



### 2020 Nez Perce Tribe Spring General Council



Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee Members. (L to R) Top row: Quincy Ellenwood, Casey Mitchell, Art Broncheau, Ferris Paisano III, Shannon Wheeler. Bottom row: Rachel Edwards, Chantel Greene, Liz Arthur-Attao, Mary Jane Miles

The Nez Perce Tribe’s 2020 Spring General Council meeting was previously scheduled for May but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Nez Perce Tribe General Counsel committee felt it was in the best inter-

est of the Nimiipuu people. General Council took place on June 18-20, 2020 at the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai, Idaho. “From the Fall General Council in Kamiah, we could not have imagined what the road ahead had in store for us,”

said Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Chairman, Shannon Wheeler. Chairman Wheeler opened the meeting with concerns regarding racism, alcoholism, opioid addiction, and other addictions, and the insults on the Tribe’s sovereignty on many different fronts. He talked about defending the life sources that make the Nez Perce people who they are. The water is an issue that raises concern for several reasons including the Trump administration’s decision to lower water quality standards. Chairman Wheeler

stated that only the Nimiipuu can place value back into the resources. “The Nez Perce Tribe needs to identify purpose and place for all,” said Chairman Wheeler. “If we depend on our resources, then we can place that value back into ourselves, back into our people and back into our resources.” The resources are not being utilized as they once were because they have been devalued by the dominant culture. Chairman Wheeler talked about the value in Nimiipuu resources improving the health of the people, reversing diabetes and heart disease. The people were given everything in life that is needed, based on the resources that were guaranteed under the treaty of 1855. Chairman Wheeler questioned how that can be done when capitalism, monarchies and western expansion changed the Nimiipuu. “We will never catch up in that system,” he said as he encouraged tribal members to elect leaders as agents of change. “We’re trying to look together into the future for a better future, a healthier future where we depend on ourselves.” NPTEC Treasurer Casey Mitchell told the General Council the tribe has \$176 million in cash and investments. The government’s budget is \$78

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Nimiipuutímtki- The People’s Language  
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Pie	Cepépyuxtin’	Sa-pep-yo-h-tin
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## Publisher's Post

Women often take on the heavy load of everyday life. Some stay home caring for their children. Some go to work, often holding down multiple jobs. Some are in school and some are out serving the community. Many are doing all the above. Most women are the backbone of their family. They nurture in a way most men find nearly impossible to do. Yet still, so many women feel unsupported, unappreciated and overlooked even though they give so much. Why aren't women being treated as sacred? Why do our women still struggle to see their own value?

One reason is this. Historical Trauma. Historical Trauma is "the cumulative emotional and psychological wounding over the lifespan and across generations, emanating from massive group trauma" according to Dr. Maria Yellowhorse Braveheart. Historical trauma

plays a role in how we think about others and ourselves, how we treat our children, and how we make decisions or respond to conflict. It does its best to infiltrate all parts of our lives. So please be gentle with yourself. You have to take responsibility for your decisions, however you need to understand why you have been making those decisions based on what you (or your family) has experienced and endured.

To mothers and children that have witnessed addiction or have been addicted to drugs and alcohol themselves, understand that this, along with mental instability and insecurities, is in part just a lasting effect of what has happened to our people over hundreds of years. "The effects of the traumas inflicted on groups of people because of their race, creed, and ethnicity linger on the souls of their descendants. As a result, many people in

these same communities experience higher rates of mental and physical illness, substance abuse, and erosion in families and community structures. The persistent cycle of trauma destroys family and communities and threatens the vibrancy of entire cultures." (University of Minnesota)

Native women were beaten, raped and killed long before they had addictions. Side effects of past trauma shows up in our lives in different ways. However, even though this path was purposely designed in order for us to self-destruct, we can say "I am going to break the cycle. I'm going to heal myself the best I can, to the best of my abilities," and say "I am not going to pass this on to my kids." It begins with acknowledging the trauma then doing the hard work by becoming an agent of change.

Always remember there

will be resistance to change. You may be called names, judged, or even dismissed. People may try to place their own limitations on you and your dreams. Realize that some people may be afraid or intimidated by your determination and drive to create a healthy, successful future. When you stand your ground, and know your worth, you will have the ability to control your own destiny and not fall prey to how others perceive you. You are no longer the victim. You're empowered. You're a peacemaker, a helper. You're designing a new family legacy.

I hope one day my sisters, my little cousins, my daughters will read this and truly believe it. You are beautiful, smart, funny, and kind. You are unique, worthy, and precious. You are a diamond, a rose, a pearl. You are worth more than you could ever imagine, and I love you!

## Jesse Leighton Appointed as Interim Executive Director for Nez Perce Tribe

Lapwai, Idaho- The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) has appointed Jesse Leighton as interim Executive Director for the Nez Perce Tribe. Mr. Leighton started Tuesday, June 23.

"We believe that Mr. Leighton is the perfect person to assist the Tribe as we move in a new direction. During this time, we will be evaluating our organizational structure, and making the appropriate decisions to ensure we are as effective and efficient as possible in providing the best service we can to the tribal membership," stated NPTEC Chairman, Shannon Wheeler.

Mr. Leighton, an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the organization. He is well versed in the requirements and needs of the position, having served as Exec-

utive Director for the Tribe for almost two years in 2007 and 2008.

"I understand that these are difficult times to step into a leadership position, but I believe in the potential of the Tribe and I am truly excited for this opportunity to help serve the tribal membership and communities once again," stated Mr. Leighton.

Mr. Leighton is a graduate of Lapwai High School, he has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture from the University of Idaho, and a Master in Business Administration degree from Gonzaga University. The bulk of his career has been in consulting and working on architecture projects with tribes throughout the West.

"We appreciate Mr. Leighton stepping into this role and are confident in his ability to help guide the Tribe through this time of transition," concluded Chairman Wheeler.





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million, made up of \$23 million funded by the Tribe and \$55 million in grants and contracts. The Tribe received \$14.5 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Tribal members will be receiving surveys asking how the pandemic has affected them, which will help the NPTEC determine how to spend the CARES Act funds.

Nimiipuu Health Medical Director R. Kim Hartwig provided an update on the Tribe's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nimiipuu Health had tested 221 people for COVID-19, with 203 of them testing negative and 18 people who tested positive.

Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Paulette Jordan told the Nez Perce General Council that the world is going through a great awakening and people are asking where are the indigenous voices in Congress and in the White House. "We're fighting a

real war for racial justice, environmental justice and real justice," Jordan said. "We are peacekeepers and we are warriors in keeping that peace."

Jordan, who recently won the Democratic primary with about 86 percent of the vote, faces two-term incumbent Sen. Jim Risch in the November general election. She told the General Council that Risch is against Native American sovereignty and against the environment. "Stand with me and participate," Jordan said. "Regardless of how white Idaho may be, it is people of color that are not standing up for themselves. Imagine if they voted. Our story needs to be known."

Jordan asked everyone to contact their friends and family and get them to vote. "It will be the first time that a Native American woman can be elected to the U.S. Senate," Jordan said. "It will require every single one of us. Our children's future depends on it."

The General Council's

first resolution on Friday was in regard to scholarships to help higher-education students wherever they are going to school. The resolution was brought forth by Nez Perce Tribal member Micah Bisbee. The tribe would release some of their trust money to these students. The resolution passed Friday morning and will go to the NPTEC for consideration.

There was a discussion about the Snake River as a living entity that has rights, including the right to exist, flourish, evolve, flow, regenerate and a right to its restoration. Nez Perce Tribal member and past NPTEC member, Elliott Moffett introduced the resolution to the General Council on Friday afternoon after presentations by the Natural Resources, Land Commission, Climate Change/Energy, Fish and Wildlife and Utility subcommittees. This resolution will also go to the NPTEC for consideration.

The Tribe's new Climate Change/Energy Subcommittee reported that it was working to

create its first solar-powered micro grid, which would supply power for the community center, wastewater treatment center and Boys and Girls Club in Lapwai. The Tribe is also working to create energy storage, as well as power generation.

Natural Resources Subcommittee Chairman, Ferris Paisano provided updates on the Tribe's actions against Midas Gold, which is proposing a gold mine at the Stibnite site in Valley County along the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River; forest plan revision at the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest; the possibility of a Rainbow Family of Living Light gathering on Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest land that could damage Nez Perce cultural and natural resources; the Tribe's work in restoring the condor to Hells Canyon; a bighorn sheep disease study in Hells Canyon; and the Tribe's collaboration with federal agencies and intertrib-

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al collaboration on fisheries.

Land Commission Subcommittee Chairman, Liz Arthur-Attao gave updates on a number of land topics including agricultural leasing, fee to trust, and the acquisition of five new parcels that increased the Tribe's land holdings by more than 2,000 acres. Since 2009, the Tribe has owned 154,724 acres, it has since acquired an additional 13,238 acres.

Discussion occurred on how the Tribe can assert its sovereignty and treaty rights and to rescind Public Law 280, a federal statute passed by Congress in 1953 that allowed states criminal and civil jurisdiction in matters regarding Native Americans on reservation lands that used to be handled by the tribal or federal courts. Idaho is one of several states to have assumed some jurisdiction over Native Americans on reservation land since the law passed.

Nez Perce Tribal Police Chief, Harold Scott said the Tribe is working with the state of Idaho to have its officers recognized as peace officers, which would give them jurisdiction over both Native Americans and non-Indian people.

Nez Perce Tribal member Tommy Miles-Williams asked the General Council to participate in celebrating Juneteenth in Lapwai. Miles-Williams said that away from Lapwai he had been called a "thug, a gang member and a threat," and he wanted to exercise his right to celebrate Black culture and Nez Perce culture by coming together and sharing the history behind Juneteenth. Juneteenth is a holiday marking the emancipation of slaves in the United States and is traditionally celebrated June 19.

During the General Council meeting Saturday morning, Nimiipuu Health (clinic) Executive Director, Roberta José-Bisbee announced the clinic has received about \$5.1 million in COVID-19 related funding, which includes \$71,458 for

testing and about \$1.47 million in paycheck protection. The clinic is also looking to add a respiratory wing to the clinic.

Nez Perce Tribal member Josh Henry wanted the Tribe's economic development to focus on improving Lapwai by getting businesses into vacant buildings. Nez Perce Tribe Economic Development Planner, Ann McCormack agreed and said the Tribe needs to own at least one property on the Main Street in each town within the reservation boundary. "Stop economic bleeding on the reservation; buy Indian, buy local," McCormack said.

Aaron Miles, Manger of Natural Resources, discussed the Tribe's Integrated Resource Management Plan, which includes monitoring clean water under the Clean Water Act. All streams have exceeded at least one parameter of the total maximum daily load limits. Miles noted turbidity, temperature, fertilizers and agricultural runoff are some of the problems with water quality in streams the Tribe monitors.

The tribe is working on pesticide issues. There have been encroachments by neighboring farms that have sprayed pesticides on Tribal properties. Concerns about the Hanford site in eastern Washington were pointed out. Miles said the Tribe would like the U.S. Department of Energy to work on cleaning up the site.

Shelby Leighton, Business Operations Planner for the Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises, discussed the placement of charging stations for electric cars, improvements and changes at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club and Zim's Hot Springs. The Clearwater River Casino will soon have two fast charging stations for electric cars, a third will be at the It'se Ye-Ye Casino in Kamiah. Two slow charging stations will be placed at the Pine-Nee-Waus Community Center.

The Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises has taken over control of the pro shop, purchased mowers and sprayers, purchased a surveillance sys-



*Tommy Miles-Williams and Aaron Miles speaking to the general council attendees after Miles-Williams was recognized for being a young community leader*

tem and upgraded the point of sale system at the Clarkston Golf and Country Club. The Tribe is also working on a new logo for Zim's Hot Springs.

Each eligible Tribal member was mailed a ballot for voting in the NPTEC General Council. On the ballots were three NPTEC seats: Samuel Penney vs. Rachel Edwards for Seat 1; McCoy Oatman vs. Quintin Ellenwood for Seat 2; and Casey Mitchell vs. Louis Harris for Seat 3.

On Saturday, the ballots were counted and livestreamed on the Nez Perce Tribe's Facebook page. The results: Incumbent Casey Mitchell defeated Louis Harris (720 to 236 votes). Rachel Edwards defeated Samuel Penney (572 to

393 votes). Quintin Ellenwood defeated incumbent McCoy Oatman (542 to 416 votes). Nez Perce Chief Judge Eva White swore in the new NPTEC members after Nez Perce Tribe General Council Chairman Julia Davis-Wheeler opened a meeting of the NPTEC.

The NPTEC elected its officers Saturday night. Current NPTEC Chairman Shannon Wheeler retained his position, Chantel Greene was elected vice chair, Edwards was elected secretary, Mitchell retained his position as treasurer, Arthur-Attao was elected assistant secretary/treasurer, and Arthur Broncheau was elected chaplain. Mary Jane Miles, Paisano, and Ellenwood round out the remaining NPTEC seats.

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## Jeff Guillory delivers a timely message on Juneteenth — and Father's Day

By Dale Grummert, Lewiston Tribune

As a young Jeff Guillory stood on a concourse of Spokane's municipal airport, circa 1967, the urgency of his dilemma must have been obvious.

"Son, what's the matter — you have to use the restroom?" a janitor said.

"Yes, sir."

"Well, there's one right there."

The young man looked at the sign on the door, turned back to the janitor and worded his question carefully.

"Is that mine?" he said.

"Son, where are you from?"

"I'm from Houston."

And his listener suddenly understood.

"We're integrated here," he said. "We don't have colored and white restrooms."

More than half a century later, Guillory remembers that as a pivotal moment in his life.

"The scales fell off my eyes," he said. "My whole world turned from black and white to color."

Guillory, 72, who wound up spending most of his life in the Inland Northwest and retired last year as director of diversity education at Washington State University, spoke by phone Friday evening from his home in Lapwai, at the confluence of Juneteenth and Father's Day — two salient dates in his story.

As parents, he and his wife, Connie — who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April — have hit a type of grand slam of academia. Last month, their youngest child, former Kamiah High Principal Venice Guillory-Lacy, earned a doctorate in education from WSU. So all four of the Guillory children now have doctorates.

The accomplishment is



*Jeff Guillory holds a photo of his kids for a portrait outside his home in Lapwai*

less germane than the context — Jeff Guillory's childhood, for example, in a highly segregated pocket of the South, where Blacks were relegated to separate restrooms and education was spotty for boys and often nonexistent for girls. That his mother graduated from high school, and managed to stoke his love of reading, proved a life-changer for him.

That trip to the Spokane airport, and thence to a visit to the University of Idaho before joining its football program, marked the first time Guillory stepped outside Texas.

"After that trip I came back home, and all my relatives were sitting in my front yard," he said. "They had a barbecue going, and they were waiting to hear my story, because none of them had experienced integration. I was the celebrity of that whole little village in Texas."

Guillory broached some of these topics in a speech Saturday during a day-after-Juneteenth celebration at Lapwai City Park. It came naturally. Freedom, the Emancipation Proclamation, the melting pot that is America — he's been talking about

these things for decades.

"He has devoted himself to diversity and inclusion and equity and justice," Venice Guillory-Lacy said of her father. "He just believes in humanity. He's well-loved and well-liked because he makes you feel good about who you are."

For one thing, he has immersed himself in the culture of the Nez Perce Tribe, of which Connie Guillory, nee Consuela, is an integral member, active in numerous roles, most notably these days as the director of a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program. She was a junior at UI when she met Jeff Guillory, a senior running back for the Vandals. He remembers sensing immediately, despite their contrasting backgrounds, that this would someday be his wife.

"She was pure Nez Perce and I was pure African-American, from an entirely different section of the country," he said. "And somehow we found some commonality and made it work."

As parents, they took the notion of role-modeling to heart.

"We would ask our children to shadow us," Guillory

said. "I would take my sons to work and sit them down in my office so they could see what I did. Connie would take Venice as a 2-year-old to her conferences in Washington, D.C. As she stood at the podium in front of 500 or 600 people, Venice would be sitting in a corner playing with a doll or whatever, but she would be there. She would be absorbing all this stuff."

So it's not surprising that Venice and two of her three brothers followed Dad into education. Raphael Guillory is a psychology professor at Eastern Washington University, and Justin is president of Northwest Indian College, in Bellingham, Wash.

"I've thought about writing a book," Jeff Guillory said of his varied experiences, "but I think I'll let my kids do that maybe."

Americans may be more ready for his message than ever before.

This year's Juneteenth, of course, took on a new resonance because of recent public outrage at police behavior

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captured on cellphone videos, especially the one depicting the death of George Floyd last month in Minneapolis. What that means on Father's Day, perhaps, is a heightened sense of a particular aspect of Black fatherhood — its anxieties.

"They come from lived experiences," Guillory said. "To the person, all of us, including myself, have experienced brutality from police officers. It was normalized for us. It's sensationalized now, because there's so much information, and so many videos, that white folks can see it. Whereas before, they didn't. It was just our personal experience. We still have scars. Being shot at as a boy — it's just unbelievable. That anxiety is carried over to the children. Even children that don't have that experience have the innate feeling that comes from the father."

Even on this topic, though, the Guillory family is notable for its range of perspectives. The eldest child, Ricky Hernandez, is a longtime police officer.

"It's a great dichotomy for us," Jeff Guillory said with a laugh. "After all the things I've been through, my son is a police officer. It results in some really interesting dinner-table discussions."

If Guillory does write a book, he'll be obliged to men-

tion his brief stint with the Dallas Cowboys, "but that was so long ago that, physically, it seems like it was somebody else's life entirely," he said.

After a few preseason games, "I tore my knee a second time and walked away from it," he said. "Coach (Tom) Landry argued with me to stay, but I saw the writing on the wall. I said, 'Listen, I want to have a family, and I want to be able to play baseball with my sons and daughters.' In those days they didn't have orthopedic surgeons like they have today. They had a guy with a mask and a cape who came in and did the cutting."

So Guillory played baseball with his kids. He took them to prestigious universities, introduced them to well-known administrators, tried to acclimate them to those "hallowed halls." Through Connie's work, they also mingled regularly with children from other tribes.

"Wherever we took them," Guillory said, "they would find out what they had in common with the Native Americans from — oh, the Ho-Chunk people from Wisconsin or the Isleto Pueblo people from the New Mexico area."

"So today, although we have all these social issues going on," he said, "my sons and daughters see the world as commonalities rather than just differences. If that makes any sense at all."



Jeff Guillory's four children. L to R: Justin Guillory, Veneice Guillory-Lacy, Ricky Hernandez, and Raphael Guillory.



Jeff Guillory stands outside his home in Lapwai for a portrait



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Hot springs form when water deep below the Earth’s surface is heated by rocks or other means, and rises to the Earth’s surface. These wonders are very similar to geysers, and like geysers, many of them form near areas of volcanic activity. Many people travel to hot springs for relaxation but there are also a lot of great attributes and benefits to using the hot springs like relief from joint, nerve and arthritis pain.

In April of 2019, the Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises took ownership of Zim’s Hot Springs in New Meadows, Idaho. New Meadows is a half-way point between Rapid River and McCall and was a route

that was taken and used by the Nez Perce people. Around the 1930’s, the Nez Perce used two hunting trails at New Meadows, and they used the area for the hot springs. The Nez Perce used the hot water from the hot springs to shape and bend rocky mountain sheep horns. They would soak and crate horn bows.

The water is all ground mineral. It is a continual stream that seeps up from the ground, goes into the pool, and filters back out to the fields and into the little salmon river.

“For Zim’s and Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises, it is really important to keep our previous culture relevant,” said

Shelby Leighton, Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises Business Operations Planner. “There are a lot of travelers and locals, it is important for them to understand that this is Nez Perce land, and it’s a place where we hunted, lived and existed.”

There are two pools, a two foot soaking pool that is maintained between 100-105 degrees in the summer. The larger pool stretches from three feet to nine feet and is maintained between 90-96 degrees. Enjoyable in both winter and summer.

Zim’s looks to create a location for family and friends to meet, have fun and form lasting memories. A place with

yurts, small cabins and structured tents. A get-away for tribal members to fish, walk the trails and exist like before. Zim’s is envisioned to be a resort place for travelers to come through and swim, camp, and relax; a safe haven for all to come and stay. They also look to have an engineer reconfigure the pools in a natural fashion, the way it used to look, with the addition of soaking tubs.

Zims Hot Springs offers free admission for all Nez Perce Tribal members. It is open year round, five days a week, closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. No reservations are needed. For more information, call (208)347-2686.



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Safety Precautions During Wild Fire Season this Summer

Summer is here, which means so is wildfire season. COVID-19 is stretching firefighting resources thin. When outdoors this summer help firefighters help you by being extra vigilant and help prevent wildfires.

- \* REMOVE leaves, pine needles and other flammable material from within 5 feet of the home, roof, gutters and deck (above and below) to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
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- \* Landfills—Many landfills offer free or reduced fees for yard waste. Don't let your summer go up in smoke.





## BLACK LIVES MATTER



10 minutes of silence before the BLM march along the Lewiston Levee

On June 6th, a Black Lives Matter Peace Rally was held at Kiwanis Park in Lewiston, Idaho. It was intended for a gathering of family, friends and supporters for a peaceful protest against systemic racism, police brutality and the killing of Black individuals who are on a list of names that stretch back more than 400 years.

"Do not let fear control you right now," protest organizer JeaDa Lay said. "Black lives matter. At no point have we said only black lives matter. This is about all of us, Black Lives Matter is about all of us. We're here to change the world."

The crowd of several hundred people on the levee were silent for 10 minutes.

Afterward, there were speakers and a march along the levee pathway, first north to the Interstate Bridge, then south almost to Mtn Dew Skate Park and back.

"Not enough money going into our local schools on the reservation, that is the system's knee on our neck," Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director Rebecca Miles told the crowd. "I stand here in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. Everything we do is being watched by the world, and the world is waking up. This racism is not new, and this injustice by police is not new. I'm proud of our police who took a knee."

The supporters gathered, were silent when asked, held up signs, took



Trevon Allen, Tommy Miles-Williams, & Jalisco Miles at the BLM rally

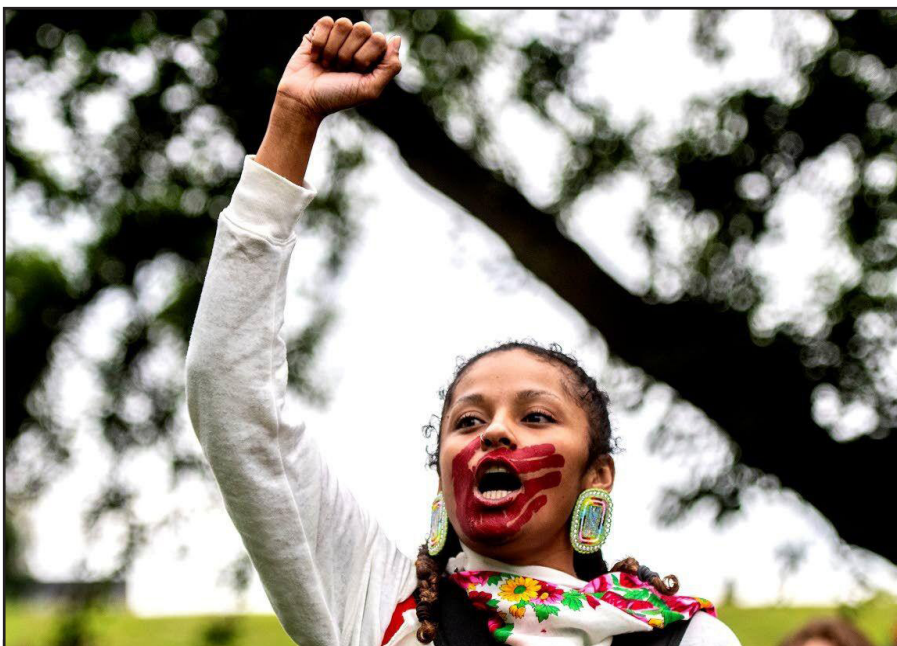
a knee, listened, chanted, and marched. Signs relayed messages of encouragement such as "Speak out, even if your voice shakes," and "I hear you, I see you, I stand with you, Black Lives Matter." Other signs spoke directly to racism, systemic racism and George Floyd's murder, such as: "Silence is compliance," "Ending racism isn't up for debate," "No one is free when others are oppressed," "Justice for George Floyd," and "color is not a crime."

"We have a voice, we do matter," Mikailah Thompson, 26, of Lapwai, told the crowd before the march. "I've gotten a lot of questions, like how to use your privilege. Use that privilege to teach children there is diversity."

The march ended back in Kiwanis Park where the rally began. Chants of "Black Lives Matter," "Say his name — George Floyd" and "Say her name — Breonna Taylor" carried on. Many in the crowd stayed in the park, some lining Snake River Avenue to voice their protests to vehicles that passed by.

On June 20, community members came together at the Lapwai City Park to celebrate Juneteenth, the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the United States. Thompson was the organizer and said she wanted to put together a Juneteenth celebration in her community to help

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Ada Scott holding her fist in the air, chanting with others at the BLM rally



Dallon Wheeler Jr., & Juan Contreras at the BLM rally in Lewiston



## BLACK LIVES MATTER



Lapwai Juneteenth Celebration Organizer Mikailah Thompson



L to R: Tommy Miles-Williams, Mateo Cuevas-Jimenez, & Mikailah Thompson

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raise awareness and facilitate conversations to end racism. "The Black community celebrates Juneteenth in place of July 4. We kind of want to re-establish June 19 as our new Independence Day because no one is free unless we are all free," Thompson said.

Thompson, who is Black and Nez Perce, said she often struggled with the feeling of "not being enough." While growing up on the East Coast, she was known as the "Native girl," while in Lapwai, she was known as the "Black girl." She encouraged others to embrace all parts of their

heritage and to keep the momentum of the Black Lives Matter movement going. "There are so many people of color, people who are mixed, and people that are black that have experienced racism on so many different levels and they don't speak about it," Thompson said. "I want to make sure they feel comfortable talking about it. We want to be the ones, as the older generation, to talk about it and tell them 'you are not alone.'"

Jeff Guillory also spoke at the event. His family was located in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers rode into town to inform them of their newly es-

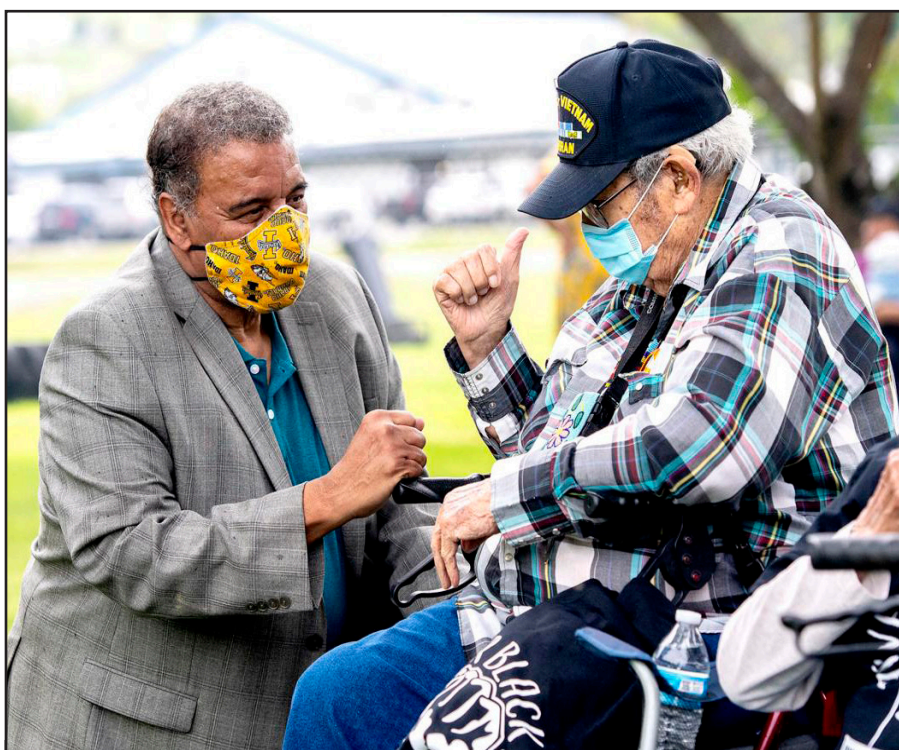
tablished freedom. He encouraged people to look inward to identify their own biases. "This issue of race is something that's old news, but each generation, it has a different meaning," Guillory said. "What I want to do on this day is to get people thinking about themselves differently, because how you think of yourself is what you project onto other people."

During a panel discussion Tommy Miles-Williams and Thompson's sister, Chloe also opened up about their experiences with discrimination and racial profiling. "We want to raise awareness that people of my skin color are not

a threat," Miles-Williams said. "I don't want people to think, 'well racism is gone, it's not here no more,' because it is."

Thompson encouraged others to dive deep into history often not featured in textbooks, in order to learn more about racial inequality. She also said white people play a pivotal role in creating change. "If you see someone being bullied or see someone who needs help, use your privilege to help them, so we can all get to the equality we want," Thompson said.

The money raised from the event was funneled into a BlackLivesMatter organization that helps people in the area.



Jeff Guillory talks with Wilfred Scott who attended the Juneteenth Celebration



Jeff Guillory speaking at Lapwai City Park during the Juneteenth Celebration



## Nez Perce National Historical Park Begins to Increase Recreational Access

Following guidance from the White House, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local public health authorities, Nez Perce National Historical Park is increasing recreational access. The National Park Service (NPS) is working service-wide with federal, state, and local public health authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and using a phased approach to increase access on a park-by-park basis. **Beginning June 20, 2020, Nez Perce National Historical Park will reopen access to:**

- Nez Perce National Historical Park Spalding Visitor Center daily 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**In addition, the following areas will continue to be available:**

- Spalding picnic area
- All trails and grounds
- All associated Nez Perce NHP sites such as Buffalo Eddy, White Bird Battlefield, Weippe Prairie and Bear Paw Battlefield, etc.

**With public health in mind, the following facilities remain closed at this time:**

- Nez Perce National Historical Park archives research center library. Email requests for materials may be sent to [NEPE\\_Library@nps.gov](mailto:NEPE_Library@nps.gov)

"Park Rangers are excited to reopen the visitor center in Spalding and provide interpretive and educational programs daily there and at affiliated park sites," said Superintendent Mike Gauthier. "The safety of our employees and visitors continues to be our priority as we increase public access and services."

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners continues to be paramount. At Nez Perce National Historical Park, our operational approach will be to examine each facility function and service provided to ensure those operations comply with current public health guidance and will be regularly monitored. We continue to work closely with the NPS Office of Public Health using CDC guidance to ensure public and workspaces are safe and clean for visitors, employees, partners, and volunteers.

When recreating, the public should follow local area health orders, practice Leave No Trace principles, avoid crowding and avoid high-risk outdoor activities.

The CDC has offered guidance to help people recreating in parks and open spaces prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We will continue to monitor all park functions to ensure that visitors adhere to CDC guidance for mitigating risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19 and take any additional steps necessary to protect public health.

We invite you to enjoy all of the photographs and multimedia for Nez Perce National Historical Park, on our website at <https://www.nps.gov/nepe/learn/photosmultimedia/index.htm>.

Details and updates on park operations will continue to be posted on our website [www.nps.gov/nepe](http://www.nps.gov/nepe) and social media channels. Updates about NPS operations will be posted on [www.nps.gov/coronavirus](http://www.nps.gov/coronavirus).



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## Lapwai High School Boys Prepare for 2021 Basketball Season

The Lapwai Boy's Basketball team has begun their preparation and training in the off-season. The non-mandatory strength and conditioning workouts put on by Lapwai Boys' head coach Zachary Eastman, have been three days a week, and started in the beginning of June. The workouts consist of track conditioning, strength training, team competitions, and individual competitions. They are about an hour long each day and everything is done outside in the fresh air.

Eastman encourages each player to put in work during the off season, he says they will benefit and see multiple differences in their physical and mental

health. "It is better to look ahead and prepare, than to look back and regret," said Eastman. "Conditioning now, gives the boys' basketball team an opportunity to get bigger, stronger, and faster."

Eastman is also taking this opportunity to help with team bonding. The current workouts consist of Eastman's returning players, and some young, upcoming talent. He can feel the energy when he is around his team and is eager to see how they develop going into the 2020-21 basketball season. "This gives them all a chance to motivate each other and become closer as a family," said Eastman.

The Lapwai Boys Basketball team has one goal



in site this year. They want to win the State Championship. "We know as a unit we have the weapons to win every basketball game we play," said Eastman. "We also

know nothing is going to be handed to us." The Lapwai boys are humble but coming off a 3rd place State victory over rival Potlatch last year, the team is hungry!

## Tribes Open First Commercial Fishery of 2020

Portland, OR — Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama tribal fishers are making their way to the Columbia River after the tribes announced that the first commercial gillnet fishery of 2020 will open on Monday, June 22. They will harvest sockeye and summer chinook that will be available for purchase by the general public.

Fisheries managers currently estimate that 246,300 sockeye and 38,000 summer chinook will return to the Columbia River over the next few weeks. The peak of these runs will occur by the end of June and the abundance may drop quickly, so those who want to enjoy a fresh Columbia River Indian-caught salmon this summer are encouraged to take this opportunity, safely.

"The tribal fishery on the Columbia River is a long-honored custom that can be traced back to ancient times when the rivers ran wild," stated Jaime A. Pinkham, Executive Director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "Whether peo-

ple come to the river to enjoy its fresh bounties or engage tribal fishers directly, the commercial fishery allows the public to enjoy a taste of history."

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a number of guidelines and recommendations have been made both to the tribal fishers as well as those interested in buying salmon directly in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus. Those planning to visit the river to buy a salmon are encouraged to wear a mask and should expect to see fishers make social distancing accommodations. Many fishers now accept credit cards or mobile payment to avoid handling cash.

As a population that is extremely at-risk for developing complications from COVID-19, the tribes have been particularly cautious and they encourage fish buyers to help in this effort to protect not only themselves, but the tribal community, as well.

Both treaty and non-treaty fishery catches have been agreed to as part of the U.S. v. Oregon Management

Agreement and will be adjusted throughout the season as the run sizes are updated. Besides chinook and sockeye, limited numbers of steelhead are available during the summer period. The tribal fishery is protected under treaties the Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla, and Nez Perce tribes signed with the federal government in 1855. These treaties reserved their right to fish for ceremonial, subsistence, and commercial uses at all usual and accustomed fishing places in the Columbia Basin.

### Direct-to-public sales locations:

- Marine Park in Cascade Locks
- Celilo Park
- North Bonneville (one mile east of Bonneville Dam on the Washington side)
- Columbia Point in the Tri-Cities area

• Other locations along the river may be offering salmon sales, so look for road signs

### When purchasing fish from tribal fishers:

- Wear a face mask and keep a six-foot distance from the seller and other customers

- Use hand sanitizer
- Pack a cooler with ice to keep your purchase fresh.
- Sales generally run from 10 am to dusk. The best selection is available early in the day.
- Price is set by individual fishers and is determined at the point of sale.
- Many fishers accept credit cards or mobile cash payments but be prepared with cash just in case.
- Request a receipt.
- Ask fishers on topics such as freshness and preparation.

The public should call the salmon marketing program at (888) 289-1855 before traveling to the sales locations to find out where the current day's catch is being sold. More information on purchasing fish can be found on CRITFC's salmon marketing website [www.critfc.org/harvest](http://www.critfc.org/harvest). Regular salmon sales updates are also found on CRITFC's social media platforms such as Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/critfc/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/CRITFC>).



## Earth Day is Every Day

*“The Nez Perce people have immense ecological wisdom and knowledge about the lands where they have always fished, hunted, and gathered. Respect for the natural resources provided by the creator has guided the Nimiipuu to protect the land, water, and wildlife.”*

*-NezPerce.org*

By Alaina Doll

April 22nd marked the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the world's largest civic event. The first, in 1970, inspired landmark environmental laws in the U.S., including the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species Acts. This year's theme is climate action. “We need to celebrate Earth Day by educating the next generation about the long term effects of climate change,” says Aaron Miles Sr., Natural Resources Manager of the Nez Perce Tribe.

The United Nations assessed humanity's impact on the world's ecosystems and concluded that humans have “significantly altered” 3/4 of land-based environments and 2/3 of marine-based environments, decimating the natural world in just a few years faster than at any time in human history. The report, titled “Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services,” is the most comprehensive ever completed. Sadly, it confirmed that human-caused climate change is “intensifying biodiversity loss.” The study found that these trends have been less severe or avoided altogether in areas held or managed by Indigenous peoples and local communities. In light of this report, global news outlets wrote that “indigenous sovereignty could save the planet.”

The transformation needed to save the planet is led by those who are most connected to it. In 2017, over 200 activists were targeted for defending their forests, waters, wildlife, and homes against destructive industries. Almost half of them were In-

digenous. According to the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance at the University of Victoria, Native peoples comprise only 4-5% of the world's population but maintain 80% of the world's biodiversity through 85% of its protected areas, 11% of its forests, and about 25% of its land surface.

A recent study predicted that by 2050, there may be more plastic than fish in the oceans. Since 1980, plastic pollution in the world's oceans has grown tenfold and greenhouse gas emissions have doubled. EarthDay.org states: “Unless every country in the world steps up – and steps up with urgency and ambition – we are consigning current and future generations to a dangerous future.”

Since social distancing efforts in response to COVID-19 have been implemented, wildlife have been seen flourishing without advanced human disturbance; a grizzly bear was confirmed 7 miles South of Grangeville the 2nd week of April. Shortly after, humpback whales were spotted returning to the Columbia River.

“The cooling of the Columbia Basin river flows is one of several important factors imperative in reducing the mortality of adult and juvenile anadromous fish stocks. The water quality conditions are a result of the hydroelectric dam system that create the reservoirs but also drought and climate conditions” says Miles. “The Columbia Basin stocks need free flowing conditions that help juveniles get washed down by the snowmelt and spring runoff, and also for the adults to migrate home in conducive river conditions. As the greatest country in the world, it seems like this matter should be trivial to solve the decline of our anadromous fish species. The data is there that shows a major percentage of their mortality at each of the 4 Lower Snake River dams. How can we increase the survival rates for more fish



*The Lapwai Community Garden strives to provide pollinator habitat in the Land of the Butterflies, Leep-Leep (Thlap-Thlap)*

to make it back, whether its for the treaty or sport fisheries? How do we increase the survival rates of the natural stocks to spawn naturally? Our individual health and survival as indigenous people has been tied to this continent for well over a millennia. Our native diet of salmon, bison, elk, moose, along with our native plants is important on many levels, including our survival.”

Another positive outcome of the social changes due to COVID-19 is a daily global carbon dioxide emissions decrease of 17% from January to April of this year compared to last year, the biggest drop on record, according to a team of scientists' publication May 19th in the journal Nature Climate Change. It brings CO2 emissions back to 2006 levels. For individual countries, the maximum daily decrease averaged to 26%. This is good news - the United Nations has estimated that emissions need to decline by around 8% each year for the next ten years to keep temperatures below the pre-industrial average.

Changes in daily activities at the country, state or provincial level were largest in the aviation sector, with a decrease in daily activity of 75%. Surface transport saw its activity reduce by 50%, equating to a 36% reduction in global emissions. Industry activity reduced by 35%, resulting in a 19% decrease in global emissions. Public sectors saw their

activity reduce by 33%. Power saw its activity decrease by 15%, a 7.4% decrease in global emissions. The residential sector saw its activity increase by 5%. Emissions from surface transport, power, and industry accounted for 86% of the total reduction in global emissions. This data is consistent with global changes in the NO2 inventory from satellite data.

Unfortunately, after the last record greenhouse gas drops of the 2009 global financial crisis, industries unsurprisingly rebounded exponentially and the International Monetary Fund and International Energy Agency forecast that emissions will rebound by 5.8 and 3.5% in 2021, respectively, for the world and US economies but we can take steps to continue these positive environmental changes.

“The US needs to reassert itself as a leader for alternative energy,” Miles believes. “Developing countries should take the opportunity to create new business alternatives and models in the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The fact remains that developed countries have the power to incentivize industry to move into “greener” markets to continually reduce greenhouse gases. Now that we have experienced the COVID-19 pandemic, it doesn't seem that far-fetched that another could hit us. This paradigm shift is

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forcing tribes to return to a cultural model for its sustenance and food sovereignty."

Consumption can be shifted to support more sustainable and sovereign industries, especially food. According to Winona LaDuke, Executive Director of Honor the Earth, "Fifty percent of tribal economy's money is being spent outside the reservation on food and energy." Food sovereignty aims to localize the food system and regain control of community health to benefit people, the planet, and the economy. "At their core, tribal efforts to feed itself are restricted primarily by the limited farming skills held by tribal members. This suggests that the most critical investments involve ensuring that Nez Perce youth develop the capacity to grow food as well as engage in subsistence fishing, gathering, and hunting," states the 2017 Nez Perce Tribe

Food Sovereignty Assessment. The Nez Perce Reservation has the capacity to supply all of its own food. 95% Percentage of food consumed on the Nez Perce Reservation coming from outside of the Reservation. \$14 million Value of potential food purchases leaving the Reservation annually. This is more than the sales of all farms on the Reservation. \$5 Amount of weekly local food purchases required by each of the Reservation's residents to bring an additional \$18 million in annual revenue to local farms. \$12-\$17 million Yearly consumer food market of the Reservation's three largest towns (Lapwai, Orofino, and Kamiah) Nimi'ipuu (Nez Perce Tribe) Food Sovereignty Assessment - Ken Meter, Crossroads Resource Center - (2017)

**The assessment's recommendations were:**

- setting specific goals for increasing food sovereignty,
- strengthen subsistence

harvesting & cultural rituals that connect us to the land,

- develop a training program for farmers,
- open new farms near each of the three largest towns,
- build community kitchens,
- increase commercial food production,
- market food to the greater four-county region,
- extend efforts to reclaim ownership of farmlands.

In addition, Stefanie Krantz and Dr. Eric Walsh with the Water Resources Division Climate Change Program and the University of Idaho are working on a climate smart agriculture project. This project is focused on carbon cycling in agricultural systems, and one of its primary goals is to help farmers improve their soil health and on-farm biodiversity, and to be more resilient in the face of the changing climate. You might be asking yourself why the Climate Change Program has a project focused on farming? Farming is not only integral to the economic well-being of the Nez Perce Tribe and this region, it is also the largest human land use in the world, and holds the greatest potential to remove carbon from the atmosphere.

According to Dr. Rattan Lal, a soil scientist at Ohio State, "A mere 2 percent increase in the carbon content of the planet's soils could offset 100 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions going into the atmosphere." Farmers are struggling with new conditions,

wetter springs than usual, invasive weeds, hotter summers, reduced snowpack and soil moisture, and are interested in trying new things to increase their soil health and resilience.

Soil health has a multitude of benefits including increased water absorption across the land, reduced flood and drought risk, reduced flooding, increased plant health, nutrient density, and human health, decreased needs for herbicides and pesticides, and increased water quality. Each 1 percent increase in soil organic matter helps soil hold 20,000 gallons more water per acre." If this is combined with deep rooted plants, cover crops, and crops, that water is able to seep into groundwater and feed springs, seeps, creeks, and streams. See <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/10/science/farmers-put-down-the-plow-for-more-productive-soil.html>.

The Lewis County Soil Conservation District and Nez Perce County Extension recently hosted talks about soil health and regenerative agriculture, and farmers in this region are already trying out practices that can improve their lives and their soil. The climate change project is applying for funding to try to help farmers find local solutions that will make a difference for farmers and soil.

### To get involved in local efforts to build sovereignty and sustainability:

- Volunteer with the Tribe's food coalition, HIPT (Helping

Indigenous People Thrive). Chairman Shannon F. Wheeler said "this group can change the health for the future of the people." We are seeking community involvement in planning next year's Food Summit set for Thursday, February 4th, 2021. This year's had over 150 attendees and 24 regional partners at Pi Nee Waus. Contact Ann McCormack: AnnM@nezperce.org.

- Volunteer at the Lapwai Community Garden. Contact Danielle Scott, University of Idaho Extension Educator: DanielleS@nezperce.org or (208) 791-4087.
- \*"Like" and "follow" "Friends of the Lapwai Community Garden" on Facebook.
- \*Start your own garden at home or at the office. Danielle Scott for plant starts, seeds, and tips.
- Volunteer to help with USDA Food and Nutrition distribution program. Contact Thunder Garcia: ThunderG@nezperce.org or (208) 843-7306 ext. 3854.
- If you're a hunter, switch to non-lead ammunition. If you know of youth who would like to learn about hunting stewardship, contact David Moen for more information: DMoen@nezperce.org or (208) 621-4695.

In addition to supporting food sovereignty, you can:

- Reduce your use of single-use plastics and stop using Styrofoam. Recycle what you can through the Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program.
- Advocate for the removal of the Columbia River dams.



The Lapwai Community Garden Greenhouse



## Rainbow Family National Gathering to Occur on Nez Perce - Clearwater National Forest

Riggins, ID, June 27, 2020 -- The Rainbow Family of Living Light has chosen a site on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest for its 2020 national gathering. The event will coincide with the Fourth of July holiday and participants have already begun arriving. The forest will experience the highest concentration of visitors during the first week of July. They selected an area near Forest Service Road #241 on the Salmon River Ranger District, just outside the community of Riggins, Idaho, for their gathering.

The Rainbow Family is a loose-knit group of people from throughout the USA and other countries. Each summer

they hold a national gathering to pursue social and spiritual activities and pray for world peace. Since 1972, the event has taken place on a different national forest each year. Crowds range from 2,000 to 10,000 forest visitors.

The USDA Forest Service manages the annual event in close coordination with Tribal, state and local partners to protect the health and safety of everyone involved, and to lessen environmental impacts to the site by providing information and enforcing laws.

"We understand there may be impacts to our community, our neighbors and other forest visitors," said Cheryl

Probert, Forest Supervisor for the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest. "We are working hard to minimize effects to our local communities and the environment. All visitors to the national forest are expected to obey federal, state and local laws and regulations, and we take the enforcement of these laws very seriously."

The forest resource protection plan addresses concerns about health and safety, watershed protection, natural resource protection and rehabilitation of the event site before the group leaves. The Forest Service is mobilizing a national incident management team with

experience managing these types of events. The team is working in unified command with the Idaho County Sheriff's Office, the Nez Perce Tribe and other local authorities.

An event of this size can have significant impacts on traffic, communities, local resources, residents and visitors. Local businesses can expect to see large numbers of Rainbow Family participants visiting stores and buying food and supplies along routes to the gathering site. Forest and county roads in the Slate Creek area as well as the communities of Grangeville and Riggins are expected to see potential impacts from the gathering.

## Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee Statement Regarding Rainbow Family

Statement from Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee (NPTEC) on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe to the Rainbow Family of Living Light regarding Annual Gathering: The Nez Perce Tribe and its members have several concerns regarding the Rainbow Family of Living Light and their Annual Gathering to be held July 2020 or July 2021 on or near our reservation or within our usual and accustomed homeland.

### Concerns specifically regarding Covid-19:

- \* There is already a shortage of certain foods, medical supplies, and cleaning supplies here and throughout Idaho due to Covid-19.
- \* There is no guarantee that people coming in from other States or even from other areas of Idaho are not carriers of Covid-19. Many people carrying this virus are asymptomatic. Therefore, a gathering could become dangerous for the citizens of our reservation with a simple trip to the grocery store by one member of the Rainbow Family gathering.
- \* The lack of kitchen and medical staff on hand at the gathering and what this might mean for a possible outbreak of Covid-19 at the campsite and potential spread to residents

that live on the reservation.

- \* Overall impact on local community healthcare facilities if there is an outbreak of Covid-19 at the Gathering.

### Cultural concerns of a large gathering:

- \* Packer Meadow is an important cultural place with both historical and present-day relevance to the Nez Perce people. As a long-standing location for gathering camas, it is one of the 'usual and accustomed' places whose use is guaranteed by the provisions of the 1855 treaty.
- \* There are numerous culturally-significant areas and archaeological sites on or near the Nez-Perce Clearwater National Forests. A large gathering could harm or destroy these sensitive and irreplaceable places and objects.
- \* There is potential for impacts to soil, water quality, threatened and endangered plants and animals, and other resource impacts caused by large gatherings and/or poor sanitation conditions.
- \* Packer Meadow is a high elevation meadow with a short growing season. This is but one of the reasons it is particularly sensitive to disturbance.
- \* Packer Meadow has a unique plant community which has

survived to the present day largely because of its comparatively remote location and because of limited disturbance.

- \* Packer Meadow is under consideration as a 'federally designated Special Botanical Area'.

- \* Because of the hydrology that creates the meadow, the water table is close to the surface and can be easily contaminated by both surface sources and by the proposed 'latrine' to be built on site. The Lolo Pass Visitor Center contends with crawl-space flooding, septic impacts, and subsidence every year because of the proximity of the water table to the surface.

- \* A 'latrine' would intercept the water table and will pose a threat to the water quality of Pack Creek, and to ESA listed Steelhead and other aquatic species living there.

- \* The high value of Pack Creek has made it a focal point for the Nez Perce Tribe's Watershed Restoration program with millions of dollars spent to replace barrier culverts and restore legacy road systems to reduce sediment and protect water quality.

- \* The meadow has unique soils, which can be easily compacted, particularly this early in the year while they are still wet. Even the lim-

ited number of 'user created' trails that are currently present in the meadow pose a threat to the vegetation there.

- \* Compacted meadow soils will have a profound effect on camas germination and productivity.

- \* The gathering will bring people from across the country, and potentially from around the world. The possibility of someone introducing invasive species is almost assured, and with such a large number of people using so much of the meadow complex, it would be nearly impossible to locate any new invaders until they were well established.

- \* Treatment of invasive species will be difficult. The Nez Perce Tribe has worked to control invasive species within the meadow and along the road for nearly fifteen years. We have been able to control most species without the use of herbicides, but establishment of new invaders within the meadow itself would force us to make hard decisions about chemical treatment in an important cultural resource.

- \* The Rainbow Family of Living Light did not reach out to the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee for permission to hold the annual gathering on or near our Tribe's territory.



## Prairie River Library District Staged Reopening

A staged reopening for branches of the Prairie River Library District is underway. Due to the ability for library services to carry coronavirus transmission risks, the district's Board of Trustees and library staff have had to construct a specific set of guidelines for reopening.

The district is taking our obligation to keep community members and library staff safe seriously. As a result, new procedures have reduced public service hours being offered at this time. All library materials are being quarantined and individually cleaned upon

return. Since libraries also act as gathering places for the community to socialize, read, study, and use computers or Wi-Fi, library staff have been cleaning and reorganizing library spaces to allow for these activities to safely come back.

Branches are currently offering contactless curbside pickup of district materials during limited hours. Holds can be placed through your online account or by contacting your local branch. Please note that items from our partnering Valnet libraries such as Lewiston City Library or Moscow Public Library are not yet

available to order. 45-minute computer sessions are available by appointment. Call your local branch to check the schedule. Plans for reopening branches to browsing in a limited capacity are in development. The district anticipates allowing this again during Stage 4 of Gov. Little's Idaho Rebounds plan. All branches are accepting returns. Due dates on materials have been extended through to June 20.

You can access our digital library remotely at [www.prlid.org](http://www.prlid.org). Visit to download e-books and audiobooks through Libby/OverDrive,

stream movies on Kanopy, and browse Scholastic Teachables for thousands of searchable and printable educational materials for Pre-K to grade 6. Also check out your local library on social media for updates on our Summer Reading Program, video programs, and ideas on educational and entertaining activities.

The library district truly appreciates your patience as we get back to doing what we love for our communities. Any general questions about reopening can be addressed to PRLD Director Michael Priest in Lapwai at 208-843-7254.

## First Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Clearwater County

LEWISTON, IDAHO –Public Health – Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) has confirmed the first positive case of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) in an adult in their 20s in Clearwater County. The investigation into this new case is in the preliminary stages. The patient's healthcare provider acted appropriately, discussing exposure risk and appropriately determining that a COVID-19 test was necessary. The patient is recovering at home.

Epidemiologists with PH-INCD will work to determine reasonable risk criteria for locations visited by this patient and any close contacts of that individual who were possibly exposed. If other people are found to have possibly been exposed, public health officials will provide guidance to them and will monitor them closely for symptoms. Additional case-specific information about this individual is confidential and will not be released. "We have been fortunate that Clearwater County has had no confirmed cases thus far into the pandemic. Now, more than ever, as we watch cases climb throughout the State, we need to be diligent about protecting our communities," said Carol Moehrle, Director.

### **COVID-19 risk reduction strategies should include:**

- Staying home if sick, even when symptoms are mild.
- Practicing physical distancing (maintaining at least 6 feet between individuals).
- Wearing a cloth face covering or mask when in public settings where physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer.

*For more information about COVID-19 visit*

*[www.idahopublichealth.com](http://www.idahopublichealth.com) or*

*<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/> or call our Public Health Hotline at 1-866-736-6632.*

## Three Positive COVID-19 Cases Confirmed in Lapwai

There have recently been three newly confirmed, travel-related positive COVID-19 cases at Nimiipuu Health, Lapwai clinic. However, at this time there does not appear to be community spread. The individuals who tested positive have been instructed to self-isolate at this time.

Contact tracing has been initiated and is being conducted by the North Central District of Idaho Public Health (PHD). Individuals who need to be tested due to direct exposure will be contacted by the Health District. Nimiipuu Health continues to follow symptom based testing protocols, meaning they will only conduct a test if an individual is showing symptoms. As a reminder, symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea and/or sore throat.

If you were contacted by PHD informing you that you were in direct contact with a positive individual, please notify your supervisor. Individuals with direct contact are encouraged to stay home and self-

quarantine for ten days and monitor for symptoms. Direct contact is having been within six feet of a positive individual for more than ten minutes. If you were not in direct contact, you do not need to self-quarantine, but you should continue to monitor for symptoms.

At a minimum, a 10-day quarantine period will be required if you have had direct contact with a positive COVID-19 case. If you develop symptoms during your 10-day quarantine period, you should contact Nimiipuu Health or your medical provider as you may need to be tested. At the conclusion of that test, and depending on the results you will be informed by the health care professional of next steps.

As a reminder, all individuals should continue following the recommended protocols for social distancing, efficient hygiene and wearing a mask when in close proximity to others. If you feel sick, stay home. Offices with high foot traffic will be minimizing in-person visits. For additional information on work protocols, please refer to the Standard Operating Procedures.



Lapwai Middle/High School Honor Roll	
<b>Seniors</b> 3.00 – 3.9 Lucinda Bohnee Althea Ellenwood Julia Gould KC Lussoro Davis Morrell Justin Rabago-Johnson  <b>Juniors</b> 4.0 Jaden Salazar Alan Weaskus  3.00 – 3.9 Tre'ton Bybee Linnea Herrera Jenz KashKash Omari Mitchell Chukut Nish Ciahna Oatman Alonzo Picard Jordan Shawl Glory Sobotta Sincere Three Irons  <b>Sophomores</b> 4.0 Grace Sobotta  3.00 – 3.9 Armani Bisbee Kayden Comer Penney Alexander Ellenwood Corey Greene Lydell Mitchell Sunceria Powaukee Titus Yearout  <b>Freshmen</b> 3.00 – 3.9 Wanbli Chimburas Lauren Gould Amaris Mitchell Soa'ali'I Moliga Chistopher Smith  <b>8th Grade</b> 4.0 Mathais Fox Presley Nellesen Abigail Whitman  3.00 – 3.9 Christopher Bohnee Mason Brown	Marshall Earls Keasha Henry Tailee Kicking Woman Jayden Leighton Jordyn McCormack-Marks Layson Morrell Ayanna Oatman Joseph Payne Samara Smith Khi Tall Bull Kase Wynott  <b>7th Grade</b> 4.0 Amasone George Andraeana Domebo  3.00 – 3.9 Rain allen Grace Carlin Ka'lijya Harley Romelia Henry Brian Merrill Emma Paddlety James Paddlety Nalonni Simpson Faith Sobotta Alexia Villavicencio Da Ron Wheeler  <b>6th Grade</b> 4.0 Madden Bisbee Saei George Grace Nellesen Triston Konen Taya Yearout  3.00 – 3.9 Olivia Allen Anton Arthur Emily Arthur Wynter Broncheau Kariana Covey MariJayne Gomez Natalya Greene Tevante Greene Robert Harris Joseph Holt Darwin Littlefish Larissa Moody Tamia Murphy Skylin Parrish Mikaele Peko-Taylor Halona Reeder

Classified Ads

Place a classified ad in the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune for .25 cents a word. Nez Perce Tribe Department classifieds are FREE.For more information, contact:  
Chantal C. Ellenwood  
at 208-621-4807  
chantale@nezperce.org

LCSC Spring 2020 Honor Roll NP Students	
Presidents List 3.75 GPA or Higher Gregory Arthur Jr. Cheryl Campbell Kiara Garcia Nikoli Lance-Greene Chenoah Last Star Chloe Thompson Kelci Parker Kelsey Reyes Kylie St. Paul	Deans List 3.25 -3.74 GPA  Angela Jackson Nakia Cloud Kieran Garcia Dedrick Pakootas Jaden Phillips Will Onthank

Masks Required

Beginning June 26, 2020 the Clearwater River Casino in Lewiston, ID and the It'se Ye-Ye Casino in Kamiah, ID will mandate that all customers wear masks while in the establishment. This precaution is being taken due to the increase of positive COVID-19 cases in both Washington and Idaho.  
Masks will be available for customers at both facilities, in addition to sanitizing products. All other protocols will remain in place until further notice. Those protocols include:  
•Masks must be worn  
•No smoking inside building  
•Temperature reading at door  
•Social distancing between machines  
•Beverage machine will be managed by staff  
•Limited hours:  
Sunday – Thursday  
8:00 a.m. -12:00 a.m.,  
Friday & Saturday  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

Y.A.B Silverwood Trip

On Wednesday, August 12, The Upriver Youth Leadership Council (UYLC) Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is sending a bus to Silverwood! The bus will load at 7:45 a.m. and leave at 8:00 a.m. It will leave Silverwood to return home at 9:00 p.m. The tickets are discounted, but still cost \$25.00. A meal plan and drink band are available for \$15. Come in or call and sign up now to reserve your spot! Anyone under 13 must have a parent or older sibling accompany them.  
For more information, contact the Y.A.B. Office, 1(208)-743-0392, or upriverylc@gmail.com

Electric Scooter For Sale in Kamiah

Golden Companion, Full size Luxury 4-wheel electric scooter Originally \$2059.00. Rarely used, excellent condition, new batteries, folding stadium seat, easy to read control panel, strong tires, cruises at 4.5 miles with 15 mile range. Rugged, dependable, well maintained. \$1250.00 Contact owner 208-792-1987



Firework Raffle

Tiny Tots Learning Center in Lapwai  
\$500.00 worth of fireworks!  
  
\$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets  
  
Raising money for an outdoor classroom! Phase 1: 30x30 cement patio for the kids to do art, ride bikes, and play.  
  
Goal: \$4,500.00 Drawing will take place July 3rd, 2020  
  
Contact: Bobbie Penney (208)935-8587



## Brad Lee Picard Sr., 66, Lewiston, ID



Brad Lee Picard Sr., 66, entered Heaven's Gates on Friday, June 19, 2020, with family by his side, at Prestige Care Center in Lewiston.

He was born Feb. 13, 1954, to Eugene Picard Sr. and Theodora "Teddi" Allman-Picard in Seattle. He was the third born out of Gene and Teddi's nine children.

Brad is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and is a descendent of the White Bird Band. He grew up in Mission Creek and attended school in Culdesac. Brad was raised attending church where his grandfather, the Rev. Bill Allman Sr., pastored and his grandmother, Marie (Arthur) Allman, played the piano. He would often share that he knew the Bible from front to back. He also shared the scripture John 3:16 with all who would listen. His early teachings would stay with him throughout his life. He enjoyed the Nez Perce hymns and specifically loved "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Brad had a love for fishing from an early age and it would continue to be a big part of his life. If his fishing pole was broken, he would still find success with a make-shift pole. He once caught a salmon out of Mission Creek.

Hearing Brad share stories of his childhood spent with his siblings and cousins was always sure to bring laughter. It is safe to say there was never a dull moment with the Picard

siblings. Brad often referred to their band of brothers as "The Mission Creek Warriors." The memories shared about "cops and robbers," where they also served as the judge and the jury, is considered a classic, according to his children, nieces and nephews.

Brad married Tracey Presnell in January of 1972. They had their daughter, Juanita Rose Picard, before he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he was trained as an Airborne Ranger. Following discharge, he and Tracey had their son, Brad Lee Picard Jr. Although the marriage ended in 1981, Brad spoke fondly of Tracey even in his final days.

One of the many things that he enjoyed in life was War Dancing as a fast and fancy dancer at powwows. He could be seen in his beautiful red regalia dancing with all his heart. In the last week of his time on Earth he watched powwow videos with tears in his eyes. It was evident that this was something he held very dear to his heart. He shared about how he loved hearing and dancing to the power beats in the songs.

Brad was never afraid to stand up for what he believed in, which led to his being an integral part of the Nez Perce Fisherman's Committee, where he was one of the founding members. In 1980, Brad took a stand along with fellow Nez Perce in what has become known as The Rapid River Stand Off at "Yawinma." The Nez Perce way of life was threatened as the Department of Fish and Game shut down all fishing at Rapid River. This time was crucial to the Nez Perce as many of them were willing to die in order to protect the Nez Perce way of life. He was a part of writing newsletters about what was happening at Rapid River and the importance that the salmon served to the people as well as the connection to the

land. These newsletters were often delivered by his younger brother Andre'. In 1981 he also participated in a Spiritual Walk from Celilo Falls, Ore. to the Washington state capital of Olympia in protest to Washington state's attempt to delist the steelhead and salmon.

Brad's service to the Nez Perce Fisherman's Committee led to his election by the Nez Perce people and serving as a member of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee in the early 1980s. He was a leader who had the ambition to protect the hunting, fishing and gathering rights of the Nez Perce. He always remained strong when it came to the Nez Perce treaties. These important times that he was a part of led to the beginning structures of the Nez Perce Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Department and Natural Resources Department.

Many years of his life were spent as a commercial fisherman on the Columbia River. He would often take his younger brother, Bill, with him. His daughter, Juanita, even spent a season fishing with him there. He followed the salmon from the Columbia to the Snake to the Clearwater to the Selway and to the Salmon rivers. He also ran the grant for The Sturgeon Project for the Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries Department. His love for fishing was a way of life for him.

Hunting trips with his son 2B (or Brad Jr.), nephews and his brothers were always a special time. He loved hunting up 58, the Lochsa and the Blues. These times were cherished and one of the best ways the Picard fellas spent quality time together. Brad taught his younger brothers and his children how to hunt and fish. He always taught them that you were to only take what you need. His children were taught this from a very young age.

Brad had a gift of making everyone feel like they

were his favorite. He had a sincere and loyal heart and always protected his family the best he knew how. He was never afraid to let loose and have a good time. He loved with everything he had and he was never afraid to show it. He was always telling his family "Love you!" His personality was unmatched as he loved to have fun and laugh, but he also was not afraid to take a stand. The phrase "my brother's keeper" is very fitting of Brad, that is how he looked out for his loved ones. As his family has started to share different memories of him, it seems as if he was everyone's favorite, too.

Brad is survived by his daughter, Juanita (Zachary) Harris of Clarkston; son Brad (Karlee) Picard Jr. of Lewiston; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brothers Eugene (Kay) Picard Jr. of Clarkston, Bill (Lori) Picard of Lapwai and Daniel (Angie) Picard of Lehi, Utah; sisters Marylu Mendenhall and Lori Picard of Pendleton, Ore.; many nieces, nephews and other relatives; and his life partner, Charlene Frank.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill Sr. and Marie Allman; parents Eugene Sr. and Theodora "Teddi" Picard; brother Andre' Picard Sr.; sisters Elizabeth "Missy" Picard and Julie "Punky" Picard; nephews Tony Picard, Albert Johnson, Quanah Picard, Theo Picard, Skylin Picard and Albert Picard; great-grandson Kailen Shaquille Vallee; and great-granddaughter Christine Rose Sampson.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 22, 2020, at the Spalding Cemetery, officiated by the Rev. Ron Wohlert. A dinner will follow at the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai. Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home of Lewiston is in charge of arrangements.





# Clearwater River

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**RED, WHITE & GREEN**



**\$1000**

10AM-12AM  
JULY 4

EVERY THURSDAY  
1pm-10pm

**BLAZIN' HOT SEATS**

**\$300 EPC**

**SUMMER**  
Essentials **GIVEAWAY**

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2 Backpack Chairs 2 Water Bottles  
2 Beach Towels Cooler  
Umbrella Outdoor Blanket

**+\$500**





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CASINO



**STARS & STRIPES**  
*Celebration*

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**\$400**

**FREE PLAY**

**SATURDAY**



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