Remembering the Battle at Bear Paw

Every fall Nez Perce tribal members, among other people, return to the battlefield to remember the final battle of the Flight of 1877 and to honor those involved in a moving memorial service.

A trip to the Bear Paw Commemoration is nearly a six-hour drive from the Nez Perce Reservation, totaling close to 355 miles. According to Google Maps, it would take an individual around 118 hours to walk the same distance, traveling for five days non-stop on foot. Not to mention the cold weather, and bitter snow on the ground at times. That is what the people of the Nez Perce Tribe endured as they took a straight shot north toward the Canadian border after the battle at Big Hole. The group consisted of 800 people, including elders and children.

The Nez Perce continued on in hopes of finding refuge in Canada. They traveled 1,170 miles in a matter of 51 days. When they arrived at Caynimm Allkinwaasp (Place of the Manure Fire), just 40 miles short of the Canadian Border, they decided to rest. They had no idea that the next five days would be a battle that would end in siege.

Upon arrival at the Bear Paw Battlefield in October, the beautiful hillsides and rolling plains are a sight to see, sometimes there is also a dusting of snow on the ground with the beautiful mountains off to the side as the backdrop. Visitors can walk the 1 and ¼ mile long trail to get a closer view of the battlefield. The hike loops back around to the original viewpoint, with a turn off trail that will take visitors to Death Rock, where a number of tribal leaders had their lives taken.

There are several dugout pits in the ground along that trail, where the Nez Perce laid to take coverage. There are a number of rocks and areas

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where visitors left offerings in the past. At the top of one hillside there is a placard marking where Ollokot, the leader of young men, fell on September 30, 1877. Near the end of the trail is the burial area of the fallen soldiers. The final point is marked to be near the site where Chief Joseph met with Colonel Miles to surrender his rifle where the well-known surrender speech was made.

The Battlefield is in the midst of the Fort Belknap reservation, which has a deep appreciation for the Nez Perce and the battle they fought. Each year they host the Chief Joseph Pow Wow as a memorial to Chief Joseph and the warriors.

Though this was the final battle, it was not the end of the fight. Even today, there are still rights the Nez Perce are fighting for. Just as the warriors in the battle of Bear Paw fought for their way of life, the Nez Perce will continue to fight to maintain those rights for the next several generations. The words Chief Joseph spoke may seem to mean surrender, but in reality it was another war strategy to ensure survival of the Nez Perce people.

"Tell General Howard I know his heart. What he told me before, I have in my heart. I am tired of fighting. Our Chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead. Too-hul-hul-sote is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say yes or no. He who leads the young men is dead. It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them have run away to the hills and have no blankets, no food; no one knows here they are, perhaps freezing to death. I want time to look for my children and see how many I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead. Hear me my chiefs, I am tired; my heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever."—Chief Joseph

Bear Paw Battlefield Nez Perce Historic Park surrender monument
(Photo from Visit MT)

**There is less than 1 month to register to vote!**

You must be registered by October 9. Are you ready? Idaho offers several ways to register and ensure your voice is heard.

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**By Mail:** To vote by mail, you can download and print a voter registration postcard at https://sos/idaho.gov/elect/VoterReg/voter_registration.pdf Follow the instructions and then either drop it off or mail it to your local election office.

**In-Person:** You can also register in-person before the election by visiting your local election office. In-person registration closes on the same day as the other options, and then reopen on election day.

**Election Day In-Person:** If you miss the deadline or need extra time, don't worry—Idaho offers in-person registration on the day of the election. You can learn more at https://idahovotes.gov/

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Idaho does not automatically send ballots by mail (also known as absentee voting), but once you’re registered, you’ll have until October 23 to request a ballot by mail.

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Lapwai, Idaho- On September 16, 2020, the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) was awarded a $19,134,710 grant by the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program to support the rebuild of the Aht’Wy Interchange (Project).

The Project is located on US 95/12, approximately 6 miles east of Lewiston, Idaho; an area which has been recognized as one of Idaho’s most dangerous stretches of road.

“This is great news during what are difficult times for all of us here in the region. We believe this project will benefit everyone and have a positive impact on the economy of the Lewiston-Clarkston valley,” stated Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman, Shannon Wheeler. “We would like to express our gratitude to MaryBeth Frank-Clark who has worked tirelessly to make this project possible. We would also like to thank U.S. Senators Jim Risch and Mike Crapo, Congressman Russ Fulcher, Governor Brad Little and State Senator Dan Johnson for their tremendous support of the project,” continued Wheeler.

This Project, in development since 1998, is designed to address the findings of an Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) Traffic Impact Study which identified the need for certain roadway improvements in the area. Over the last 11 years, the Tribe has spent over $2 million of their Tribal Transportation Program funds on the Project.

The Project will include construction of a diamond-shaped interchange and replacement of the current at-grade intersection with an overpass to access the plaza, on the east entrance. There will also be additions of deceleration and acceleration ramps for eastbound traffic. Additionally, a broadband conduit and pedestrian walkway will be included. The anticipated cost of the entire Project is $20,141,800; with the difference being funded by the Tribe. “This interchange will be a welcomed addition to the infrastructure, not only here locally but statewide as many people throughout the region travel this route. We are pleased to hear of the Nez Perce Tribe’s success in obtaining this funding and appreciate our continued, strong working relationship,” stated ITD District Engineer, Doral Hoff.

The final plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&Es) are expected to be completed within four to six months. It is anticipated that the Project will be sent out for bids in approximately 12 months. Once construction begins, following an approved bid, the Project is estimated to take 12-18 months to complete construction.

Some benefits of the Project include reduced delays experienced by the local transit system and improved access to Clearwater River tourist areas and major employment centers. It will also improve the efficiency and safety of freight movement, especially for the agricultural and logging industries.

“The Aht’Wy Interchange Project has been in the works for some time and we are thrilled to finally move toward completion of this vital project,” stated Nez Perce Tribe Transportation Manager, MaryBeth Frank-Clark. “I would like to express my gratitude to the US Department of Transportation and all of those who have supported the effort to make this project a reality. I would specifically like to recognize the former Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director, Rebecca Miles; JUB Engineer Aht’Wy Interchange Project Manager, John Watson; the Bureau of Indian Affairs Northwest Regional Office of DOT; ITD District 2, Doral Hoff and Ken Helm; the Nez Perce Tribe Office of Legal Counsel; Nez Perce Tribe Wildlife Program; Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Resources Program; and the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee for their work on the effort.”

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Nez Perce Tribe Opens Comment Period for Proposed Hemp Ordinance

LAPWAI, ID - The Nez Perce Tribe has issued notice of a proposed amendment to the Nez Perce Tribal Code regarding the regulation of the cultivation, processing and distribution of industrial hemp on the Nez Perce Reservation. The notice opened up a comment period for the amendment, with a deadline of October 23, 2020.

This proposed Hemp Ordinance will provide a regulatory framework for the safe and legal production of industrial hemp on the Nez Perce Reservation, says a Nez Perce Tribe press release. Approval of the Hemp Ordinance must be completed in coordination with the United States Department of Agriculture, which through the 2018 Farm Bill, directed establishment of a national regulatory framework for hemp production in the United States. The USDA must approve plans submitted by states and Indian tribes for the domestic production of hemp.

"Due to its versatility and organic nature, Industrial hemp has been identified as a potential avenue for economic development on the Reservation," stated Arthur Broncheau, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Law and Order Subcommittee Chair. "Because there is tremendous growth in sectors of the economy that rely on hemp, the Tribe believes hemp is an emerging market that can accomplish economic self-sufficiency and increase jobs in our region," continued Broncheau.

The Tribe has deliberated on this topic for the past few years and evaluated research and recommendations on paths forward. The Tribe has also been active in the United States' promulgation of federal regulations of this industry. "Promoting sustainability is a mission and core value of the Climate Change and Energy Sub-committee. We want to grow and help improve the soil that is used for agricultural purposes currently, and reconnect with a part of our culture that has been lost," stated Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Vice-Chair, Chantel Greene. "Our ancestors grew and utilized hemp for several reasons including the creation of basic supplies, such as clothing and rope, and to support their health and wellbeing."

The Tribe's release points out that while hemp and marijuana are both members of the same plant species, Cannabis sativa L, their differences are significant. "Hemp" is the term used to describe the food and fiber variety of the cannabis plant, while "marijuana" is the name given to cannabis that's grown to enhance the chemicals that make one feel intoxicated. Hemp and marijuana also must be grown using different techniques and in different environments to produce the best possible results. Hemp cannot be used to obtain an intoxicated "high" like marijuana. "One important element of this project will be to provide the necessary education to help create an understanding of the difference between hemp and marijuana. This plan will not conflict with the Controlled Substances Act," stated Broncheau.

The Tribe will regulate for "Acceptable Hemp THC Levels" as prescribed by federal law. This means when a laboratory tests a hemp sample, it must report the concentration level on a dry weight basis of the sample. The Acceptable Hemp THC level of a sample, for the purpose of compliance with the requirements of the Hemp Ordinance, is when the THC level on a dry weight basis produces a distribution or range that includes 0.3% or less of THC.

The proposed Hemp Ordinance would also implement licensing requirements for growers, require inspection and sampling, pre- and post-harvest testing, and regulations on use of pesticides. "It is important that there are proper laws in place to regulate this new industry," continued Broncheau. "Once a final Hemp Ordinance is approved by the USDA and codified by the Tribe, the Tribe will work on implementation of the regulatory framework. The ultimate goal will be ensuring that there is a clear and consistent process in place for regulating growers on the Reservation," concluded Broncheau.

Amendments to the Nez Perce Tribal Code

This notice is being posted as of September 10, 2020, according to the Nez Perce Tribal Code § 1-4-2 to request written comments for the following proposed amendments found online at: https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2020-09-02-DRAFT_NPT-Hemp-Ordinance_2-21.pdf

Authorize a thirty (30) day posting for proposed addition to the Nez Perce Tribal Code to include the Nez Perce Tribal Hemp Ordinance.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Tribal regulation of the possession, cultivation, processing and distribution of Hemp on lands within the Tribe’s Jurisdiction is necessary to protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Tribal community. In order to further these goals, the NPTEC has authorized a thirty (30) day comment period for the proposed addition to the Nez Perce Tribal Code.

This Plan shall govern the cultivation, processing, and distribution of Hemp on lands within the Tribe's Jurisdiction as required in Subsection G of the 2018 Farm Bill and will allow the Tribe to exercise its inherent sovereignty over its Tribal territory, exercise its inherent right to stimulate its economy, and create jobs. WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD:

The Law and Order & Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee will be accepting written comments on the proposed amendment being applied to the Code. Please submit written comments to: Arthur Broncheau, Chairman, Law and Order Subcommittee, P. O. Box 305, Lapwai, Idaho 83540; email to arturb@nezperce.org; fax to (208) 843-7354; or hand deliver to the NPTEC offices in Lapwai. The deadline for receipt and consideration of such comments is FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
Nez Perce Tribe Calls for Leadership on Lower Snake River Restoration
Core Truths Not Addressed in Federal Agencies’ Record of Decision on Dam Operations on lower Snake River and mainstem Columbia River

Lapwai, Idaho—September 29th, 2020, the Nez Perce Tribe emphasized that it continues to focus—via vision and action—on what our people see as core truths: 1) the status of salmon, steelhead, and lamprey is dire; 2) the four concrete barriers on the lower Snake River have had—and continue to have—a devastating impact on the fish and on tribal people; 3) restoring the lower Snake River to a natural river and eliminating these barriers that stand between the largely-pristine habitat in the Salmon, Snake, and Clearwater basins is the cornerstone to rebuilding returns to the lower Snake River; and 4) as stewards, we are committed to continuing to provide leadership on restoring the lower Snake River in all forums: from the halls of Congress, to our federal agency trustees and partners, to the courtroom, to the statehouses, to conversations with our neighbors, energy interests, and other river users,” concluded Chairman Shannon F. Wheeler.

“We view restoring the lower Snake River as urgent and overdue. To us, the lower Snake River is a living being, and, as stewards, we are compelled to speak the truth on behalf of this life force and the impacts these concrete barriers on the lower Snake River have on salmon, steelhead, and lamprey, on a diverse ecosystem, on our Treaty-reserved way of life, and on our people.” stated Chairman Shannon F. Wheeler.

The Tribe has actively participated in the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) litigation involving the impacts of the federal dams on the lower Snake River and mainstem Columbia River. The Tribe agreed with U.S. District Judge Michael Simon about the unique opportunity a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) provides—that a comprehensive EIS “may be able to break through any logjam that simply maintains the precarious status quo” while the Federal Columbia River Power System “remains a system that ‘cries out’ for a new approach and for new thinking” if wild Pacific salmon and steelhead are to survive their encounter with modern man.

“Today’s Record of Decision (ROD) embraces an EIS that failed to provide the accurate, complete, and transparent information and analysis of the impacts of the four lower Snake River dams that are necessary for national and regional decision-makers, and that is required by law under NEPA. And today’s ROD embraces a fifteen year BiOp—in the face of looming climate change projections—that requires no more protection for salmon and steelhead than the 2019-2021 Spill Operation Agreement that was merely intended to be an interim agreement—a bridge—to the development of a more significant system improvement. The ROD—and the EIS and BiOp—are unacceptable,” Chairman Wheeler continued.

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MISSION — In conversations with tribal elders, Wildhorse Resort & Casino Chief Executive Officer Gary George said staff learned that the area where the casino is now used to be filled with aspen groves. So when it came time to name Wildhorse's new bowling alley, Quaking Aspens Lanes was born.

Citing their role as the primary investors in Wildhorse's latest expansion, George said at Tuesday's grand opening ceremony that Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation members would get the first crack at the new, $35 million facility later that day before it opened to the general public on Thursday.

As much as the grand opening was a celebration of Wildhorse's future, George spent time reflecting on the past.

George said the process started in 2015 when Wildhorse started conducting feasibility studies on an expansion and visiting other casinos to observe how their bowling alleys functioned.

He later added that the bowling alley was originally "Phase B" in the expansion plan, with a second hotel tower being the focal point of the revamped Wildhorse. But once cost estimates started coming in, George said, Wildhorse pivoted to a plan centered on the bowling alley. A pool and indoor arena were also left on the cutting room floor.

By the time COVID-19 set in, the project's smaller scale was locked in.

In a blessing and invocation, Board of Trustees member Armand Minthorn referenced the challenges brought to the reservation. "This virus has brought the best out of each and every one of you," he said.

The confederated tribes haven't been spared from the impact of COVID-19. The Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center reported a total of 76 cases and one death as of Sept. 23, although the tribes seemed to have rebounded, with no active cases.

A regional surge in cases caused Wildhorse to suspend operations for two months, and when it reopened its doors, new health precautions were put in place. Despite fluctuations in county-wide case numbers, Wildhorse has mostly remained open since reopening in mid-May.

Quaking Aspens is also subject to COVID-19 health measures. Besides facility-wide requirements to wear face masks and pass an external temperature check, Quaking Lanes will close every other lane to encourage social distancing. The new arcade — one of the other major components of the expansion — will operate at a reduced capacity and require all guests to wear gloves when using the arcade machines.

Kat Brigham, the chair of the Board of Trustees, said it was nice for tribal members and other locals to have a place to bowl again. The Pendleton area has been without a bowling alley since Rodeo Lanes closed in 2014.

"There's a lot to do here," she said. "It's not just gambling."

In previous speeches, George has said that Wildhorse’s future growth opportunities are in entertainment and hospitality rather than gambling. In addition to the new bowling alley and arcade, Wildhorse has spent recent years buying the former Pendleton Country Club and the Hamley's complex in downtown Pendleton.

But Wildhorse still has an eye on its role as an economic booster for the Tribes. The food court that accompanies the bowling alley features two businesses owned by tribal members — Moe Pho and Brigham Fish & Chips.

After the speeches were made and the ribbon was cut, members of the Board of Trustees got the honor of bowling a game in the alley, cheers ringing out during strikes and groans rising if a ball skidded into the gutter.

A small plaque near the Quaking Lanes entrance explains that "nixyaawii" — a tribal word that adorns both the reservation's school and governance center — can be translated as "aspen springs." But as time went on, the people of the CTUIR came to know nixyaawii as a word for home.

"Know that while you are here, you are home," the plaque states.
ENTERPRISE, Ore.—The Wallowa Lake Irrigation District, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife signed an agreement last month regarding the release and protection of instream water from Wallowa Lake.

The agreement was a necessary step for the partners to obtain state funding to complete improvements on the Wallowa Dam. "This is a great step forward in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam and the return of sockeye salmon to Wallowa Lake," said Governor Kate Brown. "Wallowa Lake is a special place for my family and all Oregonians. I was pleased to support this project and look forward to seeing it complete."

HB 5030 passed by the 2019 Oregon State Legislature originally allocated $14 million in lottery funds to improve the Wallowa Lake Dam. Due to the projected decrease in revenues as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Lottery Revenue Bonds will not be issued in the spring of 2021, as was originally planned. Despite funding setbacks, stakeholders remain committed to improving Wallowa Lake Dam and hope funding for the project will be revisited this year or in a future legislative session.

The group has been working since November 2019 to finalize the instream water agreement; however, parties have been working for decades before that on the water supply and fisheries challenges in the basin. "This process was truly a unique opportunity to work collaboratively with the basin to provide meaningful instream water benefits," said Anna Pakenham Stevenson, ODFW Water Program Manager. Wallowa Lake Dam was originally constructed in 1919 and does not meet current dam safety standards, putting at risk the downstream communities of Joseph, Enterprise and Wallowa. Due to this risk, it has operated at a reduced water storage capacity since the 1990s. When it was built, the dam did not provide fish passage, which was one factor in the extinction of sockeye runs at Wallowa Lake, Oregon’s only sockeye run in the Snake River basin.

"The Parties worked together with a shared purpose to generate creative outcomes that benefitted local communities, farmers and restoration of native fisheries. Despite the current hold on funding, we will continue to build on this momentum towards making a rehabilitated dam and fish passage facilities a reality," said Jeff Yanke, ODFW Grande Ronde District Manager. "The agreement will help secure infrastructure for farmers and ranchers in the county, as well as contribute to the ecological health for fish and wildlife throughout the valley. This is a vital piece of infrastructure to our county, and has been an ongoing project for generations in the valley," said Dan Butterfield, President, Wallowa Lake Irrigation District Board of Directors.

The rehabilitation project will modify the dam by improving the spillway, restoring the structural integrity, replacing the five conduit gates with new gates and upgrading the electrical and instrumentation. The rehabilitated dam will provide flood protection to local communities, more water to irrigators, the possibility of hydropower development, potable water for local communities and a host of other benefits.

"This project will ecologically reconnect Wallowa Lake to its river and protect flows in a basin critical to the many resources the Nez Perce people have used and relied upon in this area since time immemorial. The Nez Perce Tribe is pleased to see how the collaboration of different parties is moving a long-standing project closer to completion," said Shannon Wheeler, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. In addition to the project addressing public safety concerns associated with the structure and reclaiming stored water rights, the instream water agreement provides unique instream flow and irrigation benefits through the Wallowa Valley.

According to the instream water agreement, up to 5000 acre-feet (AF) of water will be released from Wallowa Lake Dam annual-
Of that, 4500 AF is dedicated to increasing in-stream flows in the Wallowa and Grande Ronde Rivers to the Oregon-Washington State line. Partners also allocated up to 500 AF for unique water trades, where irrigators trade existing surface water rights from tributaries of the Wallowa River for more reliable water rights from Wallowa Lake. The result of the water trades will leave more surface water in flow-limited tributaries.

Rehabilitating the dam will trigger the state of Oregon’s fish passage rules, and require that the dam owners provide a means of fish passage. Bull trout, mountain whitefish, wild rainbow trout, and possibly steelhead could start returning to Wallowa Lake when fish passage is restored. But one of the most exciting aspects of the project for fisheries co-managers is the possibility of restoring sockeye salmon back to Wallowa Lake.

“It has long been a policy goal of the Umatilla Tribes to see sockeye restored to Wallowa Lake, as well as passage for other native fish,” said Kat Brigham, Chair of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. “Many of our members rely on sockeye salmon for cultural and subsistence purposes. We appreciate that this agreement is a step in the right direction in these difficult times and will work for more progress when our economy improves.”

Before the dam was built, tens of thousands of sockeye returned to Wallowa Lake each year to spawn in the gravels at the river inlet on the south side of lake, and were important for Native American tribes. While kokanee (land-locked salmon) remain today, the increased flows in the Wallowa River and potentially in important spawning tributaries as a result of restoring the dam and the flows provided under this agreement will also improve wildlife habitat and benefit other local fish and wildlife.

While the exact type of fish passage and other issues are still to be decided, stakeholders remain committed to the Wallowa Lake Rehabilitation Project, and hope legislators can renew the state’s financial commitment when the budget stabilizes.
Recovery Coaching Offered at Nimiipuu Health

By: Karen M. Hendren, Nimiipuu Behavioral Health Director

There are many forms of Substance Use treatment. Besides individual counseling, groups and outside sober activities, the Nimiipuu Behavioral Health department has added Recovery Coaching as a resource for our clients. This program has shown to be helpful in reaching those who are uncomfortable asking for help. Adding this program has increased by 100% the number of clients who suffer from addiction that are able to get into inpatient and outpatient treatment programs.

Besides therapy, the Recovery Coaches assist the client with goal setting, utilizing specific tools and support to help with challenges the client may experience along their recovery path. A therapist works inside of the “four walls” whereas the coach can go in the home, transport to their recovery path. A therapist may experience along with the client in order to assist them in developing the goals and steps required to be successful. The coach will then help the client explore the available resources in the community. During this process, the client is accountable to the recovery coach in taking each step in reaching those goals. The client checks in daily with the coach and can also reach out if they are struggling.

Coaches in this program go through specific state training in order to become credentialed. They must have a history of addiction and recovery through completion of treatment. The coach guides their client through the process of recovery by providing unconditional positive regard and support and tools to help with relapse and harm reduction. The coach walks alongside their clients in helping them achieve the goals they have set for themselves, not what the coach believes is best for them.

Nimiipuu Behavioral Health offers telehealth for those who cannot get into the office along with case management in helping with inpatient treatment or other needed resources. The coach is with their clients every step of the way during treatment and for a year after treatment has been completed. The client can re-engage at any time should they start to struggle in the future. This program has shown great success with more engagement and access by our clients. It is an important addition to our treatment program that has shown the most benefit to our clients.
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Run/Walk in support of Domestic Violence Prevention between October 12th-16th.

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Feel free to share pictures from your run/walk on Uuyit Kimti’s FB page or email your picture to JessicaF@nezperce.org.

Any questions please call 855-803-4685.

Mrs. Taushina Eagle
Optometry Technician

Everyone please welcome Mrs. Taushina Eagle to the Nimipuu Health Clinic staff. Taushina is a Nez Perce tribal member and has recently joined the Optometry Department, on August 31st 2020.

Mrs. Eagle grew up in Southern Idaho and attended Kuna High School, where she graduated in 1999.

In 2008, Taushina became a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.) and then became a Resident Assistant from 2008 to 2015.

“In May of 2015, Taushina adopted her son, Alexander Eagle, and then gave birth to her son, Quentin Long Fox; all in the same week.”

Mrs. Eagle moved to Lewiston Idaho, in May of 2019. She then became employed at the Nez Perce Tribe Finance Department in August of 2019.

Taushina joins a team of dedicated staff in the Optometry Department, and if you have any questions, regarding Taushina, please contact her using the information provided.
**GOVERNMENT**

**Trump Won’t Commit to ‘Peaceful’ Post-Election Transfer of Power**

In response to a question, the president complained about mail-in ballots and said:

“There won’t be a transfer, frankly. There will be a continuation.”

President Trump said on Sep. 23, that “we’re going to have to see what happens” when asked about peacefully transitioning power if he loses the election in November. (Oliver Contreras for The New York Times)

**WASHINGTON** — President Trump declined an opportunity on Wednesday to endorse a peaceful transfer of power after the November election, renewing his baseless warnings about extensive voting fraud before saying there would be no power transfer at all. Asked whether he would “commit here today for a peaceful transference of power after the November election,” Mr. Trump demurred, passing on a chance to call for a calm and orderly election process.

“We’re going to have to see what happens,” he told a reporter during a news conference at the White House. “You know that I’ve been complaining very strongly about the ballots, and the ballots are a disaster.”

“I understand that, but people are rioting,” responded the reporter, Brian Karem of Playboy magazine, who repeated the question. Mr. Trump’s refusal — or inability — to endorse perhaps the most fundamental tenet of American democracy, as any president in memory surely would have, was the latest instance in which he has cast grave uncertainty around the November election and its aftermath. Democrats are growing increasingly alarmed as Mr. Trump repeatedly questions the integrity of the vote and suggests that he might not accept the results if he loses.

Earlier on Wednesday, Mr. Trump said he needed to swiftly confirm a successor for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg because he expected disputes over the election result to be resolved by the Supreme Court, which could split 4-to-4 if a ninth justice is not seated. “He’s threatening the election process and saying out loud what everyone has assumed he’s been thinking,” said Julian E. Zelizer, a professor of American political history at Princeton University. “The more he makes these arguments, the more he normalizes the fact that this can be part of the conversation.”

“Even if meant to distract, these are powerful words to come from a president,” Mr. Zelizer added. “He’s clearly accelerating his effort to set up a challenge to an outcome that is unfavorable to him.”

Hours after Mr. Trump’s assertions, Senator Mitt Romney, Republican of Utah, expressed alarm over the comments on Twitter. “Fundamental to democracy is the peaceful transition of power; without that, there is Belarus,” Mr. Romney wrote. “Any suggestion that a president might not respect this Constitutional guarantee is both unthinkable and unacceptable.”

Mr. Trump’s remarks are a continuation of a long series. During an interview with Fox News in July, Mr. Trump similarly demurred when pressed by the network’s anchor, Chris Wallace, to “give a direct answer” about whether he would accept the election results regardless of the outcome.

“I have to see,” Mr. Trump said. “No, I’m not going to just say yes. I’m not going to say no, and I didn’t last time, either,” he added, referring to his similar equivocation before the 2016 election, which he warned might be stolen from him.

Even after his election that year, Mr. Trump falsely insisted that he had lost the popular vote only because millions of immigrants ineligible to vote had cast ballots for his opponent, Hillary Clinton.

In this campaign, Mr. Trump has primed his supporters to believe his defeat is possible only through what he has called a “rigged” or “stolen” election. “The only way they can take this election away from us is if this is a rigged election,” Mr. Trump said last month during the Republican National Convention.

Mr. Trump has also long joked about retaining power beyond legal limits, making frequent mention of serving beyond January 2025, when the Constitution — which limits presidents to two terms — requires that he leave office.

In 2018, after China’s Communist Party announced the end of a two-term limit for its presidency, Mr. Trump said at a closed-door fund-raiser that China’s authoritarian leader, Xi Jinping, would be “president for life.”

“I think it’s great. Maybe we’ll have to give that a shot someday,” Mr. Trump said, to cheers from his supporters. In July, Mr. Trump even floated the idea of delaying the November election — a suggestion that lacks legal authority — although he dropped the notion after Republicans criticized it.

Mr. Trump did not elaborate on his Wednesday comments, in part because he abruptly ended his news briefing to take what he called “an emergency phone call,” without offering further information. The White House did not provide further comment or explanation.

The once- unthinkable notion that a president might refuse to accept the results of an election and leave office without resistance has become an increasingly major theme in the 2020 campaign. This month, Senator Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent, warned that Mr. Trump might contest the election result and seek to maintain his grip on power.

“What we have got to do in the next two months is to alert the American people about what that nightmarish scenario might look like in order to prepare them for that possibility and talk about what we do if that happens,” Mr. Sanders said in an interview with Politico. David Cole, the national legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union, said in a statement that Mr. Trump’s comments “should trouble every American.” “The peaceful transfer of power is essential to a functioning democracy,” he said.

Yet the president’s remarks were a jarring contrast to the conventional words of his own attorney general, William P. Barr, just a day earlier. “What this country has going for it more than anything else is the peaceful transfer of power, and that is accomplished through elections that people have confidence in,” Mr. Barr, an outspoken opponent of widespread voting by mail, said during a news conference in Milwaukee on Tuesday in response to a question about mail-in ballots. “And so we should be doing everything to support that confidence,” he added.
Paulette Jordan: I Aim to Protect Humanity and the Environment

Plummer Democrat served two terms in Idaho House, ran unsuccessfully against Little for governor in 2018; now she looks to unseat Idaho Republican U.S. Sen. Jim Risch

By Garrett Cabeza,
Daily News staff writer

Paulette Jordan says her campaign is “pro-people.” “We just want to make sure that we’re protecting humanity and protecting the environment,” Jordan said.

The 40-year-old Plummer Democrat is looking to unseat longtime Idaho Republican U.S. Sen. Jim Risch in November’s election.

Jordan served two terms, 2014-18, representing District 5 in the Idaho House of Representatives and was the Democratic nominee for Idaho governor in 2018 but lost to Republican Lt. Gov. Brad Little.

Jordan, who spoke to the Daily News Saturday while in Moscow, said Idahoans are concerned about their finances and their children’s futures. Many people are living in turmoil and they should not have to struggle so hard in the 21st century, she said.

“We should have more peace,” Jordan said. “We should have more comfort and more access to prosperity.”

If she was senator, Jordan said she would have supported the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act (HEROES Act) that was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in May.

The $3 trillion coronavirus relief bill would deliver almost $1 trillion to state and local governments, another round of $1,200 payments to individuals and to help the unemployed, renters, home-owners, college debt holders and the U.S. Postal Service.

Jordan said Republicans are primarily pushing for corporate tax cuts and funding for high-income earners while Democrats are pushing for working families and small business owners.

“I would certainly want to make sure that we’re including everyone and not just doing a bunch of corporate tax cuts and giving our money away to these billionaires,” Jordan said. “I want to see that money come back home.”

She said she wants to close “offshore loopholes,” incentivize large corporations and manufacturing industries to stay in the U.S. and protect small businesses by keeping money local. Jordan said the U.S. used to be a leader in the world but it has dropped toward the bottom on many lists. She said she knows it can do better, which is why she is running.

“We can still save our country in the ways that we should be able to,” Jordan said. “The funding is there but we have to make sure that the leadership is in the right place to position the appropriations to where they need to go.”

Jordan, a member of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, would be the first Native American woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

She said it would be important to have a woman, mother and resident of rural Idaho part of national conversations.

“It does change the perspective and the outcome of policy,” she said. Meanwhile, Jordan said no one really knows where Risch stands.

“Other than he’s very anti-woman. He’s very anti-environment. He’s very anti-working families,” Jordan said. She said Risch rarely comes to Idaho, and when he does, he avoids people and the media.

“I would say that it’s important for us to have leadership that’s here to listen and will be fully available and accessible and is willing to maintain a good relationship with the people,” Jordan said.

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Understand Mail-In Voting

- **How to Vote:** Because of the pandemic, many voting rules have changed this year, making it harder than usual to figure out how to cast your ballot. Here is some help to make sure your vote is counted.
- **Rise in Mail Voting:** About three-quarters of all American voters will be eligible to receive a ballot in the mail for the 2020 election — the most in U.S. history. Roughly 80 million mail ballots may flood election offices, more than double what was returned in 2016.
- **Surge in Paper Mail:** The long-troubled Postal Service may be overwhelmed by the task of delivering tens of millions more votes cast by mail.
- **How to Count Ballots?** There may be various battles over how to count ballots. Should mailed ballots be counted if they are received by Election Day or simply postmarked by Election Day? Does a ballot count if the post office does not postmark it at all?
- **Do You Still Have Time?** Voters in 35 states can request ballots so close to Election Day that it may not be feasible for their ballots to be mailed to them and sent back to election officials in time to be counted. Here’s a list of state’s where it’s risky to procrastinate.
- **A Long Road to Election Day:** It is estimated that party organizations, campaigns and interest groups across the country have already filed 160 lawsuits trying to shape the rules of the election.

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg spent a lifetime flourishing in the face of adversity before being appointed a Supreme Court justice, where she successfully fought against gender discrimination and unified the liberal block of the court. She was born Joan Ruth Bader on March 15, 1933 in Brooklyn, New York. Her father was a furrier in the height of the Great Depression, and her mother worked in a garment factory. Ginsburg’s mother instilled a love of education in Ginsburg through her dedication to her brother; foregoing her own education to finance her brother’s college expenses. Her mother heavily influenced her early life and watched Ginsburg excel at James Madison High School, but was diagnosed with cancer and died the day before Ginsburg’s high school graduation. Ginsburg’s success in academia continued throughout her years at Cornell University, where she graduated at the top of her class in 1954. That same year, Ruth Bader became Ruth Bader Ginsburg after marrying her husband Martin. After graduation, she put her education on hold to start a family. She had her first child in 1955, shortly after her husband was drafted for two years of military service. Upon her husband’s return from his service, Ginsburg enrolled at Harvard Law. Ginsburg’s personal struggles neither decreased in intensity nor deterred her in any way from reaching and exceeding her academic goals, even when her husband was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 1956, during her first year of law school. Ginsburg took on the challenge of keeping her sick husband up-to-date with his studies while maintaining her own position at the top of the class. At Harvard, Ginsburg tackled the challenges of motherhood and of a male-dominant school where she was one of nine females in a 500-person class. She faced gender-based discrimination from even the highest authorities there, who chastised her for taking a man’s spot at Harvard Law. She served as the first female member of the Harvard Law Review. Her husband recovered from cancer.

Equal Rights Icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Dies at Age 87

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on the court for thirteen years until 1993, when Bill Clinton appointed her to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg began her career as a justice where she left off as an advocate, fighting for women’s rights. In 1996, Ginsburg wrote the majority opinion in United States v. Virginia, holding that qualified women could not be denied admission to Virginia Military Institute. Her style in advocating from the bench matches her style from her time at the ACLU: slow but steady, and calculated. Instead of creating sweeping limitations on gender discrimination, she attacked specific areas of discrimination and violations of women’s rights one at a time, so as to send a message to the legislatures on what they can and cannot do. Her attitude is that major social change should not come from the courts, but from Congress and other legislatures. This method allows for social change to remain in Congress’ power while also receiving guidance from the court. Ginsburg does not shy away from giving pointed guidance when she feels the need. She dissented in Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. where the plaintiff, a female worker being paid significantly less than males with her same qualifications, sued under Title VII but was denied relief under a statute of limitations issue. The facts of this case mixed her passion of federal procedure and gender discrimination. She broke with tradition and wrote a highly colloquial version of her dissent to read from the bench. She also called for Congress to undo this improper interpretation of the law in her dissent, and then worked with President Obama to pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, a copy of which hangs proudly in her office.

Until her death on September 18, 2020, Ginsburg worked with a personal trainer in the Supreme Court’s exercise room, and for many years she could lift more than both Justices Breyer and Kagan. Until the 2018 term, Ginsburg had not missed a day of oral arguments, not even when she was undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer, after surgery for colon cancer, or the day after her husband passed away in 2010. Justice Ginsburg proved time and again that she was a force to be reckoned with, and those who doubted her capacity to effectively complete her judicial duties needed only to look at her record in oral arguments, where she was, until her death, among the most avid questioners on the bench. The Supreme Court issued a press release on September 19, 2020, regarding her death.

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Potlatch Fund Welcomes Three New Employees and Looks to the Future

Potlatchfund.org

The Potlatch Fund is a Native-led, non-profit organization that provides grants and leadership development to Tribal Nations in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada. Potlatch Fund is pleased to welcome three new employees and co-workers to the organization. These three Native women represent an extraordinary range of talents, abilities, and experiences. We hope you will share in our excitement as they join our team and welcome them to the Potlatch Fund community.

Rebecca Miles joins the organization as its Operations Director. Rebecca comes to Potlatch Fund with a strong background in leadership and national, state, and tribal policy. She is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe who grew up, and continues to live, in Lapwai, Idaho. Rebecca attended both Washington State University, where she received a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, and Gonzaga University, where she received a master’s degree in professional studies with an emphasis on organizational leadership. For the past 24 years, she worked in many capacities for the Nez Perce Tribe, including being elected the first-ever female chairman and chief executive officer of the tribe. For the past 11 years, she served as the tribe’s executive director.

Shannon Kopelva will serve as Potlatch Fund’s new Administrative Manager. Shannon comes most recently from Seattle Foundation, where she worked in development and operations, and from the Seattle Public Library, where she worked as the project coordinator for Beyond the Frame, a community-wide initiative revisiting the photographs of Edward S. Curtis. She is a member of the Hopi Tribe of Arizona and received her bachelor’s degree in museology from the University of Washington while simultaneously working for Chihuly Garden and Glass as both an exhibition supervisor and community outreach coordinator.

Also joining the Potlatch Fund team is Katherine Paul (or KP, as she prefers to be known). KP will serve as our interim Relationship Manager. KP grew up on the Swinomish Reservation here in Washington and attended Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, where she received her bachelor’s degree in sociology and anthropology. For most of her life, KP has been involved in music in one way or another. She attended the Rock ‘N’ Roll Camp for Girls in Portland as a teenager and later became the first camper to become a member of its board of directors. She is an accomplished musician and songwriter with two full-length albums to her credit, and she gained experience in various event planning, fundraising, customer service and promotional positions while working for Mississipi Studios, also in Portland.

In the next few days, we’ll be posting more about each of these new Potlatch Fund team members as a way for our community to get to know them. We think you’ll agree that we are incredibly fortunate to have them joining the Potlatch Fund family.
Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I just graduated high school and will turn eighteen in a few weeks. What's your advice for a young person who wants to get ahead financially?

Signed, Looking Ahead

Dear Looking Ahead,

Congratulations on your high school diploma! What I'm going to tell is just as true when I graduated high school back in the eighties as it is today. And it's about more than just managing your money wisely.

Over the years I've had the privilege of working with a lot of folks, Native and non-Native alike, who were struggling financially – poor credit, difficulty keeping up with bills, minimal savings, etc. And I can say that there is almost always at least one of three missteps or pitfalls early in life at the root of their financial challenges.

The first is an unplanned pregnancy at an early age – female or male it doesn't matter. When a young person who hasn't yet established a career or livelihood becomes a parent it's very difficult to get ahead financially. The enormous cost of caring for a child as well as the emotional toll of parenting cannot be overstated. I'm not saying it's impossible to be a good young parent while building a strong financial foundation but it's really rare. So take precautions like my uncle used to tell me every time he handed me the keys to his Silverado for a night out. Yeah, you know what that means.

The next misstep is getting hooked on drugs or alcohol. This is another huge tax on a young life that can take years to overcome if ever. It seems like money problems and a chemical dependency habit go hand in hand. In large part because a party lifestyle is a breeding ground for bad habits that will crash a bank account quicker than an brush fire with a tail wind.

Last is heavy debt. Car loans, credit cards, student loans - even if the borrowed money is going toward a good cause like a person's education. It's just too easy to get wrapped up in a vicious cycle of debt. And I know so many people in their thirties and forties who are still paying for junk they bought on credit in their early twenties.

Avoiding these three pitfalls will put you so far ahead in the game of life. I realize for many people this might be much easier said than done but I won't sugar coat a dose of tough love. Personal responsibility is the first and perhaps most important step toward building a healthy financial future. See you in the short line!

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I'm a federal employee (Indian Health Service) and just found out the government is changing the way payroll taxes are withheld. How will this effect my paycheck?

Signed, Health and Wealth Minded

Dear Health and Wealth,

The payroll adjustment is a temporary tax deferral resulting from a presidential order. Its purpose is to help folks who might be struggling financially due to the pandemic. The order allows employers to temporarily defer social security tax from employee paychecks. The important word here is "defer". That means the tax still has to be paid just delayed until January of next year. At that time deferred taxes will be added back to paychecks in installments through April.

Federal employees and active duty military are already seeing their social security tax automatically deferred so the program is not voluntary. The deferral is also available to private, state, and tribal employers although not many non-federal employers are opting in.

That's probably because there hasn't been a lot of detail regarding how the deferral payback will work. Moreover, while a bigger paycheck today might be helpful, it just delays the inevitable and a smaller paycheck beginning next year. Interestingly, the president has stated he will forgive the deferred taxes, meaning employees won't have to repay them, if he wins another term in November but obviously that's a crapshoot and forgiveness will still require congressional approval.

The deferral is also only available to employees who earn less than $4,000 bi-weekly. In most cases that applies to a federal employee who is a GS-13, step 5 and below. Now let's look at the math to see how the social security tax deferral impacts a paycheck.

Let's say you earn a biweekly salary of $2,200 or $56,000 a year. The social security tax a person must pay on that income amounts to 6.2%. Therefore a typical paycheck will have $136.40 of social security tax withheld ($2,200 x .062). Because there are eight pay periods from when the deferral began in mid-September through the end of the year, a person earning $2,200 each pay period will see a temporary bump in pay totaling $1,091. Not a giant windfall but enough to pay some bills or go Christmas shopping. However, don't get carried away because the deferred tax will probably need to be paid back beginning in a few months.

Also remember the deferral only applies to social security tax. It doesn't defer other types of withholding on a typical paycheck such as 1.45% for Medicare, federal and state income tax, health insurance premiums, 401-k contributions, or garnishments. I think Albert Einstein had it right when he said "The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax."
The Countdown to Election Day November 3, 2020

2020 is a historic year to exercise our right to vote. Important races are in full swing to decide who will be our next President of the United States (POTUS), Congressional members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, state legislators, county commissioners and sheriffs, state constitutional amendment or other important issues to a state and state legislative districts, such as a county. Sample ballots are available on county election websites. Decide today whether to: 1) vote in person on Election Day November 3rd. or 2) to use the absentee ballot. Be a registered voter – verify voter registration by using online tool at IdahoVotes.Gov.

FAQ about the Absentee Ballot: The ballot must be received by the county clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day November 3, 2020. A voter can choose to use the U.S. Postal Service to return the absentee ballot by mail. If a voter is concerned with mail delivery, a voter can deliver the absentee ballot to a county elections drop off box at the county courthouse building. Very important: An absentee ballot will not be accepted at a precinct polling location on Election Day November 3, 2020. The Nez Perce Tribe’s Get Out the Vote (GOTV) team is available to assist voters with information, voter registration and to file an application for an absentee ballot which includes the delivery of a voter registration or request for an absentee ballot. A Voter Information Center will be at the Fall General Council. Kay Seven, GOTV Team, can be reached Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by phone at 208-621-4604 or an email kseven@nezperce.org for information or assistance. Like and follow the NPT Census/GOTV Facebook page for updates on "Get Out the Vote".

### Absentee Ballot – Must be a Registered Voter

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**Request an absentee ballot by October 23, 2020.**

Voters can call a county elections office to ask if they received an application or to talk to an election official by: 1) calling your county elections office, or 2) using the online tool at IdahoVotes.Gov.
Stimulus Checks for Incarcerated and Returning Citizens

People who are currently or were recently incarcerated are now eligible for CARES Act stimulus checks, up to $1,200 and an additional $500 per qualifying child!

How to claim the stimulus check:
• If the currently/recently incarcerated person filed taxes in 2018 or 2019: you do not have to do anything. The IRS has been ordered to send a payment within 30 days to the address listed on the tax return.
• If the currently/recently incarcerated person already submitted an IRS Non-Filer claim and was denied because they were incarcerated: you do not have to do anything. The IRS has been ordered to send stimulus payments to people who were listed as incarcerated in their system. The IRS now must automatically send stimulus payments to incarcerated people who filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return, or who submitted a claim using the IRS Non-Filer portal but were denied for being incarcerated. The court ordered the IRS to send the payments out within 30 days.
• If the currently/recently incarcerated person did not file a 2018 or 2019 tax return, and has not yet submitted the IRS Non-Filer claim yet, they MUST submit a claim by October 15, 2020. The Non-Filer claims can be submitted:

1. Online: Visit https://www.freefilefillableforms.com/#/fd/EconomicImpactPayment,
2. Mail: By filling out and mailing in a hard copy 1040 form or 1040-SR form if you are 65 or older, found at https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/file-a-simplified-papertax-return.

Background: On September 24, 2020, a judge ordered the IRS to distribute stimulus checks to any eligible person who is incarcerated or recently released. The IRS had previously not issued payments to people who were listed as incarcerated in their system. The court ordered the IRS to send the payments out within 30 days.

The IRS may appeal the court decision, which could delay the distribution of the stimulus checks, but eligible individuals should still file by October 15, 2020. Visit https://www.lieffcabraser.com/cares-act-relief for answers to other questions and free legal consultations on stimulus checks for people who are incarcerated.
Elder’s Group

October Elders Group
50 years and older
The first 15 elders who live in Lapwai, Orofino, Kamiah, Lewiston area will receive a elders baking kit. The kit will include a recipe book and some fall baking supplies. Also included will be educational material on Uuyit Kimti’s Later in Life Program and information on how to prevent elder abuse.

Deadline to sign up is October 14th

Sign up over the phone 1-855-803-4685 or email your form to Jessicaf@nezperce.org

Lapwai Homecoming

Game scheduled for Oct. 23
The Lapwai wildcats will host the Potlatch Loggers for the 2020-21 football season. Varsity plays at 7:00 p.m. More information to follow regarding homecoming community events

For Sale in Kamiah

EZ Fold
Air Hawk Wheelchair
Gives you newfound mobility.
Folds up to fit in the trunk of your car.
Just expand it and go places.
In excellent condition!
Used with care since purchased March 2019
-Portable, sturdy, light weight frame with solid tires that turn on a 31.5” radius
-Operated with joystick steering and two powerful lithium batteries
-Instruction book included plus tools and extra charger $1100.00
Contact: 208-792-1987

Solar Installer

Job Announcement
First round of training starts October 8, 2020
Full-Time/Temporary
Job Title: Solar Installer
Job Description: Assemble, install, or maintain solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on roofs or other structures in compliance with site assessment and schematics. May include measuring, cutting, assembling, and bolting structural framing and solar modules.
Involves operation of basic hand tools. May perform minor electrical work such as current checks. Must be able to work in outdoor environment and on rooftops and carry solar panels weighing up to 50 pounds.
Assistant with the installation and commissioning of Tesla Powerpack batteries.
Background Requirements:
- Wage: $18/hr. starting. $20/hr. upon completion of training. Advancement to $25/hr. within one year.
Benefits:
- Opportunity to work in one of the fastest growing fields in the US with latest solar and battery storage technology.
- Training in solar panel and Tesla battery installation.
- Educational opportunities in renewable energy and Science related fields
- OSHA 10 Training performed by employer
- Fully paid Health benefits after 60 days
Contact the NPT TERO office to apply (208)843-7363

Fire Safety Burn Permits

Required Until October 20th

The days may be getting shorter and the nights cooler but the fire danger is still Very High. Obtaining a fire safety burn permit lets fire managers know where permitted burning is occurring. This helps in preventing false runs to fires, saving firefighting resources for instances where they are truly needed.

- If you plan on burning residential debris or crop residue outside of city limits, obtain a FREE fire safety burn permit at burnpermits.idaho.gov
- If you plan on burning within city limits you must contact your local city fire department
- If you plan on burning anywhere within the Nez Perce Tribe Reservation boundary you must also obtain an Air Quality permit at (800) 720-4089 or airquality@nezperce.org. Air Quality permits are required year-round.

Fire Danger is EXTREME!
Current hot, dry conditions allow a fire to grow extremely fast!
You can help prevent a wildfire by being extra vigilant during these times:
- When recreating outdoors, avoid driving through tall grass.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Before you leave, ensure the fire is dead out and cool to the touch.
- Try to limit working with machinery to morning or evening hours when humidity is higher.
- Always keep a fire extinguisher or water supply nearby.
- Homeowners are encouraged to keep an outdoor water source available and keep the area around your home Lean, Clean and Green.
Enjoy this beautiful summer weather and remember that “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires.”

COVID Updates

For updated COVID information for Nimiiapu Health, please visit the website at https://nimiiapu-coronavirus-response-nptgisonline.hub.arcgis.com/.
If you have any other issues that you would like to bring to our attention, or the Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Operations Center, please email NPTEmergencyOperations@nezperce.org. If you have an emergency, please call 911.
Barbara Cecilia (Quaempts) Pike, 45, Lapwai, ID

Barb-Q passed away unexpectedly and peacefully surrounded by her husband, children and family Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020 — which happened to be her and husband Joe Pike’s 20th wedding anniversary.

Barb Cecilia (Quaempts) Pike was born May 9, 1975, in Lewiston to Donna Mae Wheeler and Alan Quaempts. Her life began with two cousins (brothers Arn and Dom) born months apart, and who were all regularly wrapped in their baby boards. Early in life, Barb lived with her parents until moving in with her maternal grandparents, William and Barbara J. Wheeler; who eventually adopted Q in 1980. She then moved from Eugene, Ore., to Webb City, Idaho, and officially became one of the many “Children of the Hemlock.”

It was through these years that Barb and the rest of the Webb City family enjoyed holiday dinners, sleepovers, swimming in the creek, hide-and-seek at the haystacks and riding the family golf cart around the 89-acre ranch. Some of those attendees were cousins Lee, Brad, Casey and Bad Bob (the Mitchell Bros.); neighbor friend Michael Pinkham; and family member Dan Day, along with frequent sleepovers from friends Christy Scott, Catherine Attao-Toves and Kelly Smartlowit, to name a few.

Throughout her teens as the friendships grew stronger, her smile and laughter would gain her many more friends to last a lifetime. Her independence began to grow with her first mode of transportation, a Honda moped scooter, and later a teal Subaru Justy, which she was always seen zipping to school and work on a daily basis. During high school years, she was a 4.0 honor roll student and shared top honors for the class of 9-tre. Barb was also active in sports, participating in volleyball and basketball all four years of high school.

It was in the spring of 1992 when the world was blessed with the birth of her eldest son, Dominic Alan Quaempts, born in Yakima. With the birth of her first child, it opened her eyes to the duties bestowed upon a mother of young stature. Her decision to enter into college at Eastern Oregon University was the first step in responsibility of motherhood. Barb and son Dominic lived in La Grande, Ore., until her grandma, Bill, passed away and she returned home to continue their life. Grandma Bill, who she referred to as Dad, played a major role in her life and the two were extremely close. The father-daughter relationship they shared was full of love with an unbreakable bond. His passing was a difficult time for Barb, and now the two are joined together laughing and teasing each other once again.

It was at this time in their return home to Lapwai that she met the love of her life, Joseph Calvin Pike (Pizo).

On April 26, 1999, they had their second child, daughter Miyah Tiara Pike. Beautiful young Miyah added five generations to father Joseph’s side of the family, matching Dominic’s birth, which added five to mother Barb’s side. One year later, Sept. 16, 2000, Barb and Joseph exchanged wedding vows at Tammany View Baptist Church in Lewiston.

Then on March 15, 2001, she gave birth to their second son, Joi Calvin Pike III, completing the new young family. Joseph, Barb, Dominic, Miyah and Joi then moved to Long Beach, Calif.

They returned back to the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley and resided in Clarkston and eventually moved to their family home in Lapwai.

Barbara enjoyed many things in her life, and family was always at the top of the list. The family enjoyed many trips to Wallowa Lake, Joseph Days and Hurricane Creek, Mud Springs, swimming, cruising and yearly trips to the Oregon coast. She enjoyed working for the BIA for eight years and also the Tribal CPS program until her passing. The comforts of home were something she found most enjoyable as family was her No. 1 thing in her life. Barbara throughout her life was a very private person and if you were able to get to know her, one would be able to experience the disciplined and intellectual person she truly was. Her no-frills and call-it-like-it-is attitude will always be remembered as her trade-mark personality. She was still a multifaceted person who cared, shared, loved and was well known for keeping it real.

Barbara was preceded in death by adopted dad-grampa William L. Wheeler Sr.; her mother, Donna Mae Lewis; father Alan Quaempts; grandmother Delores Quaempts; and nephew Seth Wheeler.

Barbara leaves behind a husband, Joseph C. Pike; son Dominic Quaempts; daughter Miyah Tiara Pike; son Joi C. Pike III; and grandson Joey (Sweetheart) Pike; grandmother-mom Barbara J. Wheeler; stepfather Michael Lewis; sisters Shannett Lewis, Dorothy Sherwood, Julia Wheeler, Billie Jo Wheeler, Jacinta Wheeler and Amber McCovey; brothers Shannon D. Wheeler (Dawn), Arno Tuilee, Harrison, Choc (Joyce) Wheeler, Dean (Julie) Wheeler, Max (Alicia) Wheeler, Wheels and Shucky; also numerous relations from Nimiipuu Nation, Umatilla Tribe, Yakama Nation, Yurok Tribe and the Colville Confederated Tribes.

A celebration of life was held at the Lewis-Clark Hotel on Saturday, September 19, 2020.
Reverend Dr. Cecil Corbett, 89, Lapwai, ID

On September 6, 2020, Reverend Dr Cecil Corbett, age 89, made his final journey to his Eternal home. Cecil was an enrolled member of Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho. Cecil was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Phoebe Corbett; his wife of 57 years Irene (Blatchford) Corbett; twin sons Timothy and Stephen Corbett; and great-grandson Xander Munoz.

Cecil is survived by two sisters Frances (Corbett) Bokinskie and Lydia (Corbett) Ford; two daughters Esther Bokinskie and Lydia (Corbett) Munoz; twin sons Timo- thy and Stephen Corbett; and great-grandson Xander Munoz.

Cecil was born on March 4, 1931, on the Cherokee Indian reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. Cecil graduated in 1949 from Pierre High School in South Dakota where he was captain of the basketball team.

In 1951, Cecil had a “mountain top experience,” while attending Talmaks Camp Meeting on the Nez Perce Reservation, a place Cecil grew up attending throughout his childhood. However, that particular summer Cecil found God and felt a call, never believing that it would lead to ministry. By that Fall time, Cecil made a decision to attend Cook Christian Training School in Phoenix, Arizona, which Cecil attended for the next three years.

Cook School is where Cecil met his wife whom he married December 29, 1951. Cecil graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from Huron College in Huron, South Dakota (1957); graduated with a Master of Divinity from University of Dubuque Theology Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa (1962); graduated with a Doctor of Divinity Honoris Causa from Huron College (1967), University of Dubuque (1970), and Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, B.C. (2005).

After seminary, Cecil worked among the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe in Flandreau, South Dakota from 1961 - 1963. Cecil served among the Pima Indians on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona 1963 - 1967. In 1967, Cecil accepted employment with Cook Christian Training School as the Associate Program Director, then the President from 1968 - 1989, and Chancellor 1989 - 1992. In 1964, Cecil was the first Native American to be employed by the Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church until 1968. In 1968, while employed at Cook School, Cecil established the Native American Consulting Committee to give voice to native people, which Cecil did until retirement in 1992. In 1972, Cecil became Executive Director of the National Indian Training and Research Center in Tempe, Arizona, which Cecil served until 2004. From 1972 through 1978 Cecil served as Vice Chair and member of the General Assembly Council, the highest judicatory of the Presbyterian Church. In 1985, the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, B.C. invited Cecil to join their Board and establish a summer program patterned after Cook School, which is still going on presently.

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Gloria Jean Broncheau, 72, Lapwai, ID

Gloria Jean Broncheau George passed away Thursday, September 17, 2020, because of complications of cancer. Gloria was born February 23, 1948, to Alvina Powakee and Leo Broncheau. She was born to a traditional family, learning all the trades, digging, gathering, beading and dancing. Her children are Sustina George, Gabriel George, Frank Tiny James, Jessie James (deceased), Bernadette, Tony George, Don Howtapat, Joe Howtapat and Leo George (deceased). She is survived by aunt Katsy Jackson and uncle Butch McConville.

A dressing was held at 2:00 o’clock p.m. September 20, 2020 at Little Red Longhouse, followed by sunrise services Monday September 21, 2020 also at Little Red Longhouse. Lunches were handed out afterward. A burial took place at the Broncheau family cemetery in Spalding.

In lieu of flowers, Cecil requested donations to be sent to either: Central Presbyterian Church 37 East Indian School Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85012 or First Indian Presbyterian Church PO Box 1 Kamiah, ID 83536
On Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, Violet May Sapp, at the age of 89 years young, passed away after a hard-fought battle with COVID-19.

She is survived by her husband, Charlie James, of Lapwai, and by many loving in-laws, nieces/nephews, cousins and best friends, all whom she loved very much.

Violet May Harsche was born July 8, 1931, in Kamiah to Nancy Eneas (Cornoyer) and Ned Harsche. As a young child, she grew up on the Nez Perce Reservation and her family later relocated to Pendleton, Ore. Here Violet attended school and began her love of horses. Violet and her cousins, Ramon Kash Kash, Naomi Kash Kash and Jimmy Bettles, enjoyed riding horses and could often be found riding over Cabbage Hill and Dead Man’s Pass. Violet participated in the Pendleton Roundup and Happy Canyon activities along with her mother, Nancy Cornoyer. Violet was a beautiful sight as she rode by horseback in full traditional beaded regalia in the Pendleton Roundup Parade.

Violet later married Robert Sapp and together they bred racehorses. She loved fishing the rivers and especially enjoyed fishing for sturgeon. She was later widowed, and her life journeys brought her back to Idaho. Here Violet started a lifelong relationship with Charlie James in Lapwai. Violet continued the traditional beadwork passed on from her mother; she was known for often gifting the beaded necklaces created to family and friends.

For entertainment, Violet enjoy nights at the Clearwater River Casino with her cousins, Elaine Ellenwood and Vonda Bybee, and best friends Rich and Chloe. She also enjoyed playing video games with the neighborhood children, with Zelda being her favorite. Violet became well known as an avid gardener. She loved all plants and enjoyed sharing her love of plants with all. The loving efforts of Violet and other tribal elder gardeners can still be seen and enjoyed today at the Chief Joseph Senior Center. Violet wanted everyone to know how much she loved and enjoyed all the good times with her family and friends. Violet was deeply cherished and loved. She will be truly missed by many.

Because of today’s health and environmental concerns, the customary gatherings for funeral and memorial services have been postponed.

Instead, a public viewing will take place starting at noon today at Malcom’s Brower-Wann Funeral Home, 1711 18th St., Lewiston. Violet will be put to rest alongside her mother, Nancy Eneas Cornoyer, Saturday, at Tutuilla Cemetery in Pendleton. The graveside service will only be open to immediate family.

Violet and her family wholeheartedly encourage all to please protect yourselves, family and friends by wearing masks and appropriate personal protective gear.