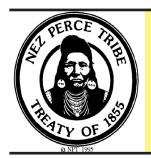


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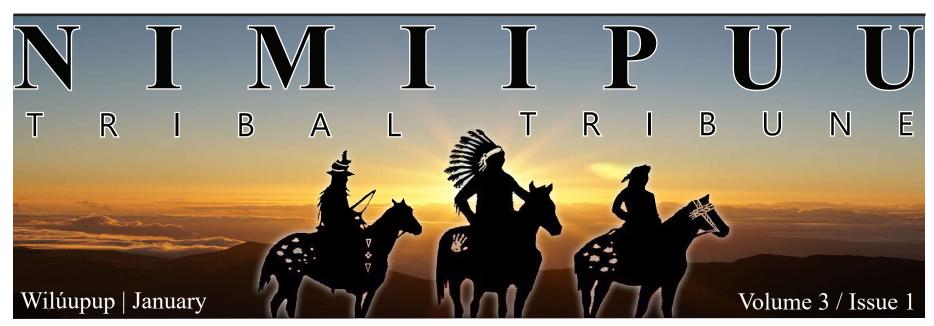
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Scott, Souther Named the Nez Perce Tribe Elders of the Year

By Kathy Hedberg, Lewiston Tribune

Two Nez Perce Tribe elders who have devoted their lives to the good of their people were honored this week by the tribe's senior advisory board and senior citizens center.

Wilfred
"Scotty" Scott,
89, and Mary
Jane "Tootsie"
Souther, 84, were
named the Nez

Perce Tribe male and female Elders of the Year on Tuesday. Both were presented a certificate and a blue Pendleton blanket in thanks for their service to the tribe.

Neither Scott nor Souther could be reached for comment Wednesday.

Scott, one of the founding members of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee in 1974, was lauded by Allen Slickpoo Jr., the Senior Ad-



Wilfred "Scotty" Scott, 89, & Mary Jane "Tootsie" Souther, 84, were named the Nez Perce Tribe male and female Elders of the Year. (Photo: Nez Perce Tribe)

visory Committee Treasurer, for his "willing heart for everything that he does" involving tribal activities, local powwows and travels to historical Nez Perce sites in Montana and Idaho. He is a U.S. Navy veteran and has worked extensively with tribal veterans.

When presented with his gifts, Scott said he wanted wife Bessie's name added to the certificate. Bessie Scott is suffering some medical problems and Scott said she has received "excellent care" from her family and caregivers.

"She's been my guiding light," Scott said of his wife. "She's been my chief all my life. Every place we've been, she's been there with me. Right now we're having a tough

time, but it's going to be OK."

Souther, who said she had not been to one of the senior events since March, was surprised by the honor.

"I want to tell all of you I love you and really appreciate just to be recognized as an elder," she said. "I never thought, and praise the Lord, that I got up to this age."

Slickpoo praised Souther for her "unselfish service" to the Nez Perce people. Both she and Scott were elected overwhelmingly by a majority of the seniors, Slickpoo said.

As they sat side-byside while pictures were taken and congratulations offered, Scott leaned over to Souther and said: "At least we won't challenge the election and demand a recount."

Nez Perce Tribe's Water Rights Administration Code Approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior

Lapwai, Idaho - On December 16, 2020, the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) approved the Nez Perce Tribal Water Rights Administration Code after completing its required review. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Sweeney, contacted Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Chairman, Shannon Wheeler personally to relay this development. The Nez Perce Tribe's (Tribe) Water Rights Administration Code provides for the Tribe's use and protection of its water rights, including those confirmed through the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

Chairman Wheeler observed, "The Tribe's Water Rights Administration Code ensures that the Tribe – not the Bureau of Indian Affairs—is responsible for administering the Tribe's water rights. This approval has been a long time coming – we submitted our Code in 2018, and we met with the Department of the Interior

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Office of the Solicitor in September, 2019 as part of our Washington, DC delegation."

The Tribe's Water Rights Administration Code was adopted by NPTEC on December 31, 2019 by Nez Perce Resolution 20-117 following a 30-day tribal member comment period. The Interior's required review focused on ensuring that the rights of Allottees, to the use of water in quantities necessary to carry out the purposes of a trust allotment, are secure.

The overarching purpose of the Code, set forth in section 3-3-2, is "[t]o provide an orderly system for protection, allocation,

regulation, dispute resolution, and use of Tribal water rights consistent with the needs of ecosystems, natural resources, and cultural resources."

"As we look forward to a future in which water becomes even more valuable for all uses, this Code ensures that the Tribe will be responsible for making the decisions about the protection and use of its water rights," concluded Chairman Wheeler. "We will be putting a team together to develop strategies, but we are confident this will be a great opportunity for the Tribal membership. This large step will allow us to further diversify our revenue streams and continue development for a healthy, and prosperous people."



Winter Session of Strengthening Families Program to be Offered

Upriv-(Kamiah)-The er Youth Leadership Council (UYLC) will be offering The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) beginning January 20th. This program is a free, fourteen-week interactive workshop for parents and children ages 12 to 16. Classes will begin at 5:30 pm at the Kamiah High School, and are facilitated by Jennifer Heitman, Carrie Wiley, Amber Hoodman, and Tina Brotnov. COV-ID-19 protocols and protective measures will be observed.

The sessions, which are designed to improve relationships between parents and their children, include dinner, games, discussions, shared activities and more. Each week's two-and-a-half-hour session begins with a free family dinner. "We will offer nutritious meals that are family-friendly through an Aim High New York Life Grant as well as partnerships with local restaurants and churches" said Sharlene Johnson, UYLC Executive Director. Johnson also noted that there will be family-friendly door prizes throughout the course and that all graduating families will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize. Childcare for younger

children is available, as well as mileage reimbursement for all families who complete the entire fourteen-week class.

After dinner, families are divided into groups, with adults and children meeting separately. In their session, youths are led by two trained facilitators through various activities, games, and discussions. Issues that are covered include setting goals, appreciating their parents, and dealing with peer pressure, among other topics. In the meantime, the parents, working with a trained facilitator as well, discuss different expectations of parents that occur when raising adolescents, such as showing love, setting limits, making house rules, and encouraging good behavior. The parents and their children then reunite for a one-hour family activity that promotes team building. "This program will enlarge your tool belt as a parent," stated Jennifer Heitman, a Kamiah Middle School teacher who participated in the training, "You will gain skills and strategies that build your family's relationships."

Strengthening Families was developed at Iowa State Research done University.

there has shown that youth in more than 25 countries. who took part in the program have had significantly lower rates of using alcohol and tion, including how to regother drugs and have also had fewer behavioral problems in school. The program is offered in all 50 states and

For more informaister for upcoming sessions, please contact Tina Brotnov at (208)-743-0392 or email uylctina@gmail.com.



A New Level of Fitness Comes to the Nez Perce Reservation

With 2021 being a new year, many people have developed health and fitness resolutions. Previous resolutions may have been unsuccessful year after year due to limited resources in the area. The opportunity is here to jump start your resolution with a local Native fitness trainer.

Nathan Sahme is a certified personal trainer and the proud owner of New Level Fitness. Sahme's wife is Tarese Sahme (Oatman), his children are Axel, Bronx, and Tyanne Hillman. Sahme's parents are Willie Sahme and Charli Moser (Barden). His paternal grandparents are Lilly Kauffman and Sal Sahme, and his maternal grandparents are LaVern and Marie Barden.

Sahme is Nez Perce/ Warm Springs and a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation. Sahme grew up in Lapwai and Lewiston and currently works with clients in Kamiah, Lapwai, Lewiston and Clarkston.

Sahme obtained his Personal Trainer Certification in June of 2020 through the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM), and created New Level Fitness.

New Level Fitness is a personal training program offered to community members



on the Nez Perce Reservation and surrounding areas.

By utilizing New Level Fitness, Sahme and two of his clients were successful in the 2020 Nez Perce Tribe's 10 week Fitness Challenge. Out of 167 participants, Sahme's wife took 4th place in the women's fat loss category. Sahme's sister, Chantal Ellenwood, took 2nd place in total inches lost and Sahme took 1st place in total inches lost.

"My overall goal of obtaining this certification is to begin an online, and in person training service," said Sahme. "I want to show my

people and my community how to use nutrition and exercise to live a healthier life."

Sahme attended Lewiston High School where he began to take interest in physical exercise and nutrition at the age of twelve. He participated in varsity sports and all-state teams while in high school. "Senior year, I was the heaviest I've ever been at 235 pounds and decided it was time to drop my football weight," said Sahme. "I began a basic diet and by prom I had lost 30 pounds. Since then, I've constantly researched new exercise techniques and diets."

Sahme graduated from Lewiston High School in 2006, and has retained years of detailed study and nutritional experience. He developed a passion for health and went to work for GNC in Lewiston. Sahme worked as a sales associate at GNC from 2010 to 2020. "Working in the supplement industry for ten years has rounded out my personal trainer skillset," said Sahme. "Supplements can take your training to a whole new level and I have the knowledge to incorporate a supplement stack to meet the goals of my clients."

Sahme has been in the fitness field for over twenty years. He considers the knowledge he's gained from his

own personal experience to be paramount to his success and heavily contributes to his goals as a personal trainer. "I have been my own guinea pig to research and attempt new exercises and techniques," he stated. "I have a vast exercise library memorized to customize any plan to fit the needs and goals of my clients."

A lot of people dread the cardio portion of their exercise, but Sahme says he craves it. Running and High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), are his specialties. HIIT allows individuals to train for shorter time periods and burn more calories, which is perfect for those who don't have time to workout.

"I have the skillset to train anyone of any age and with any type of goal, but my ideal client would be a teen or college athlete looking to improve their performance," said Sahme. "My goal is to show people how to break through their plateaus and get on a new level. I will train my clients to push past the point where their mind and body tell them to stop."

New Level Fitness provides online fitness coaching and includes a custom diet plan, custom exercise plan, supplement protocol, healthy habits and lifestyle coaching, with a weekly accountability check in from Sahme.

New Level Fitness offers affordable starting prices, will keep individuals motivated, and offers the luxury of healthy meal prep. In person training is also offered at the client's desired location

Sahme is currently working on a New Level Fitness website and an app to provide exercises and diets for the week. Multiple tiers will be created for clients to select the best program to suit their goals.

Contact Nathan Sahme for more information at (208) 816-2548 or by email newlevelfitnesscoach@gmail. com. Sign up with New Level Fitness at ptdistinction.com.



2x WNBA Champion Coach Brian Agler Returns to Lapwai for Third Annual Holiday Hoops

By Brady Frederick, KLEW

Coach Brian Agler, a two-time WNBA champion, returned to Lapwai, Idaho to host his third annual holiday hoops camp.

Agler coached the SeattleStormandLASparkstoWNBA titles, and holds the best win/ loss record in league history.

At these camps, looks to teach more than just basketball.

"it's just a chance for us to work on skills, talk about the importance of any skill. Whether its basketball, or music, or reading," he said.

The holiday tradition looks different due to covid-19. Instead of large groups, the event had smaller sessions in groups of eight. But that allowed more one-on-one time with coach Agler.

"Everything we have done here today is things that they can work on in their driveway, out in the back yard, or in their own school gym," he said.

In each 50-minute slot, the kids learned a variety of drills to train on the fundamentals of basketball.

On Monday, the camp held a zoom teleconference. Topics ranged from basketball to mental health and wellness. In a year like 2020, it was as important as ever.

"People are home and they're getting cabin fever. This gives them an opportunity to work on their mental, physical, and emotional health," said Rika Powaukee, the organizer of the event.

"If you have great experiences in sports, this is why sports are so important. You go through your ups and downs, you deal with adversity," Agler said. "And how you deal with adversity in a lot of ways is how you're going to deal with your life issues."

The event was free of charge. Each participant got to take home a water bottle, a basketball, and some Adidas gear, donated by WNBA MVP Candace Parker.

These short sessions leave a big impact, and the players all say they had a great time learning from one of the best.

"I think it's cool that he came down from far to come here, a small town," said 7th grader Madden Bisbee, a future Lapwai Wildcats Point Guard

"It's really great to come up here and to give back to this community and be a part of this," Agler said.



A group of participants from the Holiday Hoops Camp pose for a photo with Coach Brian Agler. (Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune Photo)

Jackie Carson Retires from the Nez Perce Tribe



The NPT Finance Department Accounts Payable team, (L to R) Trish Wicks, Jackie Carson, Starr Wallace.



Jackie Carson receiving a Pendleton blanket from NPTEC Chairman, Shannon Wheeler and NPTEC Chaplain, Arthur Broncheau.

Congratulations to Jackie Carson on her retirement after serving the people for 22 years. Carson retired from the Nez Perce Tribe finance department on Monday, January 4, 2021. "My co-workers became my family. I am going to miss everyone," stated Carson.

Wildcats Keep Bulldogs at Bay

Lapwai turns back challenge from Grangeville

By Madison Guernsey, Lewiston Tribune

Lapwai has a chance to prove that it's once again a state title contender. Grangeville has a chance to prove it belongs in that conversation.

At times Wednesday, both teams did just that.

Lapwai held off Grangeville 46-40 in the championship game of the four-team post-Christmas tournament at

but it might prove to be one of the Wildcats' highest-quality wins by the end of the season.

Grangeville (8-3) entered the game ranked No. 4 in the most recent Idaho

coaches' Class 2A poll and has

some impressive early-season

the new Lewiston High School

in the Orchards. It wasn't a typ-

ical dominant effort by Lapwai,

wins on its resume. Most notable was a 43-41 win Dec. 12 at Cole Valley Christian of Meridian, the reigning Class 2A state runner-up. The Bulldogs proved to be one of the toughest tests of the season thus far for Lapwai — the No. 1-ranked team and defending Class 1A Division I state champ — battling the Wildcats to a rare narrow margin and holding them to a season-low in points.

But Lapwai (9-0) affirmed its status as one of Idaho's elite teams, making clutch shots in key moments to stay unbeaten this season and run its winning streak to 26 games dating to Dec. 27, 2019.

"Coming off the holiday weekend, it's always tough," Lapwai coach Ada Marks said. "But we're glad that we're able

that, he was one of the best

to still get to play these bigger schools and get to play against tougher competition and prepare us for our season."

Grangeville put Lapwai on the ropes when Macy Smith tied the game at 37 with 6:08 left in regulation. The Wildcats missed their first six shots of the period and had a few turnovers, allowing the Bulldogs to grab the momentum.

But it didn't last long. Omari Mitchell drained a base-line jumper to put Lapwai up 39-37 at the 4:26 mark, and Jordyn McCormack-Marks drilled a 3-pointer to make it 42-37. Grace Sobotta drove in the dagger when she ended a long Wildcats possession with a 3 around the 1:05 mark. It gave Lapwai a 45-37 lead and Grangeville

too little time to come back.

After Smith's basket tied it for Grangeville, the Bulldogs missed six consecutive shots and two free throws and didn't score again until there was less than a minute remaining. Grangeville had, perhaps, finally run out of gas after battling the uptempo Wildcats tough throughout the game with an undermanned, three-player bench.

The game was tied multiple times in the third quarter, and Grangeville briefly led twice in the period, 26-25 and 28-27. It put Lapwai in a largely unpracticed scenario. The Wildcats' average margin of victory this season is 23.9 points.

"They did a really Continue Reading Wildcats on Page 7

He's in Select Company

It's not easy to stand out in the annals of Lapwai High boys' basketball, but Emmit Taylor III has found a way: by playing D-I

By Madison Guernsey, Lewiston Tribune

high school players in Idaho, Bob Sobotta Jr. knows Lapwai showcasing a pure shooting basketball history as well as stroke and game-changing anyone. He can't re-call any scoring ability that led Lapwai Division I men's bas-ketball to back-to-back Class 1A Diviplayers other than Em-mit sion I state championships. Taylor III who have hailed from As a senior, he was named Lapwai High School. The the classification's player of small school on Idaho's Nez the year in the state and was Perce Reservation holds a nominated to play in the Mcspecial place in local hoops Donald's All-American game. After high school, he lore. Taylor is one of its most special players. He's one moved a couple hours north of many former Wildcat stars to start his college career at to reach the next level, but NIC, where the men's basketone of few who've been ball program has built a repuadvanced to D-I. The Lap-tation of winning and sending wai native made the move its players to higher levels of official in fall 2019 when he college basketball. signed with Idaho State, and shooting and scoring abilities is in the midst of his first sea-carried over to the two-year son of big-time college ball. junior college. In 61 games,

"As a kid, I always he averaged 12.5 points — dreamed of playing college bas- logging 14 20-point games ketball — not necessarily Divi- — and made 40.1 percent of sion I, but just getting to the his 3-pointers. In the 10th college level and playing bas- game of his freshman seaketball," Taylor said. "So being son, he buried 12 3s en route Division I, it means a lot to me." to a career-high 46 points.

Taylor spent the past He also experienced two years at North Idaho Col-more team success. The Carlege in Coeur d'Alene. Before dinals won the Northwest Ath-

letic Conference championship when he was a freshman, repeating their effort from the previous year. (Both titles eventually were vacated after NIC was penalized for committing numerous violations).

Taylor garnered Division I offers from ISU, Florida Gulf Coast and Bryant (Rhode Island), according to the basketball recruiting site verbalcommits.com. He signed with the Bengals in November, completing a Lapwai-to-Division I journey few others have traveled.

"I think that he's the trendsetter there for being one of the first," said Sobotta Jr., who coached Taylor during his final two years at Lapwai and whose family name bespeckles the chronology of Lapwai hoops. "He's definitely one of the very few, probably in the history." (Note: Trevon Allen, who starred for the University of Idaho and now is playing professionally in Poland, hails from Lapwai but played high school basketball at Clarkston).

Sobotta noted several attributes that helped Taylor

reach the Division I level — his passion for basketball and poise under pressure added to a desirable combination of size (6-foot-4) and natural skill. But it can be difficult for players to make it big from Lapwai — its population is just more than 1,000 and showcase opportunities might be hard to come by. Sobotta realized Taylor was on par with big-city kids when he proved it during his senior season at Lapwai.

At a holiday tournament that December, Taylor scored 16 points in Lapwai's win against Spokane's North Central, and followed it with 31 points and 12 rebounds the next day in a one-point loss to Spokane's Ferris in the championship.

North Central and Ferris each have enrollments above 1,000. Lapwai's is a little above 100.

"That Ferris game, it just kind of gave a lot of legitimacy in terms of his being able to play at any level," Sobotta said.

Ryan Looney took

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good job about being mentally strong and just playing through things," Marks said. "Grangeville came back and got real close. (Her players) just have more of a perseverance, an attitude now than they used to, and that's what I love about this team."

Lapwai's offense, which entered the game averaging 62 points per game, was out of sorts against Grangeville, which switched between manto-man and zone defenses to get the Wildcats out of rhythm. Some offensive possessions displayed patience and savvy ball movement, and others were rushed and ended with a missed shot or a turnover. Lapwai shot a combined 4-for-22 in the second and fourth quarters, but was 11-for-21 in the first and third periods.

hot-and-cold The stretches helped the Bulldogs overcome a slow start. They trailed 15-4 after the opening quarter and fell behind 17-5 in the second, but answered Lapwai's misses with makes of their own from inside, outside and the free-throw line to pull within 20-18 at halftime.

"We just didn't pass the ball around. We didn't make them play defense as much," Marks said. "We'd have an open shot, we took it — which I don't want them to defer from — but at the same time,

we just didn't move the ball well as we should've at times."

Grangeville imposed its height advantage by slipping inside for good looks at the hoop and crashing the offensive boards. The Bullrebounds and scored 28 of their 40 points on 2-pointers.

"They were really aggressive on their offensive boards," Marks said. "That was the one thing at half-



Lapwai's Jordyn McCormack-Marks shoots as Grangeville's Talia Brown defends during the championship game

dogs corralled 12 offensive time we really talked about, 'Clean it up on the defensive end so they don't get extra shots,' and they did a lot better at that in the second half."

> Glory Sobotta scored a team-high 10 points for Lapwai. Grace Sobotta added nine points, six steals and four assists, and Lauren Gould chipped in seven points and 10 rebounds.

> Camden Barger Grangeville with a gamehigh 16 points, and Bailey Vanderwall added 10.

> Grangeville gets its next chance to prove its rank Jan. 5 at home against Nezperce. Lapwai can extend its winning streak Jan. 5 at St. Maries.

> **GRANGEVILLE** Camden Barger 5 5-6 16, Macy Smith 2 0-0 4, Talia Brown 2 0-0 4, Zoe Lutz 2 0-0 4, Cameran Green 1 0-0 2, Bella Dame 0 0-0 0, Bailey Vanderwall 3 4-8 10. Totals 15 9-14 40. **LAPWAI** (9-0)Grace Sobotta 3 0-0 9, Jordyn McCormack-Marks 4 0-3 9, Glory Sobotta 3 2-2 10, Alexis Herrera 2 0-0 4, Soa Moliga 0 2-2 2, Ciahna Oatman 1 0-0 3, Lauren Gould 1 5-8 7, Kahlees Young 0 0-0 0, Omari Mitchell 1 0-2 2, Jordan Shawl 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 9-17 46. Grangeville 4 14 15 7—40 Lapwai 15 5 17 9—46 3-point goals — Barger, Gr. Sobotta 3, Gl. Sobotta 2, McCormack-Marks, Oatman.

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charge as Idaho State's coach during Taylor's sophomore season at North Idaho, and one of his top priorities was adding a shooter. Taylor fit the bill and was among Looney's first ISU signing class.

"We felt like we didn't necessarily shoot the 3 all that well," Looney said. "Emmit's a guy who can really, really do that, so that was the main reason we were intrigued with him."

But Taylor's transition to Division I hoops has been challenging. The complexities of switching schools and

adapting to a new coach are thing back home," Taylor said. built into transferring, as Taylor did, but the gap that exists between the quality of junior college basketball and Division I hoops can be tough to bridge.

Plus, for the first time, Taylor is a long way from home. It was easy for him to get to Lapwai from Coeur d'Alene, but Idaho State and Pocatello, in the southeast corner of Idaho, are eight hours away. The distance is exacerbated by the coronavius pandemic.

"With COVID, it's been a big challenge for me to stay focused on my basketball and not worry about any-

Taylor is self-aware when it comes to his strengths and weaknesses on the basketball court, noting the high levels of organization, discipline and attention to detail necessary at the Division I level. Looney, who was a remarkably successful Division II coach, is a stickler for defense and pointed to that as Taylor's greatest need for improvement.

Through ISU's first seven games of the season, Taylor has logged six appearances at a modest 3.3 minutes per outing. He scored his only points Dec. 12 when he made —

naturally — a 3 vs. Bethesda.

Taylor is a junior this season and, with the NCAA's recent announcement that all Division I athletes competing in winter sports will get an extra year of eligibility, has a couple more seasons on the horizon — plenty of time to continue his increasingly notable basketball journey.

"His time's going to come," Sobotta said. "He'll opportunities get some through the year to prove himself, and I know he will."

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American Indian Activist Hank Adams Dies at 77

By Mark Trahant, Indian Country Today

Hank Adams, one of Indian Country's most prothinkers and strategists, has died at age 77.

Adams was called the "most important Indian" by influential Native American rights advocate and author Vine Deloria Jr., because he was involved with nearly every major event in American Indian history from the 1960s forward.

He was perhaps best known for his work to secure treaty rights, particularly during the Northwest "fish wars" of the 1960s and '70s.

Henry "Hank" Adams, Assiniboine-Sioux, died Dec. 21 at St. Peter's Hospital in Washington, Olympia, cording to the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

"Hank's a genius. He knows things we don't know. He sees things we don't see," attorney Susan Hvalsoe Komori said when Adams was awarded the 2006 American Indian Visionary Award Indian Country Today.

"Adams was always the guy under the radar, working on all kinds of things," said the late Billy Frank Jr., Nisqually and chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.



Hank Adams, pictured in 1973, was called the "most important Indian" by influential Native American rights advocate and author Vine Deloria Jr., because he was involved with nearly every major event in American Indian history from the 1960s forward. (Barry Staver-Denver Post/Getty Images)

Adams was born in Wolf Point, Montana. Toward the end of World War II, his family moved to Washington state, where he attended Moclips-Aloha High School near the Quinault Nation. He played football and basketball and served as student body president and editor of the school newspaper and yearbook.

In 1963, Adams joined the National Indian Youth Council, where he began to focus on treaty rights just as the fish wars were beginning and Northwest tribes were calling on the federal government to recognize their treaty-protected fishing rights.

Adams had so many personal connections with people from that era, such as Mel Thom, Clyde Warrior and Willie Hensley. It was while Adams was working with the youth council that he first met Marlon Brando. The actor

would be prominent later in the Frank's Landing protests.

Also through the youth council, Adams began working at Frank's Landing, on Washington's Nisqually River, with Billy Frank and others who were striving to advance the treaty right to fish for salmon.

"That turned into a civil rights agenda," Adams said in an interview. "It had been brutal from 1962 onward, and there were just a few fishermen down there, fighting with their families for their rights."

To make a point, Adams refused induction into the military because the U.S. was failing to live up to its treaty obligations. (He eventually served for two years in the U.S. Army.)

As Washington state's fish wars heated up in the 1960s, Adam was often working with Frank and other Northwest leaders on a strategy of civil disobe-"fish-ins." dience through

Frank told a story about a 1968 fishing protest in Olympia "where all the police are." But not everyone was supposed to be arrested. Frank said it was the job of Adams, the "vision-

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ary," to protect them all. But when the arrests were made, "here comes our visionary."

"I said, 'What are you doing here? You're supposed to get us out. You're the strategist, thinking way out into the future," Frank said.

It was from those many trips to jail that eventually treaty-protected fishing rights were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Boldt decision affirmed the tribal right to fish in the usual and accustomed places in common with other citizens.

Adams' role in the trial, which took place in Tacoma, Washington, was unprecedented. He was a lay-lawyer representing tribal fishing people and the last person to speak at trial. The judge considered Adams the most informed person to explain both the treaty and the people.

As the court case made its way through the process, Adams and Billy Frank found a way to meet with Judge George Boldt in chambers.

"We don't want to talk

to you about the case," Adams recalled at the 40th anniversary dinner of the Boldt decision. Instead, the pair met with the judge to tell them that Montana Sen. Lee Metcalf was an admirer of the judge, who was also from Montana. They swapped Montana stories. And, the joke was the case could be resolved if it was just Montanans in the room.

The Supreme Court affirmed treaty rights and the Boldt decision in a series of cases in 1975.

Shortly before the 1972 election, a caravan of American Indians traveled from points across the country to Washington to protest broken treaties. After failed negotiations for housing, the protest ended up at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. And when the bureaucrats left for the day, the protestors remained.

Adams was also instrumental in resolving the 1972 takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Richard Nixon's special assistant, Leonard Garment, said Adams' role was essential. He said the story could have

been tragic, with some in the administration calling for a military assault on the building.

Adams was both a public foil and a behind-the-scenes negotiator. The Trail of Broken Treaties submitted a plank of 20 proposals. Adams called the Nixon administration's response "almost totally devoid of positive comment."

But privately Adams and Garment worked on a resolution. Adams' reward for being an intermediary? He was arrested in 1973 and his home searched for "government documents."

"Plus they took my typewriter, which I'd had since 1968 during our encampment on the Nisqually River," Adams said.

A federal grand jury refused to indict Adams (along with journalists who had been reporting on the incident), and eventually Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus ordered the material returned. He "directed the FBI to return everything that they'd taken from me and particularly my typewriter," Adams said with a laugh. Adams played a simi-

flew him to White Clay, Nebraska, where he was to meet with the Justice Department's Community Relations Service. After that meeting, Adams was set to meet in Denver with Marlon Brando. The

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After that meeting, Adams was set to meet in Denver with Marlon Brando. The Justice Department was supposed to drive Adams back to the airport, but "they ran out of gas within sight of the airport." Adams laughed. "The federal government doesn't run out of gas. They didn't want me to meet with Marlon Brando" and stir up public support for the occupation.

Using social media, Adams was meticulous over the years in his documentation of family histories, often used to help people grieve over the loss of family, or to call out people who lied and claimed Indigenous ancestry. He continued to monitor and press for treaty rights. And for Leonard Peltier's release from prison.

Adams' family said a funeral is not possible at this time, but it will coordinate a memorial in the near future.







Tribal Leaders Respond to the Idea of an Indigenous Interior Secretary

By Graham Lee Brewer and Anna V. Smith, High Country News

President-elect Joe Biden has pledged to make his administration the most diverse in history, a promise that so far he has fulfilled with several key appointments. For weeks now, momentum has been building behind a push for the Department of the Interior to be run by an Indigenous person for the first time in history. Dozens of tribal leaders have called upon Biden to appoint U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland, D-N.M, an enrolled tribal member of the Laguna Pueblo.

Beyond the obvious symbolic importance of having an Indigenous person lead Interior, a department with a long history of defying the best interests of tribal na-

tions, the possibilities such a position would bring for tribal administrations and citizens alike are endless. Native leaders and advocates are hoping that a Haaland appointment would result in improved tribal consultation on everything from land protections to how agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency, interact with tribal communities. As the country awaits Biden's decision, Native communities are bracing for what could prove a seismic change in the way the federal government treats the interests of Indian Country.

"It will be a moment to exhale for tribal leaders," said Judith Le Blanc, a citizen of the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma and director of the Native Organizers Alliance, a national Native training and organizing network. An Indigenous person leading Interior, she said, would mean having someone who understands the legal and inherent rights of Indigenous peoples to govern their own lands.

"We're the only peoples in this country who have a collectively owned land base that has been self-governed since the beginning of time," Le Blanc said. "To have someone who understands that historic fact and therefore the rights and responsibilities to consult and to discuss before a decision is made that will affect treaty lands will be amazing. It creates opportunities and possibilities that tribal leaders will have to step into."

The possibility of an Indigenous person leading Interior comes after an election in which Indigenous voters sup-

ported the Biden/Harris ticket in critical states like Arizona, Nevada and Wisconsin. As IllumiNatives — a nonprofit working to increase Native visibility — put it in a social media post, "Joe, Native people showed up for you. Now, show up for them." If Haaland — or someone like Michael Connor, a member of Taos Pueblo and former deputy Interior director, whose name has also been floated as a possible nominee — were to run the department, it would have a significant impact on Indian Country policy for the next several years not only for department policies and representation, but also for on-the-ground realities. Under the Trump ad-

ministration, environmental

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NPTEC Chairman Sends President-Elect Joe Biden Congratulatory Letter



November 20, 2020

The Honorable Joe Biden President-Elect of the United States P.O. Box 438 Wilmington, DE 19899

Dear President-Elect Biden:

The Nez Perce Tribe would like to congratulate you on your election as the 46th President of the United States. We appreciate your leadership in formulating a plan for tribal nations as part of your overall vision and policy for the United States. We look forward to working with you and your administration on implementation of that platform in Indian Country as well as on issues that affect the Nation as a whole.

Although we are currently a nation divided and polarized by cultural, social, and political issues that many times prevent us from having substantive dialogue on important matters, we believe with your leadership, much can be accomplished to the benefit of everyone. Again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

Shannon F. Wheeler Chairman Haaland Continued from Page 10

laws were significantly weakened, protections of places like the Tongass National Forest were rolled back and largescale, high-impact projects like the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines were expedited. Many of those policies included a rushed — or, in the case of the U.S.-Mexico border wall, nonexistent — tribal consultation process. While all bureaucracies have flaws, both Haaland and Connor understand that including tribal nations in a government-togovernment consultation process is non-negotiable. They could also reverse some of the Trump administration's controversial decisions. Whoever is chosen, the stakes are high.

The Yurok Tribe was one of a host of tribes to sign a letter to President-elect Joe Biden, uraing him to choose Haaland. The tribe has had a protracted battle with the federal government over keeping enough water in the Klamath River to support their lifeways and the river's salmon population. In 2001, a government decision caused the largest fish kill in Yurok and U.S. history. Vice Chairman Frankie Myers says the representation and experience that would come with Haaland as an Indigenous person and lawmaker would be a welcome change: "Ensuring that Indigenous voices are at the highest level of government, specifically when it comes to resources, is critical for us moving this country in a better, more positive way."

Bernadette Demientieff, executive director of the Gwich'in Steering Committee, agrees. In November, the Trump administration announced that it would auction off oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge just two weeks before Biden takes office. The refuge, which lies within the ancestral lands of the Gwich'in, supports the sensitive populations of Porcupine caribou, polar bears and walruses. The Gwich'in Steering Committee



Dozens of tribal leaders have called upon Biden to appoint U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland,
D-N.M, an enrolled tribal member of the Laguna Pueblo.
(Photo: High Country News)

has filed numerous lawsuits to stop the sale. "This current administration has done nothing but disrespect and violate the rights of our people," Demientieff wrote in a statement to High Country News. As for an Indigenous leader of Interior, "I can't believe it has taken this long. We have never been included in decisions that will affect our future."

While Native voters tend to lean left, Indian Country issues on the Hill have typically found support with both Republicans and Democrats. The six Indigenous people who will join the next Congress are split evenly between the parties. And even though the political atmosphere has been considerably polarized under the Trump administration, the prevailing sentiment is that Haaland's ability to work across the aisle will keep Indi-

an Country policy from becoming a politically divisive issue.

"There's a reason why people like (Republican U.S. Reps.) Don Young and Tom Cole have publicly spoken out in very positive ways regarding Deb," said Keith Harper, a member of the Cherokee Nation and an Obama appointee who was the first Indigenous person to represent the U.S. on the United Nations Human Rights Council. "Because they've worked with her and know she's willing to put the party politics aside and get pragmatic about challenges."

"Because we understand that Native American issues are not a matter of conservative versus liberal, we have accomplished a great deal together," said Rep. Cole. Out of all representatives in the House, Haaland's bills have had the most bicameral sup-

port, and often bipartisan. And the political allies and partners she's made in Congress have some predicting that this would translate to consensus building across the government on issues affecting Native people.

"Oftentimes, Interior is looked as the agency that handles Indian affairs," said Kim Teehee, the Cherokee Nation's congressional delegate. "We have HUD (Housing and Urban Development) that handles Indian housing, we have the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) that handles broadband, education, the USDA (Department of Agriculture). There is such a cross-cutting nature of Indian Country issues, and I think she has the unique ability as a Cabinet secretary to convene the agencies."

One non-Native whose name has been floated for the position is retiring Sen. Tom Udall, a Democrat from New Mexico, who has long been a champion of Indigenous affairs in Congress. His father, Stewart Udall, was secretary of Interior from 1961-1969 under presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. A number of progressive Native-led organizations have called on him to remove his name from consideration. When asked what it could mean for an Indigenous person to lead Interior, Udall told High Country News that "Native Americans should be in high positions throughout government in the White House and various agencies – it's not just about the Interior Department," adding that the next secretary must prioritize tribal nation's needs with inclusive consultation, and put in "the hard work to make sure Native voices are front and center throughout the department."

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Nimiipuu Health Begins Administering COVID-19 Vaccine

Lapwai, Idaho- Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) received their first shipment of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine on December 22, 2020. In anticipation of the shipment, staff referred to the prioritization list and almost immediately began offering the vaccine to those interested. The primary distribution was for Nimiipuu Health staff, which is anticipated to be completed today, December 29.

"We are extremely grateful to have received our IHS allocation for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. We have created a schedule at Nimiipuu Health specifically for COVID-19 vaccines. Once a vaccine vial is opened, the vaccine is not stable for long," stated NMPH Medical Director, Dr. Kim Hartwig. "Because the vaccine is not stable ID-19 in the prior 90 days will for long periods of time, it is very important that patients above groups

arrive at their scheduled time to avoid any potential for vaccine going to waste. Please keep this in mind when you schedule your COVID-19 vaccine. We can do this together!"

The next phase of the priority list will include first line responders:

- o Police and fire
- o CPS/Social Services
- o EOC members
- o NPTEC members
- o Senior citizen staff
- o Tribal members 75 years of age and older (those with 3 or more underlying medical conditions, then 2 underlying medical conditions, then 1 etc. that may contribute to a severe COVID-19 infection will be prioritized in reduced

*Those who have had COVbe omitted from any of the

The priority schedule o Food service has been in the works for a few months. A committee was formed to plan and prepare for the vaccine arrival. While staff o IT and communication were able to create a priority list that catered to the unique o Media needs of the Nez Perce Reservation, it was also based on recommendations from Indian Health Services (IHS), Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Following the initial priority group, essential workers are next in line for the vaccine:

- o Education (teachers, support staff, daycare) o Food and agriculture
- o Manufacturing
- o Corrections workers
- o U.S. Postal Service workers
- o Public transit workers
- o Grocery store workers o Transportation and logistics

- o Shelter and housing (construction)
- o Finance
- o Energy
- o Legal
- o Public Safety (engineers)
- o Waste and waste water

The vaccine distribution will be completed as NMPH is able. NMPH patients will receive prioritization (i.e. Those who receive care at NMPH will receive a vaccine before those who do not receive care at NMPH.) Though they may not be able to get through the entire list, they will provide as many vaccines as possible. NMPH staff have requested that if individuals opt to get the first dose of the vaccine at another facility, that they also receive the second dose at that same facility.

Ariel King

Dental Assistant

Please welcome Ariel King to the Nimiipuu Health Clinic staff. As of October 19th 2020, Ariel became the NMPH's full-time Dental Assistant.

Mrs. King is a 2008 graduate of Clearwater Valley (CV) High School. Ariel is proficient in various settings that include; management, chairside assisting, daily general office tasks, and professional representation.

After marrying Mr. King, he immediately received a job offer from Union Pacific Railroad; so her family moved to Wyoming. This is where Ariel gained her first experience with Dentistry, at West Family Dentistry; located Green River, Wyoming. While in Wyoming, her family began missing "home", and they decided to move back to Idaho.

By 2015, Mrs. King and her family settled in Lewiston, Idaho. She became employed at Fairview Dental; where she expanded her experience in Dentistry. Her most recent employment was with Wilkinson Orthodontics; where she also contracted with the Nez Perce Tribe to do braces for the Nimiipuu Health Dental Department.

Ariel's hobbies include: hiking, hunting, anything outdoors, boating, crafting, and reading.

Ariel King joins a team of dedicated staff in the Dental Department, and if you have any Dental questions, please feel free to contact Ariel using the information listed.

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LueShawntel Yost

Clinical Registered Nurse

Everyone, please welcome LueShawntel Yost, she prefers to be called Shawntel, to the Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) Clinic staff. Shawntel became a NMPH employee of the Nursing Department on August 19th 2020, and her workstation will be at the Kamiah NMPH Clinic.

Shawntel has worked in the Healthcare field since 1994; her first position as a Nurse was in 2006 as an LPN and then upon graduation from Lewis-Clark State College in 2009 with her RN, BSN. Since that time she has worked in a variety of nursing positions includingambulatory, transitional/short term, long term (skilled), dementia, ER, ICU, Acute Care, Medical Surgical and House Supervisor, Cardio-Pulmonary, ACLS transportation, home health care and supervision, Triage Nursing, and Coumadin Management.

Shawntel is just beginning her second year at Gonzaga University in the Post Bachelorette to Doctorate in Nursing Practice program. Shawntel states the reason she became a nurse was "It has been a calling since I was incredibly young to take care of people. It came naturally to me and I enjoy practicing nursing with an emphasis in patient education and Holistic care".

Again, you will regularly see Mrs. Yost at her workstation at the NMPH Kamiah Clinic. Please welcome her on your next Kamiah clinic visit.

Shawntel joins a team of dedicated staff in the Nursing and Medical Departments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Yost by using the information provided.



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Mental Health Crises in 2021

Now that we have gotten through the holidays with new hope due to vaccinations, 2021 may bring a "Mental Health Pandemic" nationwide. Fear, loss, sickness, isolation, financial hardship, etc., has wreaked havoc with many families. According to the CDC, minorities and young people have been disproportionately affected by COVID. In one survey, 41% reported symptoms of depression and anxiety along with increased use of substances to help cope with their bothersome emotions. In this same survey, suicide thoughts went from 4% from 2018 to 11% currently. (www.cdc.gov)

It is now more important than ever to make mental health a priority. This includes a holistic approach

with healthy eating, exercise, adequate sleep and reaching out for help. Connection to others is imperative and until we can see each other face to face without social distancing, phone calls, video chats, etc. will be most helpful. Young people especially need this contact. When our kids share their concerns, it's very important we allow them to voice their emotions without trying to invalidate or talk them out of whatever they are feeling. Helping others has been proven to help relieve our own stress so please reach out to others who may be struggling. Nimiipuu Health is here to help.

Nimiipuu Behavioral Health is here to help. We are accepting walk-ins, face to face, phone and telehealth. If you are in crises or want to make an appointment, please call. We can also refer to an outside clinic if requested.

Signs of Distress:

- Feelings of fear, anger, sadness, or increased frustration
- Changes in eating and/or sleeping
 - Increased substance use
 - Difficulty focusing and making decisions
- Bodily symptoms such as stomach upset, pain, headaches, etc.

Nimiipuu Health Behavioral Health 208-843-7244 National Suicide Hotline 800-273-8255 Idaho Suicide Hotline

208-398-4357

Sergio Islas

Human Resources Generalist

The Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) Clinic is pleased to introduce *Sergio Islas* to the Human Resource (HR) Department, as the new **HR Generalist**. Mr. Islas is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, with almost 7 years of Human Resource experience in a healthcare and medical setting.

Mr. Islas attended the University of Portland where he graduated in 2010; double majoring in German and Spanish. In 2011, Sergio then continued his studies at the University of Portland's School of Business, where he obtained a Master's of Business Administration; with a concentration in Healthcare Administration.

In 2012, Sergio began his professional career with the Portland Area Indian Health Service (IHS), which oversees the delivery of healthcare to Native people in the Northwest. At the Portland IHS, he worked as a Human Resources Specialist; specializing in Employee and Labor Relations, Performance Management, Benefits Administration, and Ethics. He was directly responsible for servicing the Fort Hall, Warm Springs, and Colville IHS Service Units; as well as the Portland Area Office.

In 2016, Mr. Islas transferred to the California Area Indian IHS, to assist with the opening and staffing of the California Area's two Youth Regional Treatment Centers.

Sergio moved back to the Nez Perce Reservation in 2019. Mr. Islas is excited to once again be working in a healthcare setting that truly believes that the work done by the HR office will allow a work environment that lets everyone focus on our mission: "To provide quality healthcare in a culturally sensitive and confidential environment."

If you see *Sergio*, please welcome him to the NMPH staff. If you have any questions, please use the contact information provided.



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Mary Ivory

Medical Technologist

Everyone please welcome our new **Medical Technologist**, *Mary Ivory*. Mary joins the Nimiipuu Health Laboratory staff as of November 2nd 2020.

In 1975, Mary obtained an Associate degree from Mount Saint Clare College. Then by 1977, from Iowa State University, Mary achieved a Bachelor's of Science degree in Science and Humanities – majoring in Biochemistry. At the University of Iowa, through the College of Medicine, Mary met all the requirements to become a Medical Technologist. So by 1979, she became a certified Medical Technologist, from the American Society of Clinical Pathologist Board.

From 1981 – 1991, Mary was employed at the Ivinson Memorial Hospital, where she began her career as a Medical Technologist. She continued this field of work until 1998, where she became the Coordinator of Technical Services at Wyoming Medical Center. She worked for the Wyoming Medical Center until 2011, filling various positions such as: Director of Laboratory, Director of Anatomic Pathology, Director of Outreach, EKG Specialist, and Respiratory work.

Around 2004, to enhance her skills, Mary attended the University Of Notre Dame, and became certified in Executive Management; and just a few years later she became certified in Organizational Development.

Since 2011, Mary has been employed at the Pathologists Regional Laboratory in Lewiston, Idaho. She is the Manager of the main lab; including chemistry, toxicology, blood bank, hematology, coagulation and urinalysis, and specimen processing.

Mrs. Mary Ivory has mountains of experience in the Medical Field. NMPH staff asks for your patience as she transitions into her new position. If you have any questions please contact the front desk receptionist or the contact email and number listed.



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Ask Dr. Per Cap: Risky Business



Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I have student loans and a car loan. Why did I have to provide so much more personal information when applying for the car loan as opposed to the student loans, especially when the student loans amount to a lot more borrowed money?

Signed, Studying Hard

Dear Studying Hard,

I'm glad you're paying attention. Banks that offer consumer loans dig deep into borrowers' finances because they want to make sure the loans are paid back. Common sense says the same logic holds true with student loans but not so fast.

Consumer loans are approved using the 3 C's of Credit – Capacity, Character, and Collateral. And yes, it gets very personal. Capacity, the ability to pay back a loan, determines if a person has enough income to make loan payments. Lenders review monthly debt payments and paystubs to make sure a person isn't top-heavy with debt.

Character is a person's reputation as a reliable and trustworthy borrower. Late payments, repossessions, and other delinquencies show up on a credit report with a low credit score.

Collateral refers to personal resources and assets a borrower can use to guarantee repayment. Collateral could mean money in the bank or an existing asset. Get ready to fork over bank statements and car titles.

However, none of these rules apply when it comes to the no-questions-asked student loan industry. Student loans come in two types – government student loans which make up about 90 percent of outstanding student loans and private loans backed by the government which make up the remaining 10 percent.

Uncle Sam lends students more than \$100 billion annually to cover tuition at colleges and universities across the country, all the while disregarding students' credit scores and fields of study. The earning potential of a specific degree versus the cost of a student loan is also ignored.

If this sounds like riskier business than Tom Cruise in the eighties you're not alone. Many federal student loans go to student borrowers with sub-prime credit scores (620 and below on a scale of 300 to 850). Moreover, it's estimated that \$435 billion of current government student loans will default badly enough to never be paid back.

At the root of the problem lies the fact that unlike consumer loans, student loans are guaranteed by the federal government. That means if students don't pay them back American taxpayers take the hit not a bank or a school. This government guarantee has enabled total student debt to become the largest type of personal debt in the U.S. next to home mortgages. It's also why student loan applications don't require as much personal info as consumer loans.

The problem has gotten so bad many voices are calling for student loan forgiveness. In fact the incoming presidential administration hopes to automatically forgive \$10,000 of student debt for every American with federal student loans. Others want all student loans forgiven. That's right \$1.6 trillion of debt wiped clean.

Naturally some folks who don't have student loans or paid them back as agreed hate this idea, claiming it would reward people for bad financial decisions. Others say that forgiving student loan debt would be good for the economy because the repayment money could be better spent elsewhere. Still others point fingers at colleges and universities where average tuition has skyrocketed more than 1,300% since 1978.

Like every touchy financial topic, there's no shortage of strong opinions. But here's an idea. Just because getting a student loan is easy doesn't mean a person needs to take one. Instead students can do their own due diligence to determine if the 3 C's stack up in their favor, regardless of how big a loan they qualify for. Keep studying hard!

Ask Dr. Per Cap: Happy Meal Price Hike

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I know they're not the healthiest option but for a single parent on the go, I buy a lot of Happy Meals. I heard McDonald's is raising the price. What's up?

Signed, Happy Dad

Dear Happy Dad,

I think Happy Meals are the go to treat for a lot of Native kids whose families live near a McDonald's. And while there are certainly more nutritious dining options – come on nobody chooses the apple slices over extra fries! They sure are convenient and a huge hit with the kiddos.

This topic is close to my heart. Our family has pretty much completely stopped eating restaurant food since COVID hit last spring. However, our one indulgence comes on Friday afternoons when I take my six-year-old daughter through the McDonald's drive thru for You guessed it — a Happy Meal!

Your question is timely because I've always wondered how those little red boxes can sell so cheap, less than four bucks where we live. Especially considering that some Happy Meal toys are decent quality and cool enough to be sought by adult collectors. I know I've got an old Cowboy McNugget laying around the house somewhere.

Turns out Happy Meal toys aren't cheap even when manufactured at enormous scale. In fact McDonald's actually has to subsidize the cost by providing store operators with a \$300 monthly rebate to allow a lower sale price for all of those loveable little action figures, race cars, and spy kits.

Well, McDonald's executives plan on ending the Happy Meal rebate party early next year. Instead they want to spend the cash, which adds up to more than \$4 million a month across all of its U.S. based restaurants, on technology updates and advertising costs which have gone up during the pandemic. Yeah, you read that right - four million bucks a month to keep families lovin' it.

Naturally many McDonald's restaurants will raise prices to offset the added cost. It's estimated customers can expect to pay about an extra 25 cents to indulge in a kid sized burger or nuggets. Not a huge price hike but every penny counts when it comes to the family budget. So if a quarter is a deal breaker, stop by my house any day but Friday and join us for bologna sandwiches and carrot sticks. Hey, I'm kidding! Don't stop by. Hmm...on second thought, I guess you can stop by. But only if you bring a classic Happy Meal toy to trade!

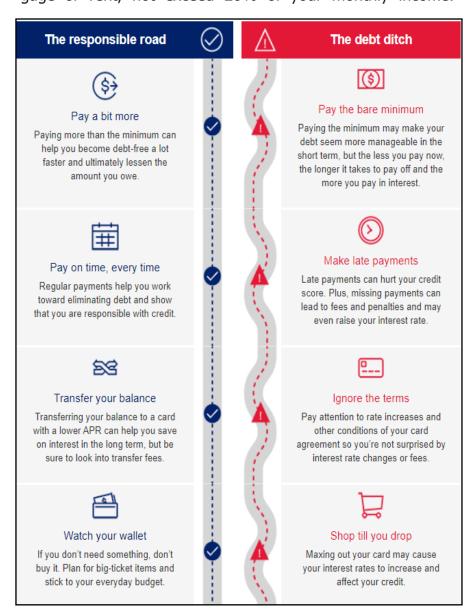
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Perseverance: The Key to Tackling Your Credit Card Debt

Adapted from Better Money Habits, Education.ML.com

Dealing with credit card debt may be easier than you think. Planning and perseverance are key, as is knowing how your debt factors into your overall financial health. When paying down your debt, some actions help more than others, but every step you take toward managing credit card debt is a step in the right direction. Here's what you need to know.

Don't ignore your debt—make paying it down part of your monthly budget. Keep in mind that the National Foundation of Credit Counseling (NFCC) recommends that your personal debt, excluding mortgage or rent, not exceed 20% of your monthly income.



Two essentials to consider

What "paying the minimum" means

Paying more can lead to significant savings. For example, if you have a \$5,000 balance on a card with 13% interest, you could save more than \$4,000 in interest by paying a fixed \$175 a month instead of the minimum:

	Minimum payment ¹	Higher payment
Payment amount	\$100 (first month)	\$175
Years to repay	23+	3
Total interest	\$5,359	\$1,016

What happens to your credit

Keeping your credit score high makes it cheaper to borrow. But maxing out your cards or ignoring payments can hurt your score. Here's how:²

	Potential effect on a 680 score	Potential effect on a 780 score
Maxed-out card	10-30 point decrease	25-45 point decrease
30-day late payment	60-80 point decrease	90-110 point decrease

2020 Nez Perce 80 Year Old Honorees:

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** New Mileage Club **

We're baaaaaaaaack!

Come join us at the LHS track to run or walk laps in our mileage club program. You will receive the monthly charm when you complete 1 mile. There will be bonus days as well where you can earn multiple charms for every 4 laps completed. The walking club will be a year round program. Staff will be at the track from 11:30-1:00 come rain, snow, wind, hail, or shine. Feel free to stop in whenever you can during this time to get your laps in so you can earn your monthly charm. Hope to see you there!







For more information call: Crissy Garcia or Julie Keller at 843-9375

CRITFC Job Announcement

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) is recruiting for the following position:

Position: Administrative and Contract Specialist,

Full-Time, Regular. New!

Location: Portland, OR

Job Summary: The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) is seeking an Administrative and Contract Specialist to serve the Fishery Science (FSCI) Department. The FSCI Department is the largest department at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), containing over 40 full-time staff stationed primarily in Portland, OR, but also in Hagerman, ID, and Moscow, ID. Fishery Science staff perform anadromous fish and habitat research throughout the Columbia River Basin, which encompasses the states of OR, WA, ID, MT, as well as British Columbia, Canada. Additionally, there are many fixed assets that have been procured by the FSCI Department: scientific research lab and field equipment, firearms, servers and sensitive equipment.

Job Requirements/Qualifications: Associates or B.A. degree in Administrative or Business Management. High School diploma with five years' relevant experience will be considered; Ability to work positively with a diverse team of professionals to provide information and support administrative and contracting functions; Experience with budgeting and fiscal procedures, including purchasing; Must be a self-starter and willing to learn process and procedures on the job; Must be able to prioritize activities and schedule time effectively to meet schedules and deadlines; Dependable work habits including regular attendance, and punctuality in all matters concerning work and work assignments; High proficiency with Microsoft Office (e.g. Word, Excel, PowerPoint). An Excel proficiency test may be given during the interviews; Excellent organizational ability. Must be highly motivated and detail oriented; Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Starting salary range: \$51,244.00 – \$66,614.00 Closing date: February 12, 2021. Employment application and full job announcement located https://www.critfc.org

YWCA Job Announcement

YWCA Lewiston-Clarkston is seeking a new Information Coordinator: Someone who can multi-task a busy organization, ability to remain calm under pressure, and provide a trauma-informed introduction to those entering the YWCA.

Also required: record-keeping, mailing, ability to be self-directed and work with a team, excellent computer skills, knowledge of office procedures and equipment, open and close in a timely manner, make appropriate referrals. Excessive experience with Excel, Workbooks, or any database preferred. Full Time, Insurance benefits, great retirement package, competitive wage. EOE.

Apply by mailing or dropping off a resume and cover letter to 300 Main St. Lewiston, ID, 83501.

2020 NPT Employees of the Month

January Steve Axtell
February Julie Simpson
March Shawn Wheeler
April Anthony Capetillo
May Letitia Whitman
June Carol Reuben and
Orlando Thunder Garcia
July Melissa Guzman
August Mary Beth Clark
September Daniel Taylor
October Catherine BigMan
November Robyn Armstrong
December Joanna Marek

2020 NPT Employee of the Year

Congratulations Melissa Guzman!

Social Distancing Basket Winners

1st Place:

Child Support Enforcement

2nd Place:

Communications

3rd Place:

Cultural Resources

1st Place Prize:

\$200 lunch party and an employee store voucher All entries will also receive the \$200 lunch party this year

COVID Fitness Challenge 2020

Women's Fat Loss:

1st Place:

Alexe Ortiz

2nd Place:

Lilly James

3rd Place:

Crissy Carcia

4th Place:

Tee Sahme

5th Place:

Shelia Jabeth

Men's Fat Loss:

1st Place:

Zachary Eastman

2nd Place:

Raymond Ellenwood Jr.

3rd Place:

Ethan Miles

4th Place:

Rory Wallace

5th Place:

Rusty George

Inches Lost:

1st Place:

Nathan Sahme

2nd Place:

Chantal Ellenwood

3rd Place:

Paulette Smith

4th Place:

Sierra Higheagle

5th Place: Cecelia Bohnee

Thank You Nimiipuu Health

Nimiipuu Health has been busy this month initiating interactions with staff. The employee association held a week long Christmas contest for NMPH Staff. Monday was best Christmas Hat day and the winner was Edith Powaukee, Tuesday was best Christmas Shoes contest and the winner was Wilma Williams, Wednesday was best dressed elf contest and the winner was Edith Powaukee, Thursday was ugly sweater contest and the winner was Beverly Childers, Friday was most festive mask and the winner was Carm Bohnee and for the best Festive Door Decoration went to Kamiah. See pictures attached.

On December 23, 2020 Administration provided breakfast to all staff in appreciation for their dedication throughout the holidays. On December 31, 2020 Administration provided lunch to all staff in appreciation for such dedicated staff throughout the whole year and dealing with the pandemic. Nimiipuu Health Staff are our frontline workers. Thank you Nimiipuu Health Staff. Looking forward to a better year ahead.



Beverly Childers



Door Decoration



Wilma Williams



Edith Powaukee





Edith Powaukee



Carm Bohnee

Bianca Giovanna Sekayouma, 45, Lapwai, ID



On November 16, 2020, Bianca was called home to The Creator to reunite with her daughter and father. Bianca was born September 11, 1975 to Charles Sekayouma and Mary Romines. In 1993 she graduated from Sprague High School in Salem OR. She attended

Chemeketa Community College in Salem OR and later attended Portland Community College in Portland OR.

She was employed at CRITFC in Portland OR the Human Resource Department before moving to Lapwai, ID in 2013. During her time in Lapwai, she worked for Senior Citizens. She had so much love, honor, and respect for her elders. 2017, she was employed at D & A Glass as a secretary in Boise, ID. Her latest employer was at A & B Foods in Lewiston ID, where she received an award for the most selling of investor cards for The Partnership For Kids Campaign (Boys & Girls Club).

Bianca was a strong woman who loved everyone and everything. She had a very big heart and would stand up for others. She was stubborn and wouldn't take NO for an answer if you needed help. She would go above and beyond for people in need. Bianca would embrace any positive energy given to her. She enjoyed riding horses, dancing, going to concerts, going to beaches, doing beadwork and spending quality time with her daughters and family. The love Bianca had for her daughters was so deep and genuine, they meant the world to her.

She was a proud member of The Hopi Tribe and enjoyed going to pow wows and practicing her Hopi, Nez Perce, and Umatilla Culture.

Bianca maintained a strong relationship with GOD and was a woman of prayer. One of Biancas favorite quotes was: "I've been down 9 times, but I get up 10" by Cardi B. Her beautiful smile, loud laugh and spirit will be missed.

She is proceeded in death by her father Charles Sekayouma and daughter Maya Martinez Sekayouma.

She is survived by her daughters: Madeline Sekayouma Wood and Mia Martinez and her sister Ligia Hescedahl all of Oregon.

A graveside service was held at Grant Cemetery on December 3, 2020.

William James White Sr., 84, Lapwai, ID



Billy White passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. He was born Aug. 3, 1936, in Spalding, the only son of James and Eva White. He was a proud member of the Nez Perce Tribe.

Billy attended grade school in Spalding and graduated from Lapwai High School in 1954, where he played on the football, baseball and even basketball teams. He was a bona fide cowboy, and spent a great deal of his time breaking horses and participating in local rodeos with his partner, Tommy Redheart. It was through his rodeo pal Kenny Hanson that he met his wife, Mary. They were married in Lewiston on Nov. 29, 1957.

They moved around a

little bit before finally settling in Spalding with their son, Jamie, and daughter, Eva. While living at Spalding, Billy started his job with the State of Idaho Highway Department, a job he held until his retirement. He and Mary also welcomed their second daughter, Elizabeth, during their time in Spalding. Bill and Mary moved one last time to their current home on Tom Beall Road in 1968. That is where they welcomed their youngest daughter, Crystal.

Billy was interested in a lot of different things, but his family and rodeo held his heart. When he was younger, he was a member of the Spalding 49ers Saddle Club and for many years was a member of the Nez Perce County Mounted Sheriff's Posse, where he was honored to lead the Grand Entry at the Lewiston Roundup. Billy was a longtime member of the Professional Western Rodeo Association. He proudly served with the Army National Guard for nine years. He was also active in 4-H, first as a participant in his youth and later as a leader and barn supervisor. After his retirement, he happily went to work with Thompson Rodeo, and was able to enjoy

many years traveling to area rodeos with his rodeo family. Billy was on the Board of Directors of the Chief Joseph Foundation for many years.

He was a coach for many youth teams and enjoyed helping with anything associated with horses. He was an avid Lewis-Clark State College, Washington State University and Lapwai Wildcat fan, and he and Mary were at every grandchilds' event that they could squeeze in until health issues got in the way. He was always available to help anyone who needed it, and took pride in doing the best job possible.

Billy is survived by his wife, Mary, at the family home in Lapwai; his son and daughter-in-law, Jamie and Holley White, his daughter, Eva White, and his daughter and son-inlaw, Liz and Troy Dotson, all of Lewiston, and his daughter, Crystal White, of Lapwai. He is also survived by his nine grandchildren, Cody, Cyleen, Halle, Hayden, Orion, Corbyn, Colton, James and Orianah; and two great-grandchildren, Mary and William. He is also survived by his sister, Karole White, of Lapwai, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Hewasprecededindeath by his parents and his sisters Betty Corbett, Donna Calkins, Peggy Calkins, Joyce Vigil, Johanne Powell and Sue Pratt.

A public viewing was held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Malcolm's Brower-Wann Funeral Home. Because of the current public health concerns, there will not be a funeral service. There will be a family graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Grant Family Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. The family sends love and thanks to his many family, friends and all who were a part of Dad's life.



Marian J. Painter, 88, Lapwai, ID



Marian J. Painter, 88, passed away Thursday, November 26, 2020 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Hospital due to complications from COVID-19.

She was born August 5, 1932 in Sweetwater, Idaho to David Jackson and Irene Jack. She attended Lapwai Elementary then continued at the Indian Boarding School in Carson City, Nevada. She later went on to Kinman Business School in Spokane, Washington.

Mari married Charles Clayton Painter in 1969 in Reno, Nevada. Mari was a Nez Perce Tribal member. Later in life, she loved gambling and chasing cherries. Her baking/ cooking skills were topnotch. She found a sense of pride and joy in her children and grandchildren. She loved helping her family and was devoted, passionate, loving, honorable and resourceful. Her signature pies and cakes were her tokens of love. She contributed to many meals at Tribal events.

Mari was primarily a homemaker raising children and grandchildren. With many skills and talents, she earned money painting store windows in holiday themes. She was the first Native American to work on Main Street in Lewiston, Idaho at Paulucci's Shoe Store as a sales clerk. She owned and operated a Peruvian Import Shop in Morgan's Alley, Lewis-

ton, Idaho. She was extremely artistic in painting, drawing, beadwork and cake decorating.

She is survived by her sister Merry Jack of Reno, Nevada, brother Hanley Jack of Winnemucca, Nevada, and brother Harley Jack of Nevada. Her daughters are Velda L. Penney, Linda M. Dufford and Janice K. McLaughlin all of Lewiston, Idaho. Her sons are John Finch of Eugene, Oregon, Michael D. McLaughlin, Curtis L. McLaughlin and Blaine C. Painter, all of Lewiston, Idaho. She is blessed with 20 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mari was preceded in death by her husband Charles C. Painter, sister Josephine "Lolly" Adkins, brothers Paul Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Anthony Jackson and Clarkie Jack; son Charles Penney and grandson Samuel J. Painter. Dressing, viewing and cremation were on December 3, 2020. The family is requesting, for the safety of the community, family and friends, services will be conducted at a later date.

We want to extend our gracious thank you to the Nez Perce Tribe for their support and assistance.

Thank you for the arrangements made by Mountain View Funeral Home, 35217th Street #5137, Lewiston, Idaho 83501, and to St. Joseph Regional Medical Hospital 415 6th St, Lewiston, ID 83501 and their medical team for their assistance and support on November 26, 1010. Also, a special thank you to the staff at Wedgwood Terrace Senior Citizen Center, 2114 Vineyard Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho 83501, for their care and aid as well.

Thank you all from Mary Painter's family and loved ones.



The Idaho Food Bank will be providing a Mobile Food Pantry distribution in Lapwai

JANUARY 12, 2020 Approximately 9 AM

While Supplies Last

HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM PARKING LOT

Any questions please contact
Thunder 208-843-7306, USDA Food & Nutrition
Or
Crissy 208-843-9375 ext. 2948, NMPH
Community Health



Cassandra Kipp, 63, Lapwai, ID



Ipnim weniikt hiiweeka Misty-wit (Cassandra Kipp, Baby Cassie, Mombo) of Lapwai, ID passed away on December 18, 2020 at 12:59pm due to complications of Covid-19 including pneumonia and a preexisting condition of Lupus.

Cassandra Kipp (Allen) was born on December 2, 1957 on the back roads in a station wagon on the way to St. Joes hospital in Lewiston, ID is what her older siblings would tell her. She was the baby of the family so she knew how to laugh and keep an easy going attitude but she was spoiled and could cry to get them in trouble when the situation called for it. In her toddler years, she spent a lot of time with her 80 year old Kautsa, E-we-tonmy (Jeanette Reuben Wilson). She learned invaluable lessons about being a strong hard working Nimiipuu women who only spoke Nimiiputimt, did her own skinning, gathering of traditional foods, tanning hide, basket weaving and beading. Around 1963, at a time when her father Yatine Thlai Thlai (John David Allen) was looking for a break from the 'Rez' they moved to Eugene, Oregon with her two older brothers Tuk ell Watts (Deano), Taawits (John Jr.), her older sister Py nae kot (Jeanette), and her mother Ta mah yot son my (Iva Reebells Wilson). Eugene was ancestral lands to her family and the community there played a major role in teaching her to care for others, volunteer when necessary, and strategize to

become an activist for civil rights work later in life. Her father shared with her his love for reading while her mother encouraged her to keep genuine kindness always in her heart.

In the seventies, as a teenager she traveled home to the 'Rez' in the summers and learned from her older sisters, Ic'goy'mags (Nellie Axtell) and Weya-wiya-lotson-my (Patsy Higheagle), how and where to fish, hunt, and gather. Some summer weekends her and Jenny would sneak off and hop on a bus full of activists heading to the next American Indian Movement 'call for action' event. Eugene was also a center of student activism and while there they both attended Lane Community College.

Her first child Gregory Lee Crowe, Jr. was born in 1975. Becoming a mother matured her into womanhood and she took on all the responsibilities in full force. Many hours were spent with her mother and new family in-laws, the Crowes and Franks, gathering traditional foods and learning to perfect her baking skills. It was around this time that several of the women met and felt there was a great need to re-establish the dormant Nimiipuu Longhouse. She played a role in cleaning up the old meeting shed, raising funds to get the electricity on, and honing her skills to become a traditional foods cook for family and for large events.

In 1978, she had her second child Andre Lance Picard, Jr. He and his father, Nacoox (Andre Sr.), became the nucleus of singers who would show up with her to Seven Drum services each Sunday. The formation of the Longhouse circle heightened the awareness of all the families involved to Nimiipuu treaty the elders, and the desire to rights and making sure they were safe and secure for future generations. In 1981, she had her third child Angela Rebells Picard. A week later a battle for our fish began as many of our

people were told they could no longer fish down at Rapid River. Cassandra's activism lessons kicked into high gear and with the help of her sister Nellie and husband Andre, Sr. and numerous other fishermen and women, they began to strategize and prepare for the 'fish wars.' Flyers were created with an old mimeograph and they put them up around town and on cars. She always loved talking about this time in her life and how proud she was of all the fishermen and women who were ready to lay their life on the line for the Salmon. This led to the development of the Nez Perce Fishermen's Committee and eventually a Supreme court decision that upheld our Nez Perce fishing rights. This also laid the groundwork for the development of the Nez Perce Tribes Fisheries Department. Cassandra had a way with words and could speak passionately on this topic which led to an invitation to speak at the World Court in Geneva, Switzerland (in the Hauge) to address the United Nations on Indian Civil Rights. Finally, she joined a group of Nimiipuu and traveled over to Celilo to walk with daughter Angela in a baby board from Celilo Falls to the steps of the State Capitol building in Portland, OR on yet another "action" to affirm our tribal sovereignty.

In 1983, she met the love of her life Robert Garcia Kipp and her last son Tipyalana Tsikin (Earl John David Kipp) was born in 1984. From this point on she made it a high priority to be sure her kids had regalia ready for powwows and moccasins ready long house ceremonies. She began to travel to powwows instilling in her children to have pride in being Native, the ability to listen to dance hard for them when it was time. The family traveled to hundreds of powwows and stickgames throughout the northwest and into Canada logging countless miles in

their big red "powwow" van. Cass understood how

expensive those weekends could become so focused on being able to provide those cultural experiences for her four kids, she worked full time for the Prosecutors Office and went to school full time at Lewis Clark State College to pursue better opportunities. Her husband went above and beyond to make sure she completed her goal and she graduated with her Bachelor Degree after four years. She also started Cass's Kitchen (a powwow concession stand) which helped make up any short fall she may have had for travel funds to powwows and stickgames.

Fundraising was easy for her as she had gift for speaking and writing clearly and concisely, motivating funders to assist tribal adults and youth in need. When any opportunities arose she would jump at it and do all she could to make it happen. Around 1994, the Nez Perce Horse Program was invited to Belgium, Europe to present the Nimiipuu Horse Culture and Dances. Cass was one of the ambassadors for the trip and made sure that everyone had funding to go. She also organized a dance troop full of High School Indian Club members that performed across the Northwest. This led to the formation of the "Hotsteppers," a fancy shawl team dance group that she taught to sew their own matching regalia and dance in sync with each other to the beat of the Indian club drum group. They performed during halftime shows at local basketball games and was even invited to and performed at the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, NM. These trips were a once in a lifetime experience for the youth that attended with her and cemented her relationships with an entire generation of hopeful travelers.

She became the Direc-

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tor of the Nez Perce Futures Program in the early nineties that supported pregnant and postpartum women to not use alcohol or drugs. In this position, she was introduced to the world of grant writing. Her first project funded was the Family Services Building which eventually became the Education Services Building. Almost immediately after in 1995, she wrote for and was funded for the Students for Success Program with the theme "Success, if it is to be it is up to me!" Over twenty years later this program is still helping tribal youth. Through SFS cultural classes, Cass left a lasting legacy with her effort to teach youth and their parents how to make dance regalia and moccasins. She was so proud to be able to help families get on that dance floor with fully dressed attire. Cultural activities and preparing for those activities led her to gather folks up to host a Rootfeast and powwow "Kat-wee-yet" which was held Mother's Day Weekend. She spent endless hours cooking, baking, and making corsages for every mother that attended. It was very important to her to make everyone feel special. The next few years she continued her community involvement by assisting Joyce McFarland in reigniting the Lapwai Booster Club and working with Jenny Williams and the Lapwai High School Indian Club to get involved with the Northwest Indian Youth Conference. She also started volunteer coaching for her daughter Angela's friends and son Andre's friends. Andre's team "Lapwai Force" went on to win several championship AAU & Native Tourneys.

In work, she became an Economic Development Planner for the Nez Perce Tribe and collaborated with Jack Bell to create a feasibility study for Biodiesel Production using rapeseed, canola and mustard. A plan was completed for a full-blown facility

to produce millions of gallons of fuel. She created everlasting friendships in this position and did as much as she could to get all her projects approved for the betterment of her people. She was proud of her projects and presented them every chance she got.

Soon opportunian ty arose and the San Carlos Apache Tribe from the southwest requested her assistance in their planning department. She was scared but made the move to broaden her career and add more experience to her resume. For the three years she was down there she developed a strategic plan, completed a feasibility study, and worked to assist in the creation of a Radio Station for the Tribe. She also helped the council make the decision to expand their casino and start new casino called the "Apache Sky." Cass also felt compelled to encourage a new health care facility and played a role in its development. She shared with her husband and kids daily how much love and appreciation she had for the San Carlos people and their beautiful community.

Back in Lapwai, her final employment was back with the Nez Perce tribe in the Natural Resources Department as a Planner. Cassandra was the best at running the numbers through feasibility studies. She understood for anything to have a chance at success, data was key. She was always direct and unafraid to put information in front of the tribal leadership so they could make a sound decision. She carried a lot of pride in her work but also believed in her people to be smart and diligent in their work as well. She led the effort to build the Boys and Girls club in Lapwai. She developed plans for a new Natural Resources building, a Horseman's facility to place horse culture back into the tribe, utilization of the Tribe's treaty rights and resources to enhance our economic goals. She never stopped thinking about our opportunities and worked closely with Wakinyan to purchase Tamarack Ski Resort in hopes of creating gaming and recreation which in turn provide jobs to our people. Her most recent work was the Agriculture Limestone Production at Mission Creek to enhance our production of cereal crops which would provide more revenue to the Tribe for individual allottees.

Her heart was in every project one hundred percent and only hoped to see Nimiipuu adults and their children benefit from their progress. Cassandra always kept close ties to the youth and continued to volunteer coaching and become an honorary "grandmother" to all of the teams her children began to coach. Rezpups, Wipwip, Tropics, Lapwai Huskies, Lil' Warriors, Team Nephews, Team Temi, RipCity, Lil' Lady Cats, and Wipwip, Jrs were all of the teams she supported in the recent years through monetary donations, assisting in planning fundraisers, and making lunch bags for all of the kids in between games. Never once did she allow a kid to miss a game or play hungry due to lack of funds. Her heart was huge and insistent to make everyone feel welcome and included.

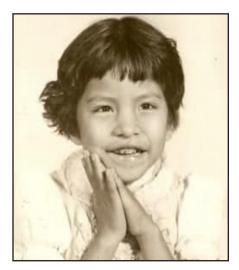
During these recent months, she spent a lot of time with her grandchildren creating memories that will last forever. She took them on trips to the hills to dig roots and mountains to pick huckleberries. She heard them speaking about building a basketball court in the backyard and helped them make it happen by making them budget it out, fundraise for all costs and put their own labor into it. Finally, during the summer she helped start a community garden out at Chaweekta with the help of her son Greg and daughter in law Maggie teaching her grandchildren all about growing healthy foods, when to harvest them, and how to can and store them.

She is survived by her

husband Robert Garcia Kipp; Children Gregory Crowe and Mikayla Greene, Andre and Maggie Picard, Angela Picard and Jo Payne, and Earl Kipp all of Lapwai, ID; Grandchildren Angelo Hidalgo of Pocatello, ID, Antoinette Crowe of Chicago, Illinois, Skyler Crowe of Mission, Oregon, Miss Mia Nickerson of Oregon, Sillouette Crowe of Lapwai, Alonzo, William, Cynthia, and Frankie of Chaweekta, ID, Joseph, Ella, and Max of Lapwai, Quenten, Vincent, and Kaylonni Kipp of Lapwai; Siblings Charles Axtell of Chaweekta, ID, Jeanette Allen of Seattle, WA; Many nieces and nephews; Pet Cats Roberta and Cloudy Kipp.

Preceded in death by Parents John Allen, Sr. and Iva Reebells Wilson. Siblings Patsy Higheagle, Nellie Axtell, Deano & Taawits John Allen, Jr. Pet Cat the Original Sylvester Kipp.

Funeral will be held at Pineewaus Community Center on December 20, 2020 with an open mic at 5pm and light supper and Wahlusut services and midnight supper to follow. Graveside Services and spreading of the ashes will take place Sunday, December 21 up on Chaweekta Hill. Social distancing, wearing masks, using sanitizer, and sitting within households is a must. The Family would like to thank all her friends and family who have shared their condolences and wonderful stories of how she affected their life. They would also like to thank the amazing staff at St. Joes for handling her with such great care in this last month.



Arthur Lee Reuben, 78, Spokane, WA



Arthur Lee Reuben Sr. (78) born May 22, 1942, passed away in Spokane, WA on December 27, 2020 due to complications of Covid. He was surrounded by his wife of 57 years, his children and grandchildren.

Art (Otto) was born in Lewiston, Idaho to Thomas and Lillie Reuben. Art married the love of his life Darlene F. Reuben in 1963, moving to Spokane shortly after where they raised 8 children together.

attended Lewis-He Clark State College where he completed an auto mechanic program. He also attended Spokane Community College where he received his culinary degree. He worked for the Forest Service in Kelly Creek, Idaho as well as Grevhound in Spokane for many years. After completing his Culinary degree, Art worked as a chef for retirement homes in the Spokane area where he retired from Moran Vista Assisted living in 2006.

Art traveled all over Indian Country playing in basketball tournaments all his life and continued to coach his kids

and grandkids over the years.

Art's passion was hunting and fishing with his family which he continued to do even this past year. The annual hunting trip to the Oregon Blue Mountains was something he looked forward to every year and are some of his favorite memories. He loved his 49er and Zags games. Sports have always been a huge part of his life, as a player, coach, and spectator.

We will miss his infectious smile, sense of humor, and the love he shared. He will be missed dearly by all.

He is preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Lillie Reuben, his brothers J. Herman and James (Babe) Reuben, and his sisters D.

Marie Reuben, Cecilia Reuben, and Thelma Reuben. He is survived by his wife Darlene Reuben; sons Seymour and Arthur Jr. (Junior); daughters Shelly, Sharmain, Sharlee, Sherry, Sophie, Darlene; brothers Steven Reuben, Thomas Reuben; Sister Darlene (Novak) Reuben; and countless grandchildren and great grandchildren. A memorial will be held at the family home (green house) 24473 Grouse Road Lapwai, Idaho, Wednesday December 30th at 7:00 pm. Services will be held 10:00 am Thursday, De-

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in Lapwai, Idaho. Burial will

take place at Tribal Cemetery

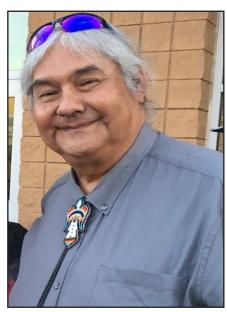
and to go lunches will follow.

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Jerard T. Davis, 70, Kamiah, ID



Jerard T. Davis passed away November 26, 2020 in his Kamiah home. Jerard was born May 11, 1950 to Ivan K. Davis Sr. & Beverly A. Davis. He was a Nez Perce Tribal member. Jerard was the eldest of six children. Jerard grew up on the Davis property at Tom Taha along with his siblings Albert Davis, Lyle Davis, Kyle Davis, Jerilyn Davis, Ivan Davis Jr. After Ivan Jr. was born the family moved to Kamiah Idaho.

Jerard attended the Kamiah school district. During his high school years Jerard was a band manager of two bands made up a fellow classmates. He was part of the band Elec-

tric Stopwatch & Afterlife Blues Band. Using a Super 8 film camera Jerard made a film inspired by the Beatles' Help movie. He would show the film on the Wa-A'Yas Community Center wall during band shows. Jerard graduated from Kamiah high school in 1970.

After High School Jerard attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. His main course with silk screening. While attending IAIA Jerard met Louise Harrison of Oklahoma. They married in 1971. After they finish school in Santa Fe, the Davis family travel to Santa Fe to pick the pair of them up.

Jerard and Louise were brought back to Kamiah, Idaho. Once they were settled Jerard started working for the local sawmill. In October 1973 Jerard & Louise welcomed their daughter Rose M. Davis. Louise said Jerard was very proud and happy to have a baby girl. They later divorced. Jerard continued to be part of Rose's life. He lived in different residences throughout Kamiah. He continued working at the sawmill until the mid-1990's.

In 1997 Jerard was

hired on at the Itse Ye Ye Casino of the Nez Perce Tribe. He first worked in the surveillance department then transferred to the security department. After the security department he worked in a supervisory position. Jerard then went back to the security department and there he stayed until his death. He had been employed at the Itse Ye Ye Casino for 23 years.

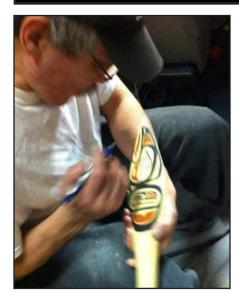
Before his death Jerard loved going to rock 'n' roll concerts throughout the Northwest. He took great joy in purchasing movies, guitars and music. He would often travel out of state to different record stores to buy music. He very much liked spending time with his brothers, cousins and friends. Jerard & his brothers would get in a car & drive to the mountains. He would simply love to be at his home watching movies, WWE, football or just listen to music with his brothers and cousin Mose. Jerard loved his Dallas Cowboys football team. He also enjoy going to pow-wows. More so when his granddaughter started dancing in the pow-wow circle. Jerard loved his two grandchildren Lauraly A. Souza & Harrison J. Souza very much. He had an inability to say no to them & gave them whatever they wished for.

Jerard is survived by his brother Ivan K. Davis Jr. of Kamiah, Idaho. His daughter Rose M. Davis & son-in-law Mark A. Souza of Lapwai, Idaho. His grandchildren Lauraly A. Souza & Harrison J. Souza of Lapwai Idaho. Nephews & Nieces, Kyle Davis Jr., Aaron Davis, Tyson Davis, Nilson Davis, Leander Goodteacher, Helen Goodteacher, Sally Nahsonhoya, Brandon Umtuch, Michael Jackson Jr., Nikki Davis, Teri Davis, Etta Davis & many cousins.

Jerard was preceded in death by his father Ivan K. Davis Sr., his mother Beverly A. Davis, brothers Kyle Davis Sr., Lyle Davis, Albert Davis & sister Jerilyn Jackson. Jerard T. Davis, Brother, Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Cousin & Friend will be greatly missed. We will miss his kind nature, his sense of humor & most of all his smile.

Given the circumstances of today's world only a gravesite service will be held on December 2, 2020 at 1pm in Kamiah, Idaho. There Jerard will be laid to rest.

Terrance "Terry" Moses, 58, Sitka, AK



Terrance "Terry" Moses, formerly of Sitka, passed away in his home at Wildflower Courts in Juneau on November 13, 2020. He was 58.

Services will be held in Sitka at 11 a.m. Friday, November 27, at the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi community house. His final resting place will be at Sitka Memorial Park.

Terry was born to Mazie Margaret Moses in Clarkston, Washington, on December 20, 1961. While raised on the Nez Perce Reservation in Lapwai and Kamiah, Idaho, he was immersed in the First Indian Presbyterian Church, which would be his lifelong support from an early age.

He moved to Sitka in August 1979 to attend Sheldon Jackson College to study fish hatcheries for the Nez Perce Tribe but fell in love with the Alaska waters. Terry spent the next 40 years employed by Alaska Commercial Fisheries, Crabbing, and Northwest Coast Art.

Being raised as a traditional Nez Perce, Terry had a high regard for cultural activities. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, language and dance, and he passed on his skills and knowledge to his daughter and grandchildren.

Terry was preceded in death by his mother Mazie Moses; sister Susan Seven; his brothers Edward Moses and Douglas Moses; his grandparents Lillian and Elias Moses Jr.; his aunt Elvira "Tweet" (Floyd) Hendren; his uncles Gabriel Moses, Norman Moses and Lester Moses; his father-in-law, Richard Marvin Sr. and brother-in-law Richard Marvin Jr.; and his nephew, Calvin Siems.

Terrance is survived by his wife, Martha Moses; his children Teresa Moses and Teryn Moses Vantrease of Boise, Idaho; his grandsons Andrew Lawrence, Eli Lawrence, Camden James, John James and Terrance James; his aunt Mariam Queen; his sister Leslie (Liam) Randall; his nephews Edward Randall and Evan Randall; his "favorite motherin-law" Vera Marvin; sister-inlaw Donna (Bill) Trivett; brothers-in-law, Wayne Marvin and Dwayne Marvin Sr.; and numerous loving brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Vivian N. Chapman, 54, Lapwai, ID

LAPWAI — Vivian N. Chapman, 54, of Lapwai, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020, at her home.

Malcom's Brower-Wann Funeral Home of Lewiston is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will be shared when it becomes available



Attention Elk Hunters

Elk hoof disease, is an emerging disease of wild elk that has been detected in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

The number of elk with abnormal hooves and lameness has increased dramatically in this region in the past decade.

We are asking hunters to leave the portion of the legs with hooves at the kill site to prevent contaminating areas that are free of hoof disease.

If you do harvest or see elk that appear to be lame with hoof deformities, please document the location and take photos of the deformed hooves and provide this information to the Nez Perce Tribe Wildlife Division Office 208-843-2162 or send information to neilt@nezperce.org

Public Service Announcement

The IDAHO DIVISION OF VETERAN SERVICES will have a VETERAN'S ADVOCATE in Orofino as follows.

OROFINO – THURSDAY – JANUARY 14, 2021 Location: 330 Michigan Ave., (at the VFW Hall)

An Idaho State Veteran Service Officer will be available to veterans and their dependents between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for the purpose of answering questions about veteran benefits, assist with ongoing claims, and take new claims for filing with the Veterans Administration.

Veterans in need of these services will need to schedule an appointment by calling the Idaho Division of Veteran Services (Lewiston Region) @ 208-750-3690.



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FEBRUARY (THURS.) 4TH, 2021. 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

<u>Registration is required.</u> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Hosted by HIPT (Helping Indigenous People Thrive)



<u>To register contact:</u> Danielle Scott, MS UI Extension Educator-Nez Perce Tribe dnscott@uidaho.edu or 208.791.4087