Street, family movies, popular children's books as story times, and more. Many children's authors are doing online drawing and story lessons on their personal social media channels. Ask your local library for more information.

It is important that the libraries reopen under the most current public safety and

social distancing guidelines to ensure the health of our community, and we appreciate the patience and support we have received thus far. All library due dates have been extended through May and we ask that patrons hold onto their borrowed items until we indicate we are ready to accept returns.

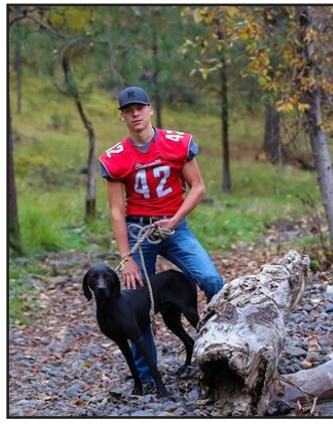
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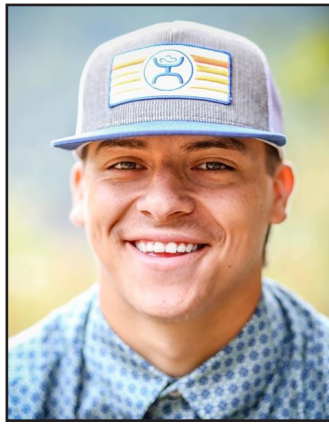
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Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees Continues Education from Home

Due to the Nez Perce Tribe's State of Public Health Emergency Declaration (NP 20-216) and Coronavirus Mandate (NP 20-215 AMENDED) Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees centers and classrooms in Lapwai and Kamiah remained closed. Essential employers maintained the offices with limited staff on site. The preferred method of communication is still by phone, email, or Facebook with your student's teacher and classroom. Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees: 208-843-7330 or jenny@nezperce.org or patricia@nezperce.org.

Your understanding is always appreciated during challenging times, and with adjustment to the pandemic, the Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees centers are determined to continue the students education. Teachers and staff have been busy assembling, delivering, mailing and handing out packets and sup-

plies to their classroom families for students to finish up the school year from home.

The teachers were very creative and innovative with the e-learning and remote learning teaching styles. There have been Zoom meetings, YouTube videos, Facebook groups, and online circle time to create fun and effective ways to remain in touch until the end of the school year to provide learning tools and encouragement.



*Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees student
Inez Taylor doing homework*

Lapwai School District Update

Dr. David Aiken and the Lapwai School District would like to thank everyone for their caring patience and support as the community awaited state direction to make some difficult decisions. Although the school staff miss the Lapwai students terribly, their latest guidance brings the 2019-2020 school year to a final close.

All of the Lapwai schools will maintain caring student connections with creative and engaging approaches to ensure learning continues. Communication will follow regarding grading and other year-end items. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with questions and needs for support throughout the summer.

Meal distribution will continue on weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lapwai Elementary. All children ages 1-18 are eligible for the free Grab-and-Go breakfast and lunch program. In the first month alone,

10,474 meals were collected including 5,237 breakfasts and 5,237 lunches. A huge thank you to the Lapwai cooks and meal distributors.

Lapwai High School is hard at work honoring the graduating class of 2020 with partnerships such as the Lapwai Wildcat Booster Club. There are many efforts occurring in the interim to celebrate these amazing students.

"On behalf of the staff and trustees of the Lapwai School District, we wish our families health and safety. We miss you," concluded Dr. Aiken.

A graduation ceremony will be held for the Lapwai High School graduating class of 2020 on Friday, June 19th, 6:00 p.m. at the Lapwai High School football track and field.

Douglas James Johnson, 78, Lapwai, ID

Douglas James Johnson, "XaXac Weheyqt," "Grizzly Bear Necklace," passed peacefully Saturday, May 23, 2020, because of natural causes.

Douglas was born and raised on the Nez Perce Reservation on April 25, 1942, growing up in the family home in Spalding. Douglas was the eldest son of Moffett and Teresa (Higheagle) Johnson. He was a member of the Joseph band and an enrolled Colville tribal member.

He was a hunter and fisherman who always had to have a new fishing pole every year. His early skills were taught by his father, Moffett, who helped him to perfect his cast.

His siblings recall his pet rooster, "Champ," whom he trained to obey his commands and perform tricks like a dog. His companion followed everywhere and was a faithful protector to Douglas.

Douglas was a member of the Boy Scouts and he and his friends were at the top of the ranks in regional competitions. Douglas graduated from Lapwai High School in 1960 and immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. Douglas was a tank mechanic and his siblings recall his many letters home and one in particular where he had received a citation for driving his tank off hours. Douglas would eventually attend automotive trade school in Long Beach, Calif. Throughout his life, he worked at Winchester Sawmill, Omark Industries, Yakama Legends Casino and Yakama Nation Housing Authority. Douglas

worked as the maintenance supervisor for the housing authority for many years. He loved serving the Yakama people and working among them.

Douglas will be remembered for his sense of humor and his love for his children. He loved mechanicing and fast cars. Douglas loved all music and especially jazz. His favorite pastimes in his later years was traveling the Northwest. Douglas was a loving father and grandfather who loved his children, grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Anthony Johnson, of Lapwai; daughters Dawn "Lisa" Johnson, of Lapwai, Stormy Johnson, of Nespelem, Wash., and Margot Johnson, of Wapato, Wash.; stepdaughters Tammie Anderson, of Auburn, Wash., Lanessa Abrahamson, of Auburn, and Natasha Washines, of Auburn; sisters Marilyn Lowry, of Wapato, Jackie Johnson, of Lapwai, Delia Johnson, of Lapwai, and Becky Johnson, of Lapwai; brothers Norman Johnson, of Lapwai, and Eugene Johnson, of Lapwai.

He was preceded in death by his father, Moffett Johnson; mother Theresa Higheagle; son Aaron Johnson; wife Jane Johnson (Howtopat); sister Madge Allen; and four brothers, Marvin, Wesley, Robert and Gary Johnson.

A private family viewing is set for 11 a.m. Friday at Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home in Lewiston. A graveyard service will follow at 1 p.m. at Old Spalding Cemetery. Please sign the online guestbook at www.malcomsfuneralhome.com.

**Olivia Alice Jackson, 69, Kamiah, ID**

Olivia Alice Jackson grabbed a hold of Jesus' hand and entered into heaven peacefully early on the morning of Sunday, March 5, 2020, surrounded by her family in her home.

Livie was born Sept. 10, 1952, in Lewiston, to Oliver and Colleen Jackson. She was the first born of their nine children. Livie grew up in Kamiah and attended school there. The family moved to Lewiston and she continued school. She also went to Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma. She later received her GED at Walla Walla Community College.

She married Anthony J. Jackson. They later divorced.

Livie traveled for many years with her mother, Colleen, to mostly tribal reservations ministering the gospel. Giving her life to Jesus completely changed her life. He greatest joy was studying the word of God and sharing it with others. She even became an ordained minister

under Jay Swallow Ministries.

Her travels slowed after she started dialysis 20 years ago. But she continued to minister on the phone.

She even joined the YWAM (Youth With A Mission) Ministries and was on the Ship Anastasis and did DTS (Discipleship Training School) and her mission was in Mexico.

Although Livie never had her own children, she raised many nephews and nieces who became like her own.

She was preceded in death by her father, Oliver A. Jackson Sr.; her brothers, Oliver Jr., Bennett and Eric; adopted sister Deanna Moffett; grandmother Lavinia S. Williams; grandparents Andrew and Ruth Jackson; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

She is survived by her mother, Colleen L. Lupe, at her Lapwai home; her siblings, Randall (Katsy), of Spalding, Dean (Vi), of Tom Beall Road, Tracey, of Lewiston, Jeanette, of Lapwai, Alexis (Wilford), of Lapwai, Levi Lupe and adopted sister Marjorie Williams, of Lewiston; and some of the nephews and nieces she helped raise, Reuben, Rocky, Inez, Sonya, Leah, Shantelle, Jonathan, Alexandria and Celeste.

A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. today at Kamiah First Church Cemetery. Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Beatrice McAtty Lawrence, 91, Lapwai, ID



Beatrice McAtty Lawrence, aka "Peaches," 91, of Lapwai, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2020. Beatrice was a Nez Perce Tribal member.

Bea was born Feb. 1, 1929, in Juliaetta to Abe McAtty and Stella Jackson-McAtty. She attended grade school in Spalding and spoke fluent Nez Perce. She completed a nurse's aide training program in Seattle and later was employed for the Nez Perce Tribe's Maternal Child Health Program and different Health and Human Services positions. Beatrice was a member of Spalding Presbyterian Church in Spalding.

Bea was a Nez Perce artisan who loved beading and sewing traditional items. She was known for making Pendleton steering wheel covers and mummy baby boards. She enjoyed reading, shopping and traveling with family to Tribal Elder Days across the Pacific Northwest. The most recent trip she enjoyed was traveling to

Las Vegas and the Southwest, where she could partake in her favorite activities: bingo and shopping for artisan materials.

Bea will be missed by her family. She will forever be remembered by her beautiful smile and big dimples.

Bea is survived by sisters Eunice Henry and Marjorie Hyde; and children Stella Charles, H. Judy Allen, Mose Pierre, Loretta Penney, Wilma Lawrence and Micheal Lawrence, all from Lapwai. Bea has 32 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren, whom she loved very much. Three granddaughters have been named after her: Roya Beatrice, Cherylita Beatrice and Beatrice Pierre.

Bea was preceded in death by her husband, William Lawrence; siblings Margaret Kramer, Beverly Davis, Walter McAtty, Cecil McAtty, Rodney McAtty, Douglas McAtty; children H. James Allen, Melvin Pierre, Lucinda Pierre, Richard Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, Kimberlee Lawrence, William Lawrence Jr. and E. Susie Oseguera.

Graveside services were held at Spalding Park Cemetery in Spalding, with officiating minister, Rev. Mary Jane Miles. Funeral arrangements are provided by Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home of Lewiston.

The family of Bea wishes to extend sincere appreciation to all medical providers

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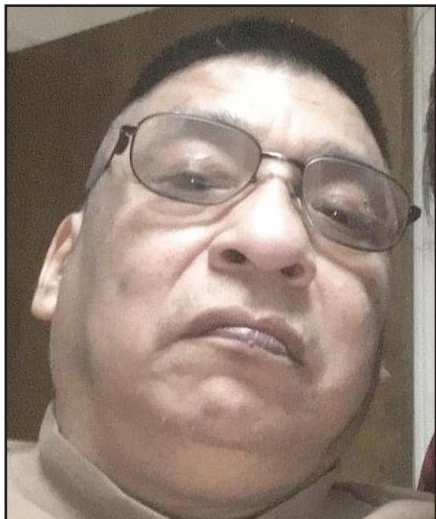
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Anuel Scott Jackson, 57, Lapwai, ID

Anuel Scott Jackson, 57, beloved brother, uncle, cousin and friend, passed away Thursday, April 9, 2020, of heart complications.

He was born Sept. 12, 1962, to Jabob and Frances Jackson, in Lewiston. He is one of many siblings. He was an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe. He grew up and after his accident that left him in a wheelchair, he returned to the family property on Webb Road, where he stayed till he was placed in nursing facilities for care.

He attended and graduated from Lapwai High School in the Class of 1981. After that, he put his time to working as a sawyer, firefighter and enjoyed gunsmithing for family, friends and himself. He then attended Lewis-Clark State College for small-business management. He enjoyed wrestling in school and enjoyed hunt-

ing, fishing and playing pool.

He never married, but had multiple dogs that kept him company, and he put his love toward them.

Survivors are sisters Venus Endicott, of Lewiston, Leslie (John) Wormell, of Lewiston, and Sylvia Jackson, of Lapwai; brothers include Robert Jackson, of Clarkston, Jacob (aka Boone) Jackson, residing at the family home, and Jeffrey (Lisa) Jackson, of Lewiston.

Preceding him in death were paternal grandparents David (Alice) Jackson; maternal grandparents Asa (Narcissa) Slow; his parents, Jacob (Frances) Jackson; sisters Patty Jackson and Bonnie Wright; brothers Darrel Jackson and Eddie Jackson; nephew William Hendricks; brothers-in-law Keith Hendricks and Kanie St. Paul; and his best female dog, Daisy Girl.

Thank you to all the health care professionals and friends who were a part of his journey. "It wasn't the easiest road but it was one hell of a ride." — Anuel Jackson.

A small family and friends celebration of life gathering will be determined at a later date to lay him to rest.

Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at www.malcomsfuneralhome.com.

Kenneth Sonneck, 83, Spalding, ID

Nez Perce tribal member Kenneth Gene Sonneck passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2020, peacefully surrounded by family at his home in Spalding. Ken was 81.

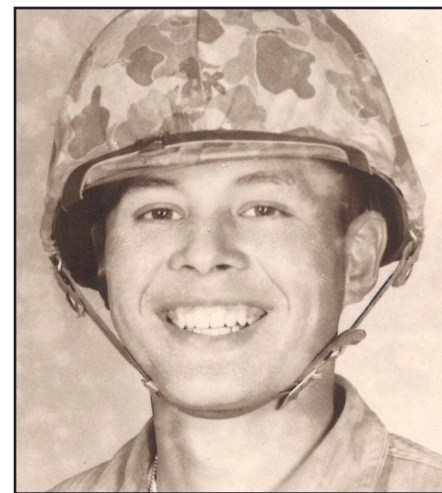
He was born June 2, 1938, to Ada Rogers and Frank Sonneck. His maternal grandparents are Hattie Davis Rogers and Charlie Rogers. Ken was married to Myrna L. Jackson in 1961 and they had four children together. He later married Vera Slickpoo in March 1983. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1956 and was honorably discharged in 1962. He worked for a number of different lumber companies until 1971. He then worked for Potlatch Corp. from 1971 until his retirement from there in 1997.

He was a devout Christian and member of the Methodist church in Lapwai. His hobbies included hunting,

fishing, watching the Seahawks and collecting coins. He was a loved husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Malita L. Sonneck; brother Willard Nanpooya; father Frank Sonneck; and mother Ada Rogers.

Kenny is survived by his siblings, Mark Homan, Dan Broncheau Jr., DeeAnna Klotzbuecher and Charlotte Fitch; his children, Murray L. Sonneck, of Winchester, Melissa J. Seyler, of Wellpinit, Wash., and Mia K. Sonneck, of Lewiston; his grandchildren, Sage Sonneck, Dayne Goodheart, Jordan Sonneck, Cheyenne Swift and Kennedy Seyler; great-grandchildren include Sinmsci Sonneck, Snpaqcin Sonneck, Louis Cullooyah, Colby White Jr., Ali White, Alexis Swift, Avery Goodheart, Lavender Goodheart, Jaleia Sonneck and Jayda Sonneck.

**Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Attao, 69, Lapwai, ID**

Vicente "Ben" Cabrera Attao completed his life journey Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene.

He came into this world July 19, 1952, on the beautiful island of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. He will be missed dearly by all those who knew him. "To be absent from the body, is to be in presence of the Lord."

Ben attended school in Saipan and graduated from Mount Carmel School, Class of 1971. As a Knight, Ben found his passion for basketball and played throughout his lifetime. After his high school graduation, he pursued studies in criminal justice at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore. There he

met several friends while doing his studies, playing basketball and billiards and becoming one of the biggest sports fanatics — especially cheering on the Mariners, Seahawks and Gonzaga teams.

It was at Blue Mountain where he saw this beautiful Nimiipuu woman who became his wife (three times), Elizabeth "Liz" (Arthur) Attao. Soon after, they relocated back to Lewiston where they started a family and he worked at the Potlatch mill in Lewiston. Later Ben worked for Lewiston Grain Growers at their warehouses in Lewiston, Lapwai, Sweet-

water and Lenore. It was also during this time he completed his degree in general studies at Lewis-Clark State College. In 1986, Ben joined the National Park Service working in maintenance with the Nez Perce National Historical Park team. He worked there until 2003. It was then he had the opportunity to transfer back to his home island, Saipan, to work with American Memorial Park both as a maintenance supervisor and to spend time with his mother, Rosario Cabrera At-

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tao, before she left us in 2009.

In 2017, after 20 years of service with the National Park Service, Ben retired and moved back to his Idaho home and to be with wife, Liz, in Lapwai. Ben kept close to his heart his family and friends. Many knew him for his great hospitality, especially his barbecues, and his favorite drink, Bud. He also loved the mountains and looked forward to fishing at Rapid River with his beloved friend, Jones Scott. They could be found cruising the Blues or 58. Ben was also a big Wildcat fan, supporting his daughters, nephews and nieces. Later, one might find him wearing gear from University of Idaho, Boise State University, Lewis-Clark State, Moscow wrestling club, Kanoa FC soccer team and the Army

and Navy to show his pride of his children and grandchildren.

Ben enjoyed the remaining years of his life, spending time with his wife, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed those who visited him, especially John "Chief" Naputi, Joe Santos, Eddie Concepcion, John Farnsworth, Waddo Scott, Carl Clausen and many Arthur family nephews and nieces. Those who knew Ben knew he enjoyed time he spent at the casinos, especially Coeur d'Alene Casino, Clearwater River Casino and Northern Quest. He appreciated the many friendships he had at the casinos. Ben had such a friendly spirit; he would make a new friend everywhere he went.

Ben's life and fond memories will live forever in the hearts of his wife, Liz Attao; daughters Kristine (James Greene) Attao, of Moscow,

Ina Attao and Catherine (Mark Toves) Attao, of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI); grandchildren Kristina (Drew) Waits, Samuel, James Jr., and Elizabeth Greene; Juanda (Karl Ada), Naomi, John Vincent Camacho and Vicente Leon Guerrero; Joseph Attao, Markel Toves, Raymond Mercado, Theresa, Merrick and Markus Toves' great-grandchildren, Roman and William Waits; sisters Celina "Celia" A. (Aldebert) Concepcion, of Saipan, NMI; and Maria Ramona "Marilyn" A. (Ricardo), of Bala-jadia, Guam, and Florencia (Ronald) Gacutan, of Saipan, NMI; brothers/sisters-in-law Benjamin Arthur, Victor Sisson, Mary Arthur, Joanne "Jo" (Leo) Arthur, Mark Arthur, Patricia Arthur, Virginia "Toby" (Tony) Dick, all from Lapwai, Webster Arthur and Ralph (Linda) Arthur, both from Nevada; and all his nieces and nephews. He

had so much love for us all.

As he entered into our Lord's kingdom, he was greeted by his parents, Jose San Nicolas and Rosario Mendiola Cabrera Attao; parents-in-law Joshua and Hazel Arthur; granddaughter Rosario Barbara Attao Greene; sisters-in-law Helene Sisson, Veronica Bulltail, Constance Arthur and Joanne (Ms. Webster) Arthur; brother-in-law Jimmy Arthur; nephews Guy "Guy Smiley" Bulltail, Clifton "Sonny" Two-hatchet, Timothy J. "TJ" Arthur and Jerry Arthur; and grandnephew Robert Hugs Jr.

The family would like to extend our deepest appreciation for all the heartfelt thoughts and prayers. Private family services have already been held because of the challenging times we are currently facing.

"Un dangkulu na si yu'us ma'ase" and "Hiimaqis Qeci yew yew!" God bless you all.



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—June 2020

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- Respect and take care of the earth.

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

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

Update and Status of the Solid Waste & Recycling Program

Lapwai Community Recycling Resumes!

Payday Thursdays — June 4 and 18
Pineewaus Parking Lot 10-2

Lapwai Office Collections

June collection dates: June 11 and 25

Recycling operations require social distancing and are subject to change as the situation evolves. We appreciate your patience and participation!

"Talkin' Trash"



Reminder:
Next Housing Authority Cleanup
Week of June 22nd

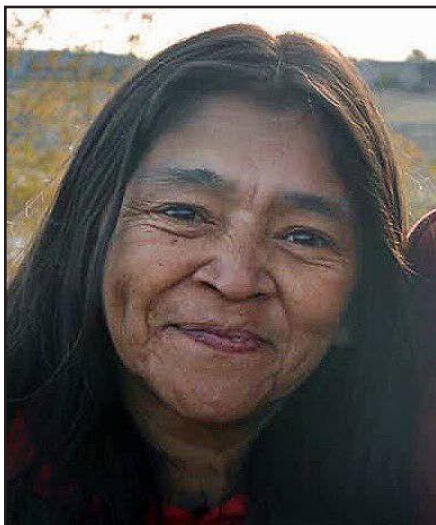


U.S. EPA backs necessity of recycling -

EPA's director cites "critical need for raw materials in the manufacturing supply chain." Right now, there is a critical need for raw materials in the manufacturing supply chain, especially paper and cardboard. Business closures and limited operations means less recycled material for American manufactures. Currently, businesses that normally recycle large amounts of paper and cardboard are not able to do that due to the impacts from the coronavirus health crisis. Because of this, household recycling is more essential than ever. See EPA Director's video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/BcGonQ3rx3Y>

We're all in this together—six feet apart! Stay positive, stay well!

Julie Frances Picard, 60, Lapwai, ID



Julie Frances Picard was born March 3, 1960, in Cottonwood to Eugene Picard Sr. and Theadora "Teddi" Allman Picard. She was the seventh born out of the nine Picard siblings. Julie may have been her name at birth, but her family lovingly called her "Punky."

She attended the Culdesac and Highland schools while growing up. She entered Heaven's Gates on Saturday, March 21, 2020.

Julie was an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe, and a direct descendent of the

Chief Whitebird Band, through her grandmother "Gramma Allman." Her maternal grandparents were the Rev. Bill Allman Sr. and Marie (Arthur) Allman, and her paternal grandparents were Clarence Picard and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Picard.

Julie's childhood days were spent at her grandparents' church with her family. She spent a lot of time with her siblings playing "work up" (softball), red rover and hide and seek. She was never afraid to wrestle with the boys, regardless of the outcome. She was known to always be teasing and joking with everyone around her, a trait that stayed with her until her very last days.

One of Julie's first forms of employment was being an Auntie. She spent time caring for and babysitting some of her first nieces and nephews. Julie did not have children of her own, but she will always be loved and cherished as "Auntie Punky" to her many nieces and nephews and even grand-

nieces and grand-nephews.

A large part of Julie's life was spent throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska where she worked in retail. She lived in a variety of places, including Seattle, where she met her husband, Javier Zuniga. They divorced some years down the road. She enjoyed her time living in The Dalles, Ore., and Pendleton, Ore. She spent her last years in Harrah, Wash., Lapwai and Lewiston with her loved ones.

Punky will always be remembered for her sense of humor; she had a way of arguing with her brothers that would make everyone laugh, including them. She had a good heart and was always willing to forgive. She never held any hate for anyone. She enjoyed listening to some good ol' rock 'n' roll, she loved the Nez Perce Hymns and she was a fan of the Seattle Seahawks.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene Picard Sr. and Theadora

Allman-Picard; grandparents the Rev. Bill Allman Sr., Marie (Arthur) Allman, Clarence Picard and Elizabeth (Reynolds) Picard; her sister, Elizabeth "Missy" Picard-Johnson; her brother, Andre' L. Picard Sr.; her nephews, Tony Picard, Albert Johnson, Quanah Picard, Theo Picard, Skylin Picard and Albert Picard. We believe there was rejoicing in Heaven the day The Lord called her Home.

Julie is survived by her brothers, Eugene (Kay) Picard Jr., Brad Picard Sr., Bill (Lori F.) Picard and Daniel (Angie) Picard Sr.; her sisters, Marylu Mendenhall and Lori L. Picard; her many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and those who knew and loved her.

The family would like to say Qeci yew yew (thank you) to the Prestige Care & Rehabilitation staff for their love and care for Punky. We are truly thankful.

A graveside service was held at the Spalding Cemetery in Spalding.

Violet "Oodie" Jean Moffett Johnson, 72, Coeur d'Alene, ID



Violet "Oodie" Jean Moffett Johnson, 72, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene, after a battle with renal cell carcinoma.

She was born March 26, 1947, to Richard & Helen Moffett, in Kamiah. She was the eighth child of the 10 Moffett children and the youngest sister. Violet acquired her nickname "Oodie" at birth. She was known

by both names all her life.

Violet attended Kamiah School and finished her schooling in southern Idaho. She attended Building Operator Certification in Bellevue, Wash., which started her many positions in management. After school, Violet and her three children moved to Middleton, R.I., where she worked for EPA Glass Room in nearby Narragansett, R.I., and Transcom Telephone Components in Newport, R.I.

After several years in Rhode Island, Violet and her children moved back West to call Yakima home. In Yakima, Oodie worked for ShopKo, in the Office and Service Department, as well as Morgan Jewelers in the Credit Department. During her time in Yakima, Oodie joined a Fitness Salon for "fluffy ladies." Soon after joining, she was asked to be one of their instructors. While the group had already put to-

gether one instructional video, prior to Oodie joining them, she was greatly involved in the making of their instructional video and toured with the group to Hollywood to make it. Once complete, the video was featured in several magazines, including the Avon catalog. The video aired on several home and family networks and was even highlighted on the Oprah Winfrey Show. This was a very big part of Oodie's life, which she enjoyed very much.

While Oodie had a very busy and rewarding life in Yakima, the most precious part would be reuniting with her first love, Ronald Johnson. The couple was married in November of 1997. Ron passed away in January 2012, and awaits her arrival in heaven. Violet accepted the Lord in 1979 and led Ron to the Lord during their years together. With their heavenly home guaranteed, the sweethearts

will once again be reunited.

Ron and Oodie lived most of their years together in Kooskia. In September 1995, they opened the Purple Feather Smoke Shop on Main Street. They operated the successful tobacco and gift shop for more than 24 years. In the beginning years, the couple operated the shop with just the two of them, and in later years began hiring employees to ease the load on themselves.

Not only was Oodie part of a large family, family was a huge part of her life. Violet was a well-known and respected member of the community. She was a proudly enrolled Nez Perce tribal member and an active member of the First Indian Presbyterian Church in Kamiah. The Moffett family spent most of their childhood growing up in the Kamiah Valley and have always considered

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it home, regardless of where life took them. Anyone familiar with the mountain valley knows not much is more moving than an old church hymn beautifully sung by the Moffetts. Their countless choral performances are well known, and Violet was very much a part of this sibling group. Violet enjoyed playing music, dancing, singing, picnicking or any other sort of family gathering.

While she enjoyed the Moffett picnics and reunions, her sisters' outings and any of the family's choral performances, Oodie's most cherished family role was that of mother. Her three children were the most precious jewels in her entire life. Oodie had to be both father and mother to her children, and at times worked three jobs just to see to it that they never went without. Never once did she ever see this as a burden; they were her gifts and she cherished everything about them. She never wavered and remained determined to always give them the best life she possibly could. Anyone who heard the siblings reminisce on their family stories as children, the laughter, the joy, the memories, knew in a mo-

ment that Oodie had done all she could and more for them. The greatest gift was her love.

Violet was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Helen Moffett; brother Richard Moffett; sister Eloise Mahle; husband Ron Johnson; six nephews; and one niece. She is survived by her children: Alita (Shane) Reed of Kooskia, Laci (Tolly) Taliaferro of Kemp, Texas, and Conway Potter of Pasco, Wash.; sisters Deborah Simler of Kamiah, Wanda Dunn of Lewiston, Dixie Morris of Lewiston, Vivian (Donald) Suebert of Lewiston and Sharon Moffett of Lewiston; brothers Charles (Peggy) Moffett of Tacoma, and Chester (Karen) Moffett of Kamiah; grandchildren Kenny, Jawn, Riki and Miki Reed, Oodie Nykol and T.J. Taliaferro; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, at the First Indian Presbyterian Church, 4335 Church Canyon Road, three miles east of Kamiah. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Orofino, where Oodie will be laid to rest alongside her sweetheart. Dinner at Nakisa Hall in Kamiah will be after the graveside services. In honor of Oodie, she asked for all to "Please wear purple; I am done wearing the color."

Kenneth Sonneck, 83, Spalding, ID



Archie James Wapsheli Jr., 56, passed away peacefully at Sunnyside Hospital May 16, 2020. He was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe. Archie was born in Lewiston, Idaho on October 13, 1963, to Archie Wapsheli Sr. and Catherine Higheagle. He was born and raised in Lapwai, Idaho and resided in Toppenish, Washington for the last 35 years. He attended Lapwai schools, participated in baby wildcat football, played basketball and baseball. Archie liked to hunt and fish with his brother in law Bull Eneas Jr., and ride horses and chase cattle with his father-in-law David Aleck. He also loved supporting all activities his 6 children participated in.

He was preceded in death by his parents Catherine and Archie, stepfather, Robert Slickpoo, grandparents, Jose-

phine and Antone Higheagle, Nancy George, and Jeanette Slickpoo, sisters, Patricia Bennett, Arlene Wapsheli, and Valerie Wapsheli, brothers, Alexander, Clayton, Johnny Wapsheli, and Willard Nanpooya Jr., mother-in-law Melvina and David Aleck, sisters-in-law, Delvine, Delina, and Brenda Aleck, brothers-in-law, Jim Aleck Sr., Daniel Isadore, Joe Aleck Sr., Bull Eneas, and Danny Green.

Archie was survived by his beloved significant other Dianna Aleck, and his 6 children, Archie III (Pasha), Lyle Sr. (Samantha), Lynndel (Adonis), Athena (Leroy Jr.), Tori Wapsheli, and Tanya (Jarvis) Peters, 16 grandchildren, Cloe, Isaiah, Bree, Talise, Lyle Jr. Lucas, Jarvis Jr. Laci, Leroy III, Gianna, David, Archie IV, Layni, Canaan, Katie, Leighton, and with two more baby girls on the way, his sisters, Cheryl Eneas, and Chaz Bennett, brothers Raymond Bennett Sr., Gordon Bennett Sr., and Randy Bennett Sr.

Dressing was held on Monday, May 18, 2020, 2 p.m., at the Wapato Funeral Home. He will be transported back to Lapwai, Idaho May 19, 2020, to bury at Jonah Hayes Cemetery in Sweetwater Idaho at 1:30 p.m.

Bonita Elaine Watters, 70, Lapwai, ID



August 11, 1951 - May 21, 2020. Bonita, also known as Bonzo or Bonnie, passed at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho due to complications of diabetes on May 21, 2020. She was born August 11, 1951 to Gordon Watters and Dora George Watters.

Bonnie, a Nez Perce Tribal member and a descendant of Ollicut of the Wallowa Band was born a twin and

grew up in Craigmont, Idaho.

Bonita's love for her people and land remained constant in her life. She loved keeping connections with those who were loved as family. She was also known for traveling, drinking coffee and hitting up Bingo. Visiting her kids, grandkids, great grandkids and friends along the way, Bonita had many things she liked to do, playing in pool tournaments, going to Mud Springs, Stick Games, Pow Wows, berry picking, root digging and making shawls, necklaces and belts for giveaways. She will be remembered for the love and feelings she carried on her sleeves. She loved her partner Paul deeply and their many

dogs through the years, but most of all, their beloved Goofy.

Bonita is survived by her sons, David Johnson of Tucson, AZ, Delbert McConville of Lewiston, Id, John McConville and Joseph McConville both of Lapwai, Id. Daughters Rose Seymour of Wapato, Wa and Elsie Gibson of Port Hueneme, CA. She is survived by her sisters, Charlotte Watters, Linda Watters, Benita Watters, Yvonne Broncheau and Diane Broncheau all of Lapwai, Id and brother Frank Broncheau of Lapwai, Id and 17 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Bonita was preceded in death by father, Gordon Alfred Watters, mother, Dora

Esther George. Her paternal grandparents, Samuel Watters and Blanche Conner Haung. Her maternal grandparents, Milton C. George and Hattie Axtell George. Siblings preceding her in death are, Sandra Lee George, Carol Watters Ellenwood, Alfreda Watters and Douglas Watters. Daughter, Candace Watters Smith. Grandchildren, Brandon Lee Murphy and Eva Luton. Great granddaughter Tawny Justine Marilyn. Her life partner, Paul Tomma and their beloved dog Goofy.

Services were held Saturday, May 23, 2020 at The Spalding Longhouse. She was laid to rest at the Watters Family Cemetery in Juliaetta, Idaho.



**The deadline to return
General Election ballot is
June 19th, end of
business day.**

Primary Election Results

Samuel Penney - 264 votes
Rachel Edwards - 261 votes
Keith Kipp Sr - 116 votes
Allen Slickpoo Jr - 113 votes
Bridgette Greene - 93 votes
James Spencer - 36 votes
Invalid - 9

Total Votes - 892

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- **Next Paper:
JUNE 17**
- **General Election
Ballot Count:
JUNE 20**

For more info
Contact Chantal Ellenwood
chantale@nezperce.org
208-621-4807

HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? YOU COULD BE COMPENSATED FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY.

FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JUNE 30, 2020.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED.
PARA INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL, VISITE EL SITIO WEB.

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

If you think you've been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, its general partner and its subsidiaries, including Imbrium Therapeutics L.P., Adlon Therapeutics L.P., Greenfield BioVentures L.P., Avrio Health L.P., Rhodes Technologies, and Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. ("**Purdue**"), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin®, or other prescription opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is **June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. **All Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms and any supporting documentation submitted with those forms will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public.** You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a proof of claim against Purdue.

Go to **PurduePharmaClaims.com** to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

If you think you've suffered harm from Purdue or its prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may also have received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (sometimes referred to as "**NAS**"), among others.

The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right to seek payment or compensation you may have had. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids produced, marketed or sold by Purdue, and instructions for how to file a claim are online at **PurduePharmaClaims.com**. You can also request a claim form by mail, email or phone:

Purdue Pharma Claims Processing Center
c/o Prime Clerk LLC
850 Third Avenue, Ste. 412, Brooklyn, NY 11232
Email: purduepharmainfo@primeclerk.com - Phone: 1.844.217.0912

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION.

Is Purdue out of money? No. For more information concerning Purdue's bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, Proof of Claim Forms, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit

PurduePharmaClaims.com, or call 1.844.217.0912.



Nez Perce Language Program Announcement

The Nez Perce Language Program (NPLP) seeks your input on the Community’s needs and goals for addressing language reclamation during this COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

The NPLP prepares to write an Administration for Native Americans Preservation and Maintenance grant to fund future language instruction with innovative approaches.

Take the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/NPLanguage2020
Survey due on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:45 p.m.

Questions? Call the NPLP at (208) 843-2253

Your input is invaluable! qe’ciyew’yew’ for your time to help preserve nimipuutimt - The People’s language.

1st	\$25.00	Exxon Mobil gas gift card
2nd	\$20.00	Happy Days Restaurants gift card
3rd	\$15.00	Moccasin Flats Trading Post gift card

NPTPD Memo

Poaching, Trespassing, Dumping, and Theft of Natural Resources on Nez Perce Tribal Lands

Nez Perce Tribal Police Department, Rural Community Policing Rangers (Rangers) rely on the public’s assistance for reporting criminal or suspicious activities on Nez Perce Tribal lands. If you know of a crime being presently committed, we ask that you call the NPT Dispatch as soon as possible.Reporting Rural Criminal Activities

1. Do not approach the suspect, avoid any confrontation or altercation
2. Gather as much information as possible from a safe distance (i.e. time, date, license plate numbers, pictures, address/pin drop of the exact location of the crime committed)
3. Call dispatch as soon as possible to file a report: Lapwai- (208)843-5214 Kamiah- (208)935-7777

Suspected criminal activity can be reported 24-hours a day, seven days a week through our Dispatch Center. If Ranger’s are not immediately available, please ask to leave a message for one of them and they will follow up with you as soon as possible.

CARES Funding

CARES funding is available to the Nez Perce Tribe through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) agency under its Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat Program (ICDBG) for projects that address the prevention or response to COVID-19. Planning for the use of these funds have been discussed at the Tribe’s COVID-19 response team meetings, command team meetings, and Tribal Council. Priorities include development of storage buildings for use by the Food Bank and for Tribe needs related to the pandemic, establishment of a safe, social-distancing waiting area for Social Services clients, and two tiny houses for Tribe use as needed for quarantine of Tribal members in need. Public comments are welcome regarding the intended use of these funds or other suggested purposes. Please contact Ann McCormack at 208-621-3710 or annm@nezperce.org.

Job Announcement

Job Title: Administrative Specialist
Department: Law Enforcement
Classification: Full-Time, regular, non-exempt
Salary/Wage Range: \$42,745 to \$47,180
Location: Hood River, OR
Closing Date: July 1, 2020

Primary Responsibility: The Administrative Specialist is responsible for maintaining department purchasing records. Keeps immediate supervisor informed of administrative related matters as they affect the agency. Assists the Chief and the Captain as necessary in the fulfillment of their various administrative duties.

Essential Job Functions:

1. Responsible for maintenance of department records and logs, reports, court notices and computerized records, and preparing monthly reports by regular review, making corrections, and updating information.
2. Responsible for department petty cash, invoices, purchase order requests, billings, etc., by maintaining proper documentation and working with financial services personnel to ensure payments for services and supply orders are current.
3. Assists staff with training arrangements (registration, POR payments, scheduling).
4. Assists staff with travel arrangements and vouching travel by following CRITFC travel procedures and policies.
5. Works as a communications dispatcher when necessary by maintaining the necessary skills to perform that function.
6. Assists the Chief in an executive administrative capacity by preparing documents, handling department correspondence, serving as a recording secretary when needed, and maintains confidentiality in accordance with departmental and organizations policy and procedure.
7. Works as liaison with the four tribes, the Commission, LEC members, and other agencies related to the administration of the enforcement department by keeping informed of departmental activities, cases, reports, and contacts.
8. Have a working knowledge of the CRITFC Personnel Policy Manual, the CRITPD Policy Manual, and maintain a general knowledge of tribal/inter-tribal laws, resolutions and regulations pertaining to fishing and related activities on the Columbia River by keeping informed of applicable changes, revisions, and updates.
9. Performs other duties assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Two years of general clerical experience, with proficiency in typing, word processing, or other experience generating documents; OR an Associate’s degree in Office Occupations or Office Technology; OR Graduation from a private school of business with a Certificate in Office Occupations or Office Technology, plus one year of general clerical experience. College courses in Office Occupations or Office Technology will substitute for the required experience on a year-for-year basis. Supervision Received: This position works under the direct supervision of the Captain and the indirect supervision of the Chief. Supervision Given: The Administrative Specialist exercises no direct line of authority. Physical Working Conditions: Office surrounding. Work hours consist of Monday to Friday, 8 hours per day. Some overtime due to meetings, training, travel or assigned work. Telework may be allowed under certain circumstances, as authorized by the Chief of Police. Training/travel of up to two weeks, may be required. Some lifting and moving office supplies, equipment for storage, and setting up for meetings. CRITFC Motor Vehicle Policy: The driver operating a CRITFC vehicle or their own private vehicle for business related purposes shall be in possession of a valid, unrestricted current driver’s license, or other operator’s license, as required by law; and be eligible for coverage under CRITFC’s Motor Vehicle insurance policy. Upon request, CRITFC’s Motor Vehicle policy is available to applicants to review the required criteria.Application Process: This recruitment will be used to fill at least one position and to create a list of qualified candidates for future openings, depending on funding. Under the authority of Section 7 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, CRITFC shall give preference in employment matters to qualified enrolled members of the four CRITFC member tribes, then to qualified enrolled members of other federally recognized tribes. If CRITFC is unable to fill openings with such qualified tribal members, other qualified applicants will be considered. NOTE: incomplete applications will not be considered. Complete applications include a cover letter, CV/resume, a completed job application with signature (electronic/typed signature acceptable), a copy of relevant certifications, and contact information for at least three professional references. The job application form is available on our website

<https://www.critfc.org/critfc-employment-opportunities/>
or by calling 503-238-0667.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
Attn: Human Resources
700 N.E. Multnomah Street, Suite #1200
Portland, OR 97232
Email: hr@critfc.org

No one deserves to be hurt
by their partner.



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Native Helpline

1-844-7NATIVE

Attention!

Nez Perce Tribe Elder's Day
scheduled for June 5, 2020
has been CANCELLED.

Appaloosa Express Update

Appaloosa Express
is on full-time hours
as of June 1, 2020.

All Routes are
back to normal hours

NMPH Notice

Face Masks Required to Enter Nimiipuu Health.

All patients and visitors must
wear a face mask while in this
facility until further notice.

Cloth masks are acceptable.
This is to protect both patients
and staff from the spread of
COVID-19. Let's be proactive in
helping curb the spread of this
virus. Nimiipuu Health has a
very limited supply of donated
masks available so please plan
accordingly. Thank you!

NMPH Hours:

8: 00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For more information

Contact Administration:
208-843-2271, Ext #2842

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL
POLICE
DEPARTMENT

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Convicted Sex
Offenders, Tribal
and non-Tribal, who
live, work, or attend
school on the Nez
Perce Indian
Reservation must
register with the
NPTPD.

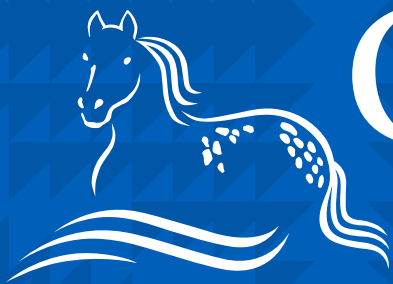
PLEASE CALL THE PHONE NUMBER
BELOW TO SCHEDULE A REGISTRATION
APPOINTMENT.

For questions or more info, call Nikesa
Aubertin at 208-843-7141 option #2.



4-6-1 TITLE

The intent of this Code is
to implement the federal
Sex Offender Registration
and Notification Act
(SORNA) (Title I of Public
Law 109-248).



Clearwater River

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