Kamiah, Idaho—COVID-19 testing was conducted at Kamiah Nimiiipuu Health (NMPH) on Saturday, July 4. One hundred and one tests were conducted. At this time one test returned positive and 86 are still pending. The remaining test results are expected in approximately 8-10 days.

The delay in processing of the pending tests is due to the increase of COVID-19 testing in the region. Additionally, NMPH is still awaiting the test results from the testing that occurred on June 29. Due to the holiday, those test results were also delayed. Upon receipt of the pending test results, NMPH staff will be notifying each patient of their testing result as quickly as possible. Education will be provided on next steps, as necessary, for each patient.

Two types of testing were available. For symptomatic patients, they used the ID NOW test, which allows for same day results. For asymptomatic patients, nasopharyngeal swabs were used and sent out to Quest laboratories for processing. The testing at NMPH was conducted following the rise in COVID-19 cases in the region. Based upon information that there was an exposure in Kamiah, it was deemed necessary to provide mass testing access onsite. “Our number one concern is public safety. The sooner we can gather information on the severity of the situation, the better we can address the issues,” stated NMPH Medical Director, R. Kim Hartwig.
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Nimiipuutímtki- The People’s Language
(Nee-mee-poo-timt-key)

July Q’oyxcáal (Koyks-all) “Blueback/Sockeye Salmon season”

Huckleberry ripening season camitxlaq’it’aal sa-meekt-law-kit-all
Huckleberry season camitxt’aal sa-meekt-all
Between summer & fall hiil’em heel-em
Deer ‘ímes imm-iss
Bull elk wewúkiye wa-wookia
Cow elk tasípx ta-seep-h
Hunt (big game) tukeliikin too-kell-lee-kin
Hunting partner tukeliiktiwe tooka-leak-teh-wuh
Return from hunting tukéewise too-cow-wissa
Gun, rifle, bow tim’úuni tim-oo-knee

Image: Musselshell Meadows
Nez Perce Reservation, ID
Hipéexnu’ has a dream to have an immersion school of its own that will target young learners that will fill the Learnee positions. After the Learnees have met learning milestones in the Niimiipuu dialect. The plan for the classroom designation is to begin when the children are preschool and younger.

Currently, hipéexnu’ has been partnering with the Tiny Tots Learning Center, where up to 70 toddler and preschool aged students have benefited from hipéexnu’s services. This is a partnership that is showing signs of success; with the babies easily grasping the dialect, the teachers eager to learn, and the open doors from the Tiny Tots Learning Center.

As of June 2020, Hipéexnu’ has been offering short immersion sessions for the Little Roots students. They are picking up fast with some having 300 immersion hours since last March 2019.

The language will be consistent with the same number of students, teachers from the Tiny Tots Learning Center have been the Learnee Apprentice. Hipéexnu’ wishes to seek resources to seek more Learnee Apprentices as well as Learnee Mentees. Instruction time for the students cannot be less than ten hours a week, learning from both the Head Language Instructor and advanced. Learnee Mentees will be sought out and will typically be adolescents younger than 18 years of age. Hipéexnu’s Immersion Learning Center is to build up more Mentees and Apprentices to teach the youth on the Nez Perce reservation. The way to revitalize and preserve is to build an army of lifetime committed speakers and teachers in the Niimiipuu dialect.

Culture is a lifestyle. Lessening mainstream lifestyles is a challenge, as it is for every Niimiipuutimt class. Connecting culture to the teachings is an area yet to be defined, but there are many volunteer hours going into protecting the culture. This new year, the new Spring, brought us back together through the land. Through Charlotte Martin Foundation (CMF), Hipéexnu’ was able to take small groups of adults and youth to dig our traditional roots.

On June 17th 2020, Hipéexnu’ was awarded a $10,000 grant from Seventh Generation Fund to share with our communities to get back to the land. Hipéexnu’ kii’nuu wisíix inc plans to use the funds for gas and lodging for gatherers and diggers. Fish and cultural demonstrations for interested teenagers and adolescents are also available.

If you would like to assist in gathering, or if your adolescent would enjoy to participate, call 208-816-6552. Hipéexnu’ kii’nuu wisíix inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit located in Lapwai, Idaho. Visit https://www.hipeexnu.org for more information.

Qe’ciyéw’yew’ (Thank You) Flicker Fund and 7th Generation Committee and Funders.

The month of July has been cooler and wetter than usual. This cooler and wetter weather has allowed brush and grass to grow tall and thick. Hotter and dryer weather is forecasted for August which will allow those fuels to dry quickly.

Help firefighters help you during this fire season.

When camping: Drown your campfire, if it’s too hot to touch, it’s too hot to leave.

Around the home: Mow and water your lawn and clean up any burnable debris close to the home.
As the pandemic continues to evolve, NMPH Medical staff continue to work diligently to keep up on the most current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). “As we continue to learn about this novel virus we have to adjust our protocols and recommendations accordingly. Though much is still not known, we know more than we did back in January,” stated Dr. Hartwig. “A majority of our education is referenced from the CDC guidelines. While we recognize it can be challenging for the general public to stay informed of all the changes; as service providers, we take on the responsibility of being aware so we can strive to inform our patients the best we can.”

With the rise in positive COVID-19 cases, it is strongly encouraged for everyone to continue practicing the recommended safety protocols. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. This can be accomplished by practicing social distancing, wearing a mask while out in public, washing/sanitizing your hands often, and monitoring your health daily. If you feel sick, please stay home and call your medical provider.

If you test positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate. Self-isolation can discontinue when you have gone at least three days with no fever and respiratory symptoms have improved and it has been ten days since symptoms first appeared. As a reminder, any person that tests positive for COVID-19 is required to follow the self-isolation guidelines prescribed by the medical provider. The Nez Perce Tribal Police Department has the authority to ensure COVID-19 positive individuals are abiding the self-isolation guidelines.

Lapwai School District
Seeking Parent Input

Attention Current Parents and Guardians: During health-related school closures this spring, the Lapwai School District worked diligently to maintain caring student connections with creative and engaging approaches to ensure learning continued. We are seeking feedback from parents and guardians regarding their experiences with learning from home during the closure. Your responses are greatly appreciated and will inform planning for the quickly approaching school year.

Only the parents and guardians of currently enrolled students should respond. If you have children in both schools, we would value your input on both surveys. We are prepared to reopen for on-site, in-person learning this fall with safety precautions to be shared soon.

Questions regarding the surveys can be directed to David Aiken, Superintendent: (208) 843-2622, daiken@lapwai.org

Please respond to the school survey where your child was enrolled during the 2019-2020 school year. If you have children in both schools, we would value your input on both surveys: Lapwai Elementary K-5: Remote Learning Survey and Lapwai Middle-High 6-12: Remote Learning Survey.
COMMUNITY

2020 ERWM Air Quality Intern
by Josette Vigil

Josette Vigil - The Nez Perce Tribe and Forest Service have been working closely to identify and protect sensitive resources near Riggins, Idaho as the Rainbow Family of Living Light congregates near Race Creek to hold their annual gathering. At the time, about 500 people were in the area, and more were expected to have arrived over the 4th of July weekend.

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This intergovernmental cooperation includes close coordination and communication between the Tribe’s and Forest Service’s law enforcement. “We appreciate the assistance of the Nez Perce Tribe and other law enforcement cooperators in providing support for the safety of our communities and visitors, as well as our natural resources, during this event,” said Probert.

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**Awards Ceremony to Recognize Top Volunteers & Philanthropists**

Serve Idaho, the Governor’s Commission on Service and Volunteerism, is partnering with the Idaho Nonprofit Center’s annual Idaho Philanthropy Day.

The event will recognize Idaho’s top volunteers and philanthropists with a series of ceremonies that will take place in November in northern, southwestern and eastern Idaho. The event will replace the annual Idaho’s Brightest Stars ceremony in Boise previously hosted by Serve Idaho.

“We are excited for this amazing opportunity to partner with the Idaho Nonprofit Center and other partners to recognize Idaho residents who give of their time, talents and treasures to better their communities” said Renee Bade, Serve Idaho program supervisor.

Nominations are now available online at [www.idahononprofits.org/idaho-philanthropy-day](http://www.idahononprofits.org/idaho-philanthropy-day) and will be collected through August 2020.

**Categories include:**
- Outstanding Philanthropic Company
- Outstanding Nonprofit
- Outstanding Adult Philanthropist
- Outstanding Adult Volunteer – Idaho’s Brightest Star
- Outstanding Youth

Partners for the event include the Idaho Association of Fundraising Professionals, Idaho Community Foundation, Idaho Women’s Charitable Foundation and the Idaho Nonprofit Center.

Serve Idaho, a division of the Idaho Department of Labor, encourages voluntary public service and volunteerism throughout the state. It administers Idaho’s National Service Program, AmeriCorps, provides technical assistance in volunteer management and celebrates the outstanding contributions of Idaho’s volunteers. The Serve Idaho Commission is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Idaho Department of Labor.

The mission of Serve Idaho is “To inspire and recognize volunteers and empower communities through service and AmeriCorps to solve Idaho’s unmet needs.”
Pride or Prejudice?
Leagues and Companies Begin Changing Derogative Names and Logos

Genocide on Indigenous people was systemically engineered by the U.S. government. This wasn’t just some miscellaneous cowboys out killing Indians. This was literal U.S. laws put into place to exterminate all tribes. It ties into a much larger topic, but the actual origin of the term “redskin” comes from a state policy.

The main evidence can come from newspaper clippings dating back to the 1800’s. The states governments paid their people to kill indigenous people. Newspaper clippings show that in the state of Minnesota, to prove you killed an Indian, you would take their scalp. Even though western movies show the Indians scalping their enemies, it was not an indigenous practice; it was actually brought here by the French. In Minnesota they would scalp Natives after they killed them. They got $50 per “redskin”. The bloody scalps were called “redsins”. Pressure from sponsors sparked the Washington National Football League (NFL) franchise to move toward changing its name. Pressure from Native American leaders and groups is now being applied directly to the NFL. Native American groups asked the NFL to stop using Indigenous names, images, and logos.

More than a dozen Native American leaders and organizations have sent a letter to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. The letters specifically targeted the current Washington name, but it sends a broader message that the authors want the name to not be replaced with a different Indigenous name, and that they would like the Chiefs to change their name, too.

Baseballs Cleveland Indians are also considering a new name. As it relates to the Washington NFL franchise, the leaders and groups who contacted Goodell “expect the NFL to engage in a robust, meaningful reconciliation process with Native American movement leaders, tribes, and organizations to repair the decades of emotional violence and other serious harms this racist team name has caused to Native Peoples.”

The Washington name most likely will be changed, possibly before the start of the season. Coach Ron Rivera has said on multiple occasions that he would like a name that honors and supports both Native Americans and the military, Rivera said the name change for 2020 season will be awesome.

Major national retailers have stopped selling Washington Redskins merchandise as the team undergoes an evaluation of its name, which is widely considered a racial slur disparaging to Native Americans.

As of July 6th, items including shirts, hats and other memorabilia are no longer available at Walmart, Target and Dick’s Sporting Goods. The football team’s announcement Friday came after FedEx, sponsor of the team’s stadium in Landover, Maryland, formally asked the team to change its name on July 2. Investment firms and shareholders also reached out to Nike and PepsiCo asking to terminate relationships with the team unless it changed its name.

Walmart said in a statement on Twitter that it was "discontinuing the sale of items that reference the team’s name and logo." PepsiCo, which owns Quaker Oats, announced on June 17 that it plans to retire Aunt Jemima from packaging on its brand of syrup and pancake mixes because it’s "based on a racial stereotype." The owners of Uncle Ben’s, Mrs. Butterworth’s and Cream of Wheat also announced June 17 that their products’ packaging also would be reviewed. Dreyer’s Grand Ice Cream said on June 19 that its Eskimo Pie brand would be renamed.

“We have been in conversations with the NFL and Washington management for a few weeks about this issue,” PepsiCo said in a statement Friday about the Redskins. "We believe it is time for a change. We are pleased to see the steps the team announced today and we look forward to continued partnership."
Kamiah – Upriver Youth Leadership Council (UYLC) announced today that it has been awarded a one year grant from the New York Life Foundation to support its Teen Center program. The grant program is focused on supporting middle school students as they transition to 9th grade. The main purpose of this funding is to incorporate Botvin Life Skills Curriculum, Botvin Prescription Drug Abuse Module Curriculum, Strengthening Families Program, Mini-YAB program, and healthy snack and meal preparation skills components into services already provided by UYLC to aid in their objectives of reducing youth drug and alcohol misuse.

The grant is one of 26 new grants this year from the New York Life Foundation's "Aim High" program, a partnership with the Afterschool Alliance. This year's new grants total $1.35 million, and went to youth development organizations in 16 states and the District of Columbia (Alabama, Arizona, California (6), Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Florida (3), Georgia (2), Idaho, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York (2), Ohio (2), Oklahoma, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin). The organizations were selected from a total of 542 applicants.

In addition to these new grants, 16 programs received continuing grants first announced in 2019. Together, these programs support underserved youth in 24 states and the District of Columbia. The grants mark the fourth year of awards made under the Foundation's Aim High education initiative, and this year's grants bring the total awarded under the program to $4.8 million.

The grant to UYLC will support: Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) is an evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention program. LST has been extensively tested and proven effective at reducing tobacco, alcohol, opioid, and illicit drug use by as much as 80%. Long-term follow-up studies show it produces prevention effects that are durable and long-lasting.

Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidence-based family skills training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance. Eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly is another way of preventing drug and alcohol addiction. Being healthy and active makes it easier for people to deal with life stresses. This in turn, reduces temptation to rely on drugs and alcohol to deal with stress. Funding will allow for a healthy meal and prep class one time per week.

"We are excited to receive this funding to help us expand our prevention efforts in the community," said Sharlene Johnson, UYLC Executive Director, "our Teen Center is essential to youth safety, especially in these uncertain times related to COVID, and we are happy to be able to add expanded programming through this partnership."

"Students and families are facing immense hardships as a result of COVID-19 and they need additional academic and social emotional support now more than ever," said Marlyn Torres, senior program officer, New York Life Foundation. "Middle school students benefit greatly from the support and engaging opportunities provided by afterschool and summer programs, so it’s critical that these programs have the funding and flexibility to continue this important work."

Research has shown that for under-resourced students, additional learning time in the form of high-quality afterschool, expanded day and summer programs leads to greater academic achievement, better school attendance and higher engagement. Further, a successful transition from 8th to 9th grade — middle school to high school in most cases — is particularly critical to student success.

"We’re proud to partner with the New York Life Foundation in this effort," said Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. "Afterschool providers across the nation have been true heroes during the pandemic. Many have continued to provide full services to children of essential workers, others are conducting programming online, and many are delivering food to low-income families in their communities and connecting them to health and social service providers. I’ve never been prouder of the afterschool movement, so the Foundation’s continued support at this time of great peril is especially gratifying."

Aim High is part of the New York Life Foundation’s ongoing investment in OST programs to help underserved 8th graders reach the 9th grade.
Grants to OST Programs/4, allowing these and all other Aim High grantees the flexibility to use their funding as needed to support their overall work.

This year’s grant applicants were asked to submit plans for supporting youth in expanded or enhanced ways to help them successfully transition to high school. As in years past, applicants seeking one-year, $15,000 grants had a special focus: supporting opioid misuse prevention. Across the country, in communities struggling with the misuse of opioids and other substances, afterschool and summer learning programs are playing a critical role by fostering protective factors, increasing resilience among young people, supporting positive youth development, and reducing risk factors among children and youth. Grants will help programs build protective and preventive factors, reduce risk factors for youth and provide other supports for young people and families impacted by substance misuse and the opioid epidemic.

About Upriver Youth Leadership Council:
Community partners came together to develop a place-based strategy to promote positive changes for a healthy community. Upriver Youth Leadership Council (UYLC) was founded in 2017 as a community-based coalition focused on prevention of substance misuse by area youth as a result of the Kamiah Community Action Plan developed in 2015. UYLC’s mission is to “empower youth and adults to build a healthier community through prevention leadership”. Through this mission UYLC has developed a strong Youth Advisory Board (YAB) whose mission is to be a “Youth Voice to Prevent Substance Use by Providing a Safe Environment”. UYLC/YAB began to see success with offering weekly pro-social activities, however there were still at-risk times teens were unsupervised. YAB members worked tirelessly to fundraise and gain community support to open a much-needed Teen Center in September 2019. The center provides youth with a safe, enjoyable place to be with peers, under adult supervision. To learn more, please visit www.upriveryouth.org. Media contact: Sharlene Johnson.

About the New York Life Foundation:
Inspired by New York Life’s tradition of service and humanity, the New York Life Foundation has, since its founding in 1979, provided over $340 million in charitable contributions to national and local nonprofit organizations. The Foundation supports programs that benefit young people, particularly in the areas of educational enhancement and childhood bereavement. The Foundation also encourages and facilitates the community involvement of employees and agents of New York Life through its Volunteers for Good program and Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative. To learn more, please visit www.newyorklifefoundation.org. Media contact: Lacey S. Siegel.

About the Afterschool Alliance: The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. Visit www.AfterschoolAlliance.org.
Mother Earth is valued by those who live off of the land. Protecting the land is something that is very important to Indigenous people. Indigenous people have always believed that we are all connected to the earth, the sky, and to the water. We cannot keep taking and destroying the land without suffering the consequences. We need to take care of the planet, otherwise it’s game over for everybody.

The Seventh Generation Belief is based on an ancient Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Tribe) philosophy that the decisions we make today, will result in how we will live in the world seven generations into the future. The seventh generations are now rising throughout Canada and America. The world is witnessing tribes, communities, and all ages, from elders to young kids, unite to save the earth.

In a Dakota prophecy, they were told that a black snake would come through the land and its purpose was to bring sickness and destruction to the communities. The black snake symbolizes the sickness of today’s society, capitalism, and the system that is determined to destroy those that are dependent on the land. People from all over have been standing together in a fight against the Keystone XL Pipeline since 2010. When protestors stand up against the pipeline, they are rising up against the sickness of capitalism, and the actual physical pipeline itself. The prophecy also revealed that because of this black snake, the people would either come together or it would tear the land apart and destroy everything. This pipeline has the potential to destroy not only Native people, but all people.

The Keystone XL pipeline extension is a transcontinental pipeline. In 2008, a pipeline was proposed by an energy infrastructure company called TransCanada (TC Energy) in 2008. Commissioned in 2010, the pipeline has been building underground and under water starting from Canada, to transport 830,000 barrels of Alberta tar sands oil per day, to Nebraska where it would be transferred to another TC Energy pipeline for shipment to refineries and export terminals on the Gulf of Mexico. It is 2,147 miles long and carries the planet’s dirtiest fossil fuel waste. The pipeline goes through the South Dakota reservation and crosses their aquifer twice, meaning when it leaks or breaks the groundwater that can be extracted using a water well, will be dangerously contaminated. The Keystone Pipeline is a direct threat to the water and to the land. A small leak will pollute everything. There is nothing that can survive without water, a threat to the water is a threat to our way of life.


Much of the nearly 180,000 gallons of crude oil spill went into the Ash Coulee Creek, just 150 miles from the Dakota Access pipeline protest camp

Members of the Anishinaabek Nation sing as they enter the Standing Rock Sioux TCribe’s protest encampment.
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Kota Access pipeline to shut down pending further environmental review. U.S. District Judge James Boasberg wrote that the pipeline must close in the next 30 days. The U.S. Supreme Court handed a major setback to the Keystone pipeline by keeping in place a lower court ruling, that blocked a key environmental permit for the project. TC Energy needs the permit to continue building the long-disputed pipeline across U.S. rivers and streams. Without it, the project that has been heavily promoted by President Donald Trump faces more delay just as the work on it had started this year following years of courtroom battles.

The industry just suffered two big setbacks: July 5th, a cancellation of the $8 billion Atlantic Coast gas pipeline in the Southeast and a ruling the following day that shut down the Dakota Access oil pipeline in North Dakota. The order on July 6th, also put on hold a previous court ruling out of Montana, as it pertains to other oil and gas pipelines across the nation.

In the Keystone case, an April ruling from Morris had threatened to delay not just Keystone but more than 70 pipeline projects across the U.S. Morris agreed with environmentalists and warned to add as much as $2 billion in costs for allowing companies to skirt responsibility for damage done to water bodies.

The Keystone pipeline was rejected twice under the Obama administration because of concerns that it could worsen climate change. Trump revived it and has been an outspoken proponent of the $8 billion project. The Trump administration and industry attorneys argued the permit, and claimed it was functioning properly when it was cancelled by Morris over concerns about endangered species being harmed during pipeline construction. However, Morris’ one-paragraph order did not provide any rationale for the high court’s decision. The corps suspended the program following Morris’ April ruling.

TC Energy spokesman Terry Cunha said the company is not giving up on Keystone, but it will have to delay large portions of the pipeline. The company started construction last week on a 329-mile section of the line in Alberta, TX. That work will continue while the company continues its court fight in the U.S., Cunha said.

Attorney Jan Hasselman, who represents the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, said in a press release. “If the events of 2020 have taught us anything, it’s that health and justice must be prioritized early on in any decision-making process if we want to avoid a crisis later on.”

Mike Faith, chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, called it a historic day. “This pipelines should have never been built here. We told them that from the beginning,” he said.

The decision is a great victory for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and all people who understood the dangers, and stopped the pipeline. Things are changing in the world. The climate is shifting but there’s always a balance. Sometimes the bad brings us all together and provides us with what we need, to return and survive.
Dear Dr. Per Cap,

We’re about six months into the coronavirus pandemic and times are still tough. I’ve been furloughed from the casino and unemployment insurance only goes so far. Any idea when the economy is going to come back?

Signed, Doubling Down

Dear Doubling,

I’ll give it to you straight. I think we’re in for a long haul with the coronavirus, at least through the end of 2020; especially in parts of Indian Country where communities have been hit hard by the pandemic.

A huge factor in how well the economy holds up depends on how quickly we’ll have a vaccine for COVID-19. Some experts warn it could take at least a year while others are more optimistic. At this point it’s probably anybody’s guess but fortunately we have some of the brightest minds from all over the world working round the clock on the challenge.

In the meantime folks who have been laid off or furloughed definitely need to keep hunker ing down financially. Avoid large purchases if possible, pricey vacations, and other luxuries. I realize you might not have much choice. Every pow wow and Native summer event I know of has been canceled and many popular vacation destinations are either closed or only open to a limited number of visitors.

I’ve always sworn by the saying “When in doubt, save your money.” I think that holds true now more than ever. Obviously we’ve never lived through something like COVID-19 before but let’s also not forget that many of our grand-parents and great-grandparents did. We all know how small pox ravaged our ancestors but we don’t even need to go that far back. I recently asked my aunt, who is in her eighties, if she remembered her parents ever talking about the Spanish Flu of 1918. She told me a couple of heart wrenching stories of what life was like at the pueblos during that awful time. We can draw strength from what those old folks had to overcome so we could be here today.

Let’s also remember to pace ourselves – financially as well as emotionally. Back in March when the lockdowns started there was a ton of information going out with resources for coping; how to access benefits, where to get tested, what to do if you’re feeling lonely or depressed, etc. But since then I feel like there isn’t as much focus on support. This concerns me because I think we need encouragement now more than ever. Were almost six months in and still have a ways to go. Like most challenges in life, this is a marathon not a sprint. Stay well.

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Nimiipuu Fund
COVID-19 Response

Employee Loan
Get up to $5,000

Our hearts go out to all those impacted by COVID-19 outbreak. We are dedicated to promoting safety and health of our tribal communities. In response, we are launching Employee Loan for Nez Perce Tribal Government and Tribal Entity employees to help with debt consolidation or other needs from this uncertain time. Contact our office for more information.

Business Idea Generation

Join us for this 4-session course to learn strategies for generating your own small business ideas.

For questions, contact Jonelle Yearout 208-621-3729 jonelle@nimiipuufund.org

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Dear Dr. Per Cap,

Last week my boyfriend and I purchased a new washing machine online. At checkout we were offered an extended warranty that my boyfriend insisted we purchase. Was that a smart add on?

Signed, Always Amazon

Dear Always,

I’m not a huge fan of extended warranties. In my experience the benefit doesn’t usually justify the cost. I’m also leery of how aggressively manufacturers and retailers push them on consumers. Almost every product nowadays that costs more than $15 offers an extended warranty. In many cases you’re better off just buying a new one if it breaks. Most extended warranties also provide a lot of wiggle room for the seller to get out of having to warranty a product. Looks like normal wear and tear – sorry, not covered. You dropped it on the kitchen floor? Oops, not covered. No receipt or you failed to register the product when you bought it – too bad. Or the classic – we’ll fix it but you pay the shipping costs.

I think many people purchase extended warranties with a false sense of security. I also know people who look at the price of a product and think it makes sense to purchase an extended warranty for big ticket items like a used car or an appliance where repair costs could be really pricey. But I’m still not convinced.

An extended warranty is basically a cheap insurance policy. The company knows how good its products are and how long they will last on average. Then it prices the warranties to more than offset the costs for any repairs and replacements. The extended warranty is just another product they want to sell you because they’ll make more money.

The only time I think it might make sense to purchase an extended warranty is if you are more than an average user of a product. For example, say you have a passion for woodworking and you buy a new table saw. You plan on using the heck out of that saw as opposed to a typical weekend warrior who might only work on one or two projects a year. In that case I can see the value in paying for an extended warranty to protect your investment, but again - buyer beware.

If you do choose to buy an extended warranty read the fine print and make sure you register the product immediately after purchase. And in the unfortunate event you have to use the warranty, keep a paper trail and don’t be surprised if you have to get a little tough with the company to honor that warranty. Now that we’ve covered that – have fun putting the suds to your duds!

Ask Dr. Per Cap is a program funded by First Nations Development Institute with assistance from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org. To send a question to Dr. Per Cap, email askdrpercap@firstnations.org.
Levi Joseph Holt, 73, Lapwai, ID

Levi Joseph Holt, aka Cimuuximux Taxcpol (Black Beaver), began his journey to be with Creator on Sunday, June 28, 2020.

Levi was born Nov. 14, 1948, to Lewis B. Holt and Elizabeth Cora Holt. He was a proud member of the Escapo Band of Nez Perce, and grew up in the upper reaches of the North Fork Clearwater River. Levi lived a fulfilling life in which he accomplished many great and wonderful things for the people. Levi was a leader, conservationist, musician, artist, carpenter and veteran. Although his most important titles were husband, father and grandfather.

Levi was born at Orofino and lived his childhood years helping his father run the family cattle operation. He lived for a time in Granger, Wash., and those were formative years for him. He graduated from Boise High School and joined the U.S. Army, where he served honorably. After the Army, he moved back to the Nez Perce Reservation and began his career in carpentry. It was then he also began to follow his passion for advocating for the People, the Treaty of 1855, and for the conservation of our Mother Earth. It was during that time he met and married Viola Allen, of Lapwai. They had two children and later divorced.

Levi was a renowned and exemplary leader for the Nez Perce Tribe. He served on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee from 1992-1995, and again in 2004. He championed the rights of the tribal membership, the sanctity of the Treaty of 1855 with the United States, and tamulwit, a sacred responsibility to the natural world. Whether it was in the halls of Congress, at the National Congress of American Indians, or in boardrooms of conservation organizations around the country, Levi excelled. He spoke with grace and eloquence for the rights of Indigenous people, and for the wolf, salmon, buffalo, clean water and healthy forests. Levi secured the place of many species through his advocacy. His conservation legacy will be as the Voice of the Wolf and their return to the Pacific Northwest.

Levi loved to be an artist. His beautiful music reflected a life filled with tribulation and achievement. As a carpenter, he also utilized his creative passion. He was very proud of the construction projects he supervised and the structures he built. He was a flutist. Levi loved to express himself by the music of his flutes. With his flute, he performed for many special occasions and contributed to many ceremonies. Whether it was with his harmonica, electric slide guitar, hammer or flute, Levi created beauty.

Nurturing and supporting family dominated Levi’s life. He met his wife, Patricia Montier, and they fell deeply in love. They were bright stars in each other’s lives. They breathed life into each other and had a beautiful journey. Levi loved their annual trek to Colorado and spending time with the family. Levi cherished his children. His precious “Little Girl” and beloved “Sonny” were the most important people in his life. He loved his grandchildren and was always their biggest fan. He loved to check in with them and hear the wonderful things they were doing in life. He proudly proclaimed to the world who his children and grandchildren were. He also spent much of his time with nephews and nieces, inspiring them and guiding them with his unique wisdom. Levi believed in the Circle, and embraced his brothers and sisters as leaders of the clan. He spoke honorably of his siblings, and always shared stories of their accomplishments.

Levi’s life was full of love, music and relationships. He treasured all of his friends in music and in the conservation community. He spoke highly of you all.

Levi was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis Holt and Elizabeth Cora Holt, and siblings Ferris Holt, Norman Holt, Claudia Holt-Barnes and Maynard Holt. He is survived by siblings Marcelene and Richard Anderson, of Wapato, Wash., Ronald Holt, of Lapwai, Lewis Holt, of Lapwai, David and Sara Holt, of Lapwai, Virgil and Sandy Holt Sr., of Lapwai, and Adrian and Angel Holt, of Wapato, Wash.; daughter Clarice and Orlando Villavicencio, of Lapwai, and their children, Koyama’, PoxPox Himi-n, Kahlness and Joseph; and son Joseph and Lindsey Holt, of Worley, Idaho, and their children, Shiniash, Ashlee and Jolissa.

Dressing was at Malcom’s Brower-Wann Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Tuesday. At 8 a.m. today the procession will begin to gather at the Nez Perce Tribal Long House at Spalding. At 9 a.m. today the procession will accompany the body to the Jonas Cemetery at Sweetwater. Graveside services will proceed at 10 a.m. To-go dinner plates can be picked up after the graveside service at the Methodist Church. The family appreciates your patience and understanding in implementing social distancing protocols during this difficult time.
Gale “Joe” Taylor, 80, Lapwai, ID

Gale “Joe” Russell Taylor, 80, of Lapwai, passed away Monday, July 6, 2020, in Lapwai.


From 1958-60 Joe served with the U.S. Marine Corps. He attended college in Eugene, Ore. Joe and Joanne moved to Dallas, where he was an aircraft mechanic. He retired after 30 years of being an electrician at Eastern Washington University and continued being a maintenance manager for five years at the Clearwater River Casino. Joe was also a firefighter for the Nez Perce Tribe in the ‘70s and had a role in Charles Bronson’s movie “Breakheart Pass.” Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, family gatherings and drinking his bucket of Bud Light at PK’s. He loved the annual golf trip to Laughlin, Nev., with his brother, Ted, and loved watching hot air balloons in Albuquerque, N.M. Joe and his sons also went to drag races and air shows in Spokane. Joe also loved going on cruises with his cousin, Gov. But he really loved joking and terrorizing everyone.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff at Advance Health Care, Jessica Hendren, Kenny Arnett and his buddy, Bob, for taking special care of him.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Taylor, at their home in Lapwai; son Jim (Cindy) Taylor, of Plummer, Idaho; daughter Elaynia McNurlin, of Springfield, Ore.; granddaughters Verna Taylor, of Lapwai, Hilary McNurlin, of Springfield, Teeiah (Alex) Arthur, of Lapwai, and Yolanda (Ronnie) Pagaduan, of Spokane; great-grandkids Asia Taylor, Taylor and Tyler McNurlin, Anton and Amaya Arthur, LaRon Pagaduan and Makayla Besa; great-great-grandkid Jaya Domebo; sisters June Paine and Darlene Reuben, of Spokane; brother Ted (Denise) Taylor, of Albuquerque, N.M.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his father, Daniel Taylor; mother Louise Allman; brother Butch Taylor; sister Mryna Seyler; and son Mike Taylor.

The family will personally hold a celebration of life. Photos and memories remembering Joe Taylor can be shared on Facebook. Please sign the online guestbook at www.malcomsfuneralhome.com.

Native American Pathways Program

Distance Experience, due to COVID-19 Pandemic

JULY 17 – AUGUST 21, 2020

APPLY NOW Deadline: July 6, 2020

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As part of Mayo Clinic’s continued focus on reconciliation and building relationships with American Indian / Alaska Native communities, we are offering a 5-week summer program intended to aid undergraduate students in preparation for health careers. Guided by a team of faculty and staff, workshops and sessions will focus on developing skills and strategies for the medical school admissions process.

A Pilot Cohort of 15 students will be competitively selected from the applicants and will assemble for related Q&A sessions with subject matter experts, participate in additional cohort-building activities, and be granted access to self-paced online MCAT Prep.

Given the challenges and advantages of distance delivery, program content for this pilot will be dynamic and shaped by student feedback.

Pilot Cohort Program Highlights
- MCAT Strategy & Prep, with individual coaching session, 1 year online self-paced course
- Personal Statement Writing Workshop
- Mock Interviews
- Community informed clinical simulation activities and disparities case studies
- Discussion panels with medical students, residents, attending physicians, and scientists
- Exploration of ongoing Bioethics and Community-Engaged projects
- Culturally based team building exercises
- Mentoring and continued learning and engagement during the 2020-2021 academic year
Beatrice Elizabeth Wheeler, 49, Lapwai, ID

“Live simply, love generously, speak kindly, care deeply, and leave the rest to God.”

Beatrice Elizabeth Wheeler, 49, of Lapwai, entered into eternal rest Friday, July 3, 2020. She was born Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1971, in Lewiston to Rod and Carol (Raboin) Wheeler. Her mom told her she went into labor and missed watching Bea’s uncle, Kub Ellenwood, play in the championship game of the Nez Perce Nation tournament. This love of basketball eventually passed from mother to daughter. Bea was happy she shared her birthday with her all-time favorite basketball player, “Air Jordan.”

Her dad gave her the Nez Perce name Alatello (Yellow Jacket Bee). She also had many nicknames, including Queen Bea. The Wheeler family eventually grew to include Mary Isabelle and Ronald Larry (Sonny). Their motto was “Wheeler’s are not short, just undertall.” They grew up on Main Street in Lapwai, living next to their grandparents, Dan and Louise Higheagle. Their homes were the center of life for their large extended family. The echoes of multi-generational laughter and children playing will forever rebound from that loving place.

Childhood birthday parties are always a special memory. For some reason, Bea always cried when the family sang “Happy Birthday” to her. Maybe because we all sang out of tune? Inevitably, birthday cake would be smeared onto someone’s face or everyone had to be ready for one of Auntie Georgine’s famous pranks.

Bea was a member of the Nez Perce Tribe. She was a beautiful child with long, thick hair that went past her waist. Bea often participated in tribal dancing and was taught to do beadwork by her mother and grandmother. She learned to speak the Nez Perce language from her dad and great-grandfather, Johnny Woods, who lived in the family home.

In 1989, Bea graduated from Lapwai High School. She was part of the Wildcat’s varsity team, with her sister, Mary, that won the Idaho state A-3 girls’ basketball championship in 1989. She also was active in volleyball, softball and Indian Club.

In December 1989, Bea gave birth to the first love of her life, Jordan Nathan. She named her son after her all-time favorite basketball player, Michael Jordan, and his grandpa’s brother, Nathan. He was “My Jordan,” she would say. Two years later, her second love, Allen Kendall LaRon, was born in May 1991. Her brother, Ron, and her mom helped name him after his great-great-grandpa, Allen Raboin, and NBA basketball player Kendall Gill. In August 2007, her bundle of joy, DaRon Clarence Rod, made his appearance. He was named after his great-grandpa, Clarence Raboin, grandpa Rod and uncle Ron. She considered DaRon as a gift from her brother since he was born shortly after Ron passed away. Bea loved her boys with all her heart and was proud of them. In July 2009, Bea was blessed with a beautiful and amazing granddaughter, Tiana Jay Marie. She loved to watch her play basketball and was grateful for the special times they had together.

Bea attended Lewis-Clark State College, where she stayed in the dorms with her son, Jordan. This was the only time she didn’t live in Lapwai. In 2008, she received her associate degree in legal secretary. Later, she was proud that she became the second Nimiipuu woman to get her CCP Certification for Medical Coding.

It was very important to Bea to use her life to be of service to others. Her first job was working with Nez Perce Social Services focused on Indian child welfare. She also was a secretary and social worker with the Nez Perce Early Head Start Program. Part of her career path was in hospitality and tourism, including her time as a night auditor for the Super 8 motel in Lewiston and as a bartender and hotel front desk representative at the Clearwater River Casino.

She loved her years at Nimiipuu Health, where she started in the contract health department. She also was a data entry clerk and most recently served as a medical records technician. Bea loved spending time with her family and friends. She especially enjoyed watching her favorite sports teams including the Lapwai Wildcats, Lil’ Warrios, Clarkston Bantams, Multnomah Lions, Chicago Bulls, North Carolina Tar Heels, Pittsburgh Steelers, Seattle Seahawks and Washington State Cougars. To honor her wishes, her family suggests that people wear the clothing or colors of Bea’s favorite teams to her celebration of life services.

One of her greatest memories was traveling to Baltimore and New York City, where she saw the Twin Towers, Times Square and the Empire State building. Bea was known for her big smile, big heart, fry bread-making skills, the “Boat Ramp,” Hells Gate Beach, taking pictures, and cruising to the mountains and on the backroads often with the best old-school or current music playing. Her laugh and her famous way of saying “crazy” will always be treasured by those who loved her.

Bea was a lifelong member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She traveled extensively with her family to Kateri Tekakwitha conferences in her teen years. Bea recently wrote in her journal: “Lord Jesus, thank you for calling me to be with you. Thank you for the privilege of walking with you every day.” She quietly spent time reading and reflecting on Scriptures as a way to draw her heart to the Lord and to experience God’s grace, comfort and wisdom.

Beatrice is survived by her mother, Carol Wheeler, at the family home on Red Duck Lane; sons Jordan, Allen and DaRon Wheeler; sister Mary (JW) Wheeler; her nieces, Sequoia and Josephine Wheeler, all of Lapwai; granddaughter Tiana Jay Wheeler, of Lewiston; her “fur baby grandson,” Aello Reign; her aunts, Sandra Higheagle, Rosa (Jon) Yearout, Evelyn Higheagle, Barbara Wheeler, all of Lapwai, and Audrey Types, of Lewiston; uncles Gordon Higheagle Sr. and Kevin (Susie) Ellenwood Sr., all of Lapwai; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and dozens of nieces and nephews and their children.

She was preceded in death by her father, Rod Wheeler; her brother, Ron “Sonny” Wheeler; her grandparents, Clarence Raboin, Celestine Types, Dan and Louise Higheagle, Phillip Wheeler Sr. and Beatrice Woods; her aunts and uncles, McFarlands (Francis John, Larry Sr., Ronald, Elaine), Higheagles (Patricia, James, Anthony Sr., Georgia, Georgine), Wheelers (Phillip Jr., Kenny, Bill Sr.), Ellenwoods (Nate, Rick) and Delbert James. A public viewing and celebration of life video was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lapwai. The family requested social distancing, wearing face masks and staying home if sick because of public health recommendations. The Holy Rosary was held followed by burial in Lapwai’s Holy Cross Cemetery.
Maurice “Chief” Abel McAtty, 40, Clarkston, ID

Maurice “Chief” Abel McAtty, 40, of Clarkston, passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, because of kidney and liver failure.

He was born to Walter “Nim” Abel McAtty and Teri Sampson Littleman on Dec. 14, 1979, at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Chief attended school in Clarkston, including Grantham Elementary, Lincoln Middle School and Clarkston High School, to the 10th grade. He worked janitorial work throughout the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley.

Chief enjoyed the many times with his dad hunting in the mountains and was an outstanding ballplayer, excelling in pitching and hitting home runs. He loved fishing and going to Rapid River and was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

He is survived by his mother, Teri Sampson Littleman, of Clarkston; stepfather Art Littleman, of Clarkston; brothers Benjamin Sampson, of Weippe, Kyle Lee McAtty, of Clarkston, David I. Samuels, of Lewiston, and Wesley V. Sampson, of Lewiston; daughters Dionne McAtty, of Lewiston, and Morissa McAtty, of Clarkston; son Maurice “Little Chief” McAtty (II), of North Pacific, Wash.; grandson Xzavier McAtty, of Clarkston; grandfather Melvin Sampson, of Wapato, Wash.; uncle Adrian McAtty, of Toutle, Wash.; aun Suzanne McAtty, of Lapwai; aunts Violet Nanpooya and Becky LaCourse; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Chief was preceded in death by his father, Walter “Nim” McAtty; brother Walter Abel McAtty Jr.; grandfather Walter McAtty; grandmother LaVeda F. McAtty; great-grandparents Edward and Sophia Nanpooya and Abel and Stella McAtty; aunt Simone “Sam” Sampson; and great-aunt Beatrice McAtty Lawrence.

A dressing took place at 2 p.m. Thursday at Merchant Funeral Home in Clarkston and a 7 p.m. memorial service at Pi Nee Waus in Lapwai. There will be a funeral service at 10 a.m. today at Pi Nee Waus in Lapwai.

Please sign the online guestbook at merchantfuneralhome.com.
### Electric Scooter For Sale in Kamiah

Golden Companion, Full size Luxury 4-wheel electric scooter for sale!

- Rarely used, excellent condition, new batteries, folding stadium seat, easy to read control panel, strong tires, Rugged, dependable, and well maintained.

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Contact owner 208-792-1987

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Place a classified ad in the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune

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Nez Perce Tribal Department classifieds are FREE.

For more info contact: Chantal C. Ellenwood at 208-621-4807 chantale@nezperce.org communications@nezperce.org

### Y.A.B Silverwood Trip

On Wednesday, August 12, The Upriver Youth Leadership Council (UYLC) Youth Advisory Board (YAB) will be 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.

Anyone under 13 must have a parent or older sibling accompany them.

Come in or call and sign up now to reserve your spot!

For more information, contact the Y.A.B. Office, 1(208)-743-0392, or upriverylc@gmail.com

### Masks Required

As of 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

And Limited hours:
- Sunday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m., Friday & Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

### Postponed

Due to Covid19, the Lookingglass Pow-wow has been POSTPONED. (New date TBD)

The Lookingglass Pow-wow is normally scheduled for the 3rd weekend in August.

### 2020 Census Deadline is October 31, 2020

The 2020 Census is quick and easy. The questionnaire will take about ten minutes to complete ten questions. It is safe, secure and confidential. Your information and privacy is protected. Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funding for schools, roads and other public services. Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

Two important Census questions support #IndianCountryCounts. They are Questions 5 and 9 for “Person 1”.

- Question 5. Person 1 must be a Native person for the household to be counted as a Native or Indian household. Check the box “American Indian or Alaskan Native”. Write or insert NEZ PERCE TRIBE as the first principal tribal affiliation for the purpose of the Nez Perce Tribe Census count. All Natives are welcome to list numerous tribal affiliations i.e. Nez Perce, Yakama, Puyallup. In 2010, 3,735 Nez Perce household members was counted nationwide of which 1,972 resided in Idaho and 1,451 resided within the exterior boundary of the Nez Perce Reservation land areas. Email 2020Census@nezperce.org for assistance to complete a form online or by telephone. Also, like us on Facebook at NPT 2020 Census/GOTV. 2020 is an important year to be counted in the 2020 Census and to vote on November 3, 2020.

- Question 9. What is Person 1’s Race? Like Question 5, Person 1 must be a Native person for the household to be counted as a Native or Indian household. Check the box “American Indian or Alaskan Native.” Pick a Nez Perce tribal member to be Person 1. This can be anyone in your family — even a child. Check the box “Nez Perce Tribe” exactly like this:

### How you fill out the Census really matters to you and your tribe!

Tribal Nations are poised to lose $3,500 per year for ten years in federal funding for every tribal member who doesn’t get counted. One count = $35,000

### It’s up to you!
## Lapwai Middle/High School 2020 2nd Semester Honor Roll

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### COVID-19

**Questions? Safety concerns?**

**Email us!**

NPTemergencyoperations@nezperce.org

Your email will be received by the Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Team. All questions and safety concerns will be shared with the EOC team member(s) best suited to respond. Your personal information will remain confidential and will not be shared unless requested to do so. Emails will be responded to in the order they are received and every effort will be made to respond to questions or concerns as quickly as possible.

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