

Ferris Paisano III

Wife: Linda J. Paisano

Parents: Ferris and Frances Paisano

Paternal Grandparents:

Ferris and Bessie Sarracino Paisano

Maternal Grandparents:

Daniel Arthur Sr. and Rachel Penney Arthur

Paternal great grandparents; Rev. Mark & Mary Arthur

Maternal great grandparents; Benjamin & Mary Penney

Daughter: Angela Williams Pinkham: Grandchildren Tyler, Cecelia, Sean, Juan, Solana and Jackson

Daughter: Joni Williams: Granddaughter Nalani Frank

Daughter: Stephanie Williams-Silver: Grandsons; Jalani Kidd and Sam Silver

Education:

Family; 1946-2021

K-12: Lapwai School District # 341

Lewis Clark Normal School, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education

Continuing Education: Attended Central Washington State, University of Idaho, Gonzaga, University of Colorado and Kansas University.

Life:

Worked most of my life working a commercial cow calf operation with my family. We also raised registered quarter horses.

Retailed and wholesaled fireworks.

Owned and operated a business; a gas station and cigarette shop.

Educator:

1969-1972; Taught school for the Wapato School district.

1972-2000; Taught school for the Lapwai School District 341.

Other duties while teaching included bus driver, track coach and girls basketball coach who 45 years ago won the State Class B state championship. That year we beat Lewiston and Moscow twice. Lewiston played Prairie for the Class A title and beat Prairie.

Work History:

Family ranch until we sold in 1988

At the age of fourteen with a driver's license in hand I worked driving truck in the pea and grain fields for; Meacham Farms, Wagner Farms and McGregor farms and also bucked hay for area ranchers.

For two summers I worked for PFI, Potlach Forest Inc. at their plywood plant (summer) before going back to college.

1969: I worked for the University of Idaho's first upward bound program.

1976: John Spence, Marlene Salway, Jacob Bighorn and myself presented to NPTEC the possibility of starting a Tribal College on the Nez Perce Reservation.

1995; Worked for the first HOIST program at the University of Idaho.

1997; Worked for Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries.

2001-2017 worked as a Gaming commissioner and then worked for the Gaming Commission as a Gaming Agent.

2017-2021 worked as a member of NPTEC. Served this past year as Vice Chair for CRITFC. Served as Chair for the Law and Order Subcommittee as well as Chair of the Natural Resource Subcommittee. I also serve on the Law and Order Subcommittee, Land Enterprise as a member and served as a member on the Climate and Energy subcommittee.

POSSIBILITIES:

Enrollment; any Treaty Tribe and all Indian CIB blood that is a quarter or more combined.

Work for solar energy and other renewable energy resources for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Clean and restore, Blue North Mill Site in Kamiah for Nez Perce Tribal use for industry and governance.

Continue work to enhance and restore the return of our fisheries resources; salmon, steelhead and Lamprey as well

Work diligently with the new administration and its agencies BPA, DOR BIA, EPA AND ACOE to reduce the damage done by the last Administration.

Other:

1976 I was appointed to District II Magistrate Commission by Governor Evans which I still serve.

1977 I worked with other Lapwai Community members to Celebrate Martin Luther King Day and I'm still involved and support