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Pinkham Sworn in to Work for Army Corps Under Biden Administration

Nez Perce Tribal member, Jaime Pinkham, was sworn in as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army on April 19, 2021

"What little kid grows up and says I want to be Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army? Certainly not a kid who grew up in a shack on the Yakama reservation with a cold water pipe and an outhouse! These are not the dreams you have as a child," said Jaime Pinkham.

On April 19, 2021 Pinkham, Nez Perce Tribal member, was sworn in as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works). This position is number two to the Assistant Secretary and he will be the acting Assistant Secretary till one is appointed.

Pinkham was asked to apply in December of 2020. After the vetting and three interviews, with each interview leaving Pinkham feeling more enthused, he was selected. He stated that he was floored when they called and offered the job. Upon telling his wife, she was at a loss for words and only responded with a hug.

"It doesn't take much, just read the history books, to understand the challenges that Indian Country has faced not only with the Defense Department but with the Army Corps of Engineers, and to be asked to take on an assignment like that one, took a lot of soul searching." However, being greatly inspired by the Biden-Harris campaign, "I come from a family of warriors and I thought of Uncle Scotty and Uncle Roy Sampson and I thought there was no way I could turn this opportunity down. I'd regret it if I said no."

Pinkham is coming into this position with years of experience in building bridges. He's always found himself in a position of negotiation, partly due to his ability to build bridges across multiple interest. He has sat with the opposition and has been able to have open and honest conversations. "It is important to be cordial and never burn a bridge over a single issue," he commented. He has received several statements of support, even from individuals of organizations that don't always see eye-to-eye with him. "Support from non-traditional allies, is really reassuring," he said.

With a vast work history, Pinkham was originally a forester by education from Oregon State. However, growing tired of laying out clear cuts and clearing slash, he decided to move closer to home. Pinkham accepted a job with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Portland, Oregon then came home to run the Natural Resources Department. He ran for the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) and

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Little Roots Learning Center Takes Cultural Learning Field Trip

Hattie Covers Up showing students how to use a túuk'es to dig for kous kous

Little Roots Learning Center scheduled a very important field trip for their toddlers they teach. On Thursday, April 15th, 2021 students and teachers traveled to Coyote Grade to dig for kous kous, a lesson just as important and rewarding as traditional subjects taught in schools.

Upon arrival, Carla Timentwa opened up the trip with encouraging words of how important that day was and sang a Nimiipuu women's gathering song. Timentwa described that day as planting a seed in the youngsters.

"These children represent our future, the continuation of our culture," she said. "They are the ones who are going to carry it forward into the next generation — so when they are big and they have children or grandchildren, they will know where to go and what to look for. They will know what times to go out, they will know to pray and to sing and to share the knowledge that was given to them, just like someone gave that knowledge to me a long time ago."

Kous kous has showy yellow flowers and pretty green petals. But the real prize is the bulb. It's a traditional food source of the Nimiipuu and one of the first to emerge each spring.

Lindsay and James Penney officially opened their doors at Little Roots on June 1st, 2020. It was quite the task as the pandemic was in full swing. Little Roots is a state-licensed daycare with three incredible employees Hattie Covers Up, Alma Hudson, and Cassie Turnbull. Their main goals are learning, a structured environment, and an infusion of culture. "We have been open for just under one year and we feel so blessed to work with the kids and families we serve," said the Penneys.

The Little Roots program strives to develop their kids on many levels from social and emotional, language and communication, movement and physical development, and cognitive learning problem-solving as well. There is a daily curriculum that focuses on each piece of development depending on the age group. The main goal of the program is development, education, and culture.

As owners, Lindsay and James say their main goal is the development of the kids they serve. They understand the importance of the impact they can make on the children they develop. Little Roots provides a safe and structured environment where children feel comfortable learning, as early childhood is crucial for their development throughout their entire life.

"We have some amazing kids who we get to work with each day," said Lindsay. "They are like sponges soaking up everything around them. It is amazing to witness their development process as they transition from infants to toddlers. They are such a blessing to work with every day."

Through their curriculum, Little Roots focuses on the development of a child's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical needs to build a solid foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing. They partner with Hipenexu to provide Nez Perce language every weekday.

Before COVID, Little Roots had Vivian Wilson from the Nez Perce Historical Park come speak to the children about Nez Perce culture. They will be having Stacia Morfin and Pete Wilson come and do storytelling and dancing with the kids in the future. More hands on field trips are in the plans to take the kids to dig and gather traditional foods and medicines again.

Lindsay and James would like to thank Mikailah Thompson for starting the process along with Bessie Walker and hipeexnu, Ciarra Greene for the tuuk'es, and Traditons Gift Shop for providing a van for transportation. "We all came together to make this possible for the kids. I would also like to thank the Little Roots staff Hattie, Alma, and Cassie, kids, families, and our community," said Lindsay.

"I am thankful that the children had the opportunity to experience what their ancestors did before them," said Turnbull.

"It was an honor to be a part of such a beautiful opportunity. The feeling was overwhelming to see our children gather together learning traditions. I love my job and what our mission and goals are at Little Roots Learning Center, not just by knowledge but by hands on experience," said Hudson.

"Seeing the kids learn and get the hands-on experience of root digging was not only monumental but emotional. I'm glad I could be a part of showing our kids our culture and making steppingstones for them to carry on once they leave our care," said Covers Up.

Elsie Cree with her neice Dell, digging for kous kous

Lapwai Addresses Mental Health by Understanding a Child's Personal Story and Culture

By Sami Edge,
Idaho Education News

If a Lapwai Middle/High School student needs a snack to get through the day, they just have to ask a staff member during their passing period.

If a student is struggling in the classroom environment and needs a place to collect themselves, they can work from the school's softly-lit "empowerment room."

And if they're having a mental health crisis, therapists can be on-site in minutes, from the local health clinic right next door.

The 500-student Lapwai School District takes an all-bases-covered approach to student well-being, including leveraging partnerships with the Nez Perce tribe and local community to address youth mental health. The small North Idaho district is among only nine rural districts in the state to provide four key behavioral health supports for all of its students, according to an Idaho Education News review of State Department of Education data.

"That's probably how we help our students most. We're very proactive, and we make sure we're giving them everything they could possibly need," said Iris Chimburas, dean of students at the middle/high school.

Lapwai's multifaceted approach to student behavioral health includes teaching social and emotional skills and positive behavior expectations, emphasizing restorative justice over punishment, partnering with local agencies for easy access to therapy and incorporating Nez Perce culture at every turn.

The approach has shown improvement in youth behaviors at the elementary level. It's a work in progress at Lapwai's middle/high school, where Chimburas has restructured behavior and discipline systems to better meet students' needs.

At the heart of Lapwai's approach is a philosophy called Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS), one of the most commonly adopted frameworks for addressing youth behavioral health in Idaho. Lapwai has tweaked the model to fit the cultural context of the majority Native American school on the Nez Perce reservation.

PBIS focuses on teaching and acknowledging positive student behavior. Posters of youth during a district Pow Wow dot Lapwai Elementary School, covered with the phrases "Be Respectful," "Be Responsible" and "Be Safe" in the Nez Perce language.

Teaching and reinforcing those expectations consistently helps improve student behaviors and academic performance, elementary PBIS coordinator Julie Clark said.

The approach can also be important for youth mental health, said district psychologist Lori Ravet. A student who comes from an unpredictable home environment, maybe an abusive situation or a home where a parent struggles with alcohol abuse, might not know what to expect from adults or be hypervigilant and have a hard time learning. Done well, Ravet said, PBIS creates consistency among adults in the school building, and an environment that helps students feel safe.

"The whole system is exactly what you need for a child coming out of trauma, or a child who is just new to the system, which is: I know exactly what I'm going to get from all of the adults in my life in this school system," Ravet said.

Elementary students also learn a social-emotional curriculum designed to help them regulate their emotions, develop self-confidence and build empathy for one another.

Over a decade of implementation, PBIS has shown marked gains in reducing behavioral challenges at Lapwai Elementary. In the 2013-14 school year, Lapwai had more than 1,500 behavioral referrals. By 2018-19 school year, that was down to 626.

Measuring behaviors can be helpful to gauge the mental health of students who act out, or externalize their stress, Ravet said, but it's only part of the picture. She'd like to use universal screeners to better capture students' internal emotional health as well, but says those are expensive and time-consuming.

"I'm hoping that, as we continue to progress as school systems, we can … in an even better way identify the needs of the whole child," Ravet said. "We'll get there. We've made a lot of progress."

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Chimburas started over with PBIS at the middle/high school.

A key component of PBIS is that students are recognized and affirmed for positive behaviors, she said. The school's inconsistent rewards system, where kids could earn "paws" dollars for good behavior, wasn't doing that.

Chimburas scrapped the awards system to give every student a weekly allowance instead. Students can use their allowance to buy snacks or candy from a campus store, and have money deducted for things like being tardy to class.

It's a small technique, but Chimburas has seen it work. She remembers one student in particular, a senior who was frequently in trouble with administration, coming into her office to ask if he had an allowance. He was shocked that he did — $5 to spend throughout the week.

After that first visit, he'd come in frequently to check his allowance. He started saying hello to Chimburas in the hallways and buying in to campus rules.

"It impacted this student in a positive way, and I don't think he got that very often," Chimburas said.

That was just the start of changes at the middle/high school geared toward instilling optimism, belonging and pride in the school culture.

The district has Nez Perce language, art and history built into classroom learning. Chimburas also paired teachers, many of whom are non-native, with tribal members who mentor them and act as a direct connection to the local community.

"If you do research on intergenerational, historical trauma, you'll see that education has not been a positive thing for Native Americans," Chimburas said. "It's something that we're still seeing the effects of: Being removed from our homes, being forced to try to lose our culture, or way of life, even down to the way we dress, cutting off our hair and taking away our language. We are still affected by all of that today. It's extremely important we incorporate our culture back into the education system."

Chimburas also helped reform the school's discipline process. The school created an "empowerment room," where students who are struggling, or need a place to decompress, can work alongside high achievers. She established a new code of conduct, and requires teachers to try two interventions, such as reviewing expectations or meeting a students' parents, before they can issue a discipline referral.

"When they're acting out, those are red flags. It could be home life, it could be academics, anything that has to do with the child — something is wrong," Chimburas said. "When they come to school, they're depending on us to support them, not only academically or socially and emotionally, it's our job to support 100 percent of that child."

Chimburas was starting to see a change before COVID-19 sent Lapwai students to a new hybrid-learning environment. Behavior referrals at the middle-high school dropped from 402 in 2018-19 year to 273 in 2019-20. Suspensions were also down from 96 total in 2018-19 to only 16 in 2019-2020.

Her goal is to move the school from a zero-tolerance discipline system, which can lead to more suspensions and lower graduation rates, to a restorative-justice approach that focuses on correcting wrongdoing over punishment.

Helping students means understanding their personal story Lapwai leans on partnerships with the Nez Perce tribe and local agencies provide student mental health supports.

Therapists from the Nimiipuu health clinic work from the school building some days, and also see students at their building next door. Therapists host group sessions for youth struggling with grief or substance use disorders. And if a student has a mental health crisis during the school day, Nimiipuu staff is on site in minutes.

"This is truly where we shine. We have an incredible collaboration with the tribe," Ravet said. "Relationships are what make social emotional supports work in the Lapwai School District."

Addressing youth behavioral health in a culturally responsive way means understanding the context of historical trauma that impacts Native American communities, but also that trauma is not a "cookie cutter issue," Nimiipuu behavioral health manager Karen Hendren said. Her staff works to understand each student's personal story, culture, religion and the treatments that would be best suited for them.

Therapeutic approaches might look very different from a traditional counseling appointment, Ravet said. Sometimes addressing students' mental health needs means releasing them to go on a buffalo hunt, or incorporating culturally-based practices. For example, Ravet said, in the Seven Drums religion it is tradition to not mention the name of a person who has died for the next year. To counsel through grief appropriately in that context takes a unique approach, Ravet said.

"You have to be very culturally responsive in a different way that other school districts might not understand," she said.

Lapwai's youth returned to school buildings full-time this spring, back together in person for the first time in a year. While the pandemic disrupted the learning environment, Lapwai administrators say it also created a unique advantage. Teachers got to know students better when they taught smaller class sizes. And Ravet says she saw a drop in student suicide attempts during the pandemic year, perhaps because of reduced academic pressures.

"As psychologists, we really need to be thinking about: Did we learn anything in COVID that would better help our students academically, so that we would see less of the pressures of suicide?" Ravet said.

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I Strengthen My Nation - Challenge Programs

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), in partnership with We R Native, is hosting two challenge competitions to recognize and draw upon the inherent strengths and resiliencies of Indigenous people and culture that protect against substance misuse. Be sure to scroll down to read about both challenges!

I Strengthen My Nation: Artistic Expressions of Resilience Against Substance Misuse

Art Challenge: We invite youth to submit any original form of art and describe how it depicts resilience against drug abuse. Click here for more detail and submission requirements.

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Prizes: $2,000-$10,000 per entry, total purse of $85,000

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- Submission Start: April 8th, 2021
- Submission End: July 7th, 2021
- Winners Announced: July 30th, 2021

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About Challenge.gov

Welcome to Challenge.Gov - the official hub for challenges and prize competitions across the U.S. federal government.

Challenge.Gov, managed by the General Services Administration, is a leading program that supports federal agencies to mature and scale the use of prize competitions in order to advance their missions. The Challenge.Gov team delivers this support by offering advanced infrastructure, empowering members of the Challenge and Prize Community of Practice, hosting interactive learning experiences, and developing practical toolkits.

Through this Challenge.Gov website, federal agencies can engage public solvers in challenges and prize competitions (together referred to as "prize competitions") to identify innovative solutions to critical issues.

This site also provides a comprehensive toolkit for federal employees interested in or currently running prize competitions. Developed with insights from experts across government, this toolkit contains a robust repository of resources, best practices, and case studies.

About Prize Competitions: U.S. government agencies constantly work to address issues that affect people, communities, and industries throughout the country and even the world. Sometimes, they need help.

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Longitude and ship navigation, Lindbergh's transatlantic flight, even initial designs for the U.S. Capitol and White House—all were the result of open prize competitions. More recently, challenges have produced concepts for the next "lunar loo" (space toilet), an improved digital wallet user interface, protecting fish from water infrastructure, opioid detection in international mail, and "getting out the count" for the census.

And yes, those self-driving vehicles got their start in federal prize competitions too!

Become a Public Solver: If you're interested in being a public solver, start by browsing the catalog of prize competitions on Challenge.Gov. If something catches your eye, dive in a little deeper to find out how to submit your ideas and concepts. Every prize competition is structured differently, and the details matter. Make sure to follow the detailed instructions to submit your entry correctly and before the posted deadline.

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Instructions for listing your prize competition on Challenge.Gov can be found here.

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was elected twice. Following completion of his final term on NPTEC he managed the Fisheries Department. After years of work for his Tribe, Pinkham decided to take a break and started working for the Trust for Public Land. Ready for a change, Pinkham eventually took a nine-month sabbatical doing volunteer work, "Being on that sabbatical was the best medicine," Pinkham confirmed noting that was also when he met his wife.

Following his sabbatical, he went to work for the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) for six years. Then left to work for the Bush Foundation in the mid-west. This was a stretch for Pinkham to go work in philanthropy, it would be his biggest leap of faith in his career but he would bring with him the experience of working with tribes. Eventually he went back to CRITFC accepting his most recent position as Executive Director, where he served for four years.

Jaime Pinkham stands with Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman, Shannon Wheeler at Red Wolf Golf Club

"Each experience got me ready for the next step. There was no grand scheme," Pinkham said. "There are sacrifices to mobility, you don't get vested everywhere you go. But that's technical stuff, happiness is feeling like you belong and make a difference." The hardest part of moving jobs every four to six years, for Pinkham, was the risk of leaving people behind. He noted the number of friends and relatives he's lost over the years and how devastating it can be to not be there to celebrate their lives.

Pinkham will eventually be moving to Washington D.C working out of the Pentagon. "I am going to miss the direct relationships with the tribes. I'm going to miss the stories," he said. "I'm taking the lessons and the relationships, the understanding of the partnerships and the challenges. Certainly there are going to be different challenges."

He will also be moving closer to his wife's family and he is looking forward to the number of native people that are going to be in D.C. with him; with a cohort of native leaders. "I've never had a chance to be on a dance floor like this so I'm really excited about this new experience," he shared.

He credits his father and grandfather for instilling his love for all things wild; his mom, being one of the most patient, tolerant and forgiving, with his grandmother being the same way. "I felt like I always had two fathers and two mothers; one always taught me to respect and love all things wild and the other taught me about the obligation to family and community."

Pinkham does ask for patience as he adjusts and gets acquainted to his new role. He knows there are expectations from many partners and Indian Country. He plans to get imbedded with the Biden Administration's agenda, to be a messenger and ambassador to make things happen.

Nez Perce Tribe March Employee of the Month

Alicia Wheeler- STEP/Education

"Overall, Alicia is an ideal employee because she is always to work early, takes 30 min. lunches, and works late as needed without complaining. This month she advanced an extremely important activity for our project to start her first "cognitive coaching" rounds with Kamiah and Lapwai teachers in partnership with one administrator from each school. What this means is that teachers who took our STEP "Introduction to Indigenous Pedagogy" class (pedagogy is approach to teaching) are inviting Alicia into their class to observe them using Nez Perce principles of passing on knowledge. It is a major step for teachers to acknowledge the unique educational and cultural needs of our tribal students to improve their academic outcomes. Alicia is well positioned to led this work with her effort to receive a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction at UI a couples of years ago."--Joyce McFarland

Comcast and Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Announce Broadband Expansion

AUBURN, WASHINGTON – On March 29, 2021, Comcast and Muckleshoot Indian Tribe announced expanded broadband service to 600 homes and businesses located on tribal and non-tribal lands in and around the Tribe's community campus. Over the past two years, Comcast and the Tribe have invested nearly $3 million to bring the entire suite of Xfinity and Comcast Business services to these previously underserved homes and businesses. The vast majority of homes and business now have service and full deployment is expected in the next few months.

Nearly $3 million invested to expand broadband service to 600 homes in and around the Tribe's community campus

"Bringing expanded and reliable high-speed internet service to the Muckleshoot Community has long been a priority for the Tribal Council and we are pleased that, working with Comcast, we were able to bring this project to a successful conclusion," said Muckleshoot Tribal Council Chair Jaison Elkins.

"Connectivity matters right now more than ever for students and families, and I welcome the investment from Comcast and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to expand broadband service in King County," said King County Executive Dow Constantine. "I applaud partnerships that help close the digital divide in our underserved communities, so students can do their schoolwork, and everyone has access to healthcare and other online services."

"Native communities have made do with inadequate internet access for decades, and this issue has only worsened in the current pandemic. In the digital world we now live in, families everywhere are reliant on a steady internet connection to work from home, attend online classes, or even meet with their doctor. I applaud the investment by the Muckleshoot Tribe and Comcast to serve residents living in and around the Tribe's Community Campus in King County. We have a lot of work ahead of

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us to close the digital divide on all fronts. This is a great first step," said Congresswoman Kim Schrier, M.D. (WA-08).

Comcast has invested approximately $2 billion in its network technology and infrastructure statewide in the past six years, and in 2020 the company invested more than $988.8 million in Washington including capital expenditures, taxes and fees, charitable giving, and employee wages and benefits.

"This network expansion with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe is the latest example of the investment we're making to broaden the reach of our broadband service in Washington state," said Rodrigo Lopez, Region Senior Vice President, Comcast Washington. "Last month we announced plans to invest $9.4 million to expand service to more than 2,100 homes in rural areas of Snohomish and Spokane Counties over the next two years."

Residents in this new Comcast service footprint now have access to the entire Xfinity product suite, including Internet Essentials, the largest and most comprehensive low-cost Internet adoption program for low-income Americans. Since 2011, it has connected 85,000 low-income households statewide, many for the first time. Businesses will have access to the full suite of Comcast Business Internet, voice, and video services, including WiFi, Voice, TV and managed enterprise solutions for businesses of all sizes.

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About Muckleshoot Tribe: The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe whose membership is composed of descendants of the Duwamish and Upper Puyallup people who inhabited Central Puget Sound for thousands of years before non-Indian settlement. The Tribe's name is derived from the native name for the prairie on which the Muckleshoot Reservation was established. Following the Reservation's establishment in 1857, the Tribe and its members came to be known as Muckleshoot, rather than by the historic tribal names of their Duwamish and Upper Puyallup ancestors. Today, the United States recognizes the Muckleshoot Tribe as a sovereign government and tribal successor to the Duwamish and Upper Puyallup bands from which the Tribe's membership descends.

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Discovering What Idaho's Youth Need to Succeed at Work

The Idaho Department of Labor is asking youth between the ages of 16-24 who are out of school to talk about what they need to succeed in the workplace.

Participants will share their thoughts during six focus group sessions scheduled for April 19-30 at local Labor offices and several postsecondary schools throughout the state.

The results will be used to improve the recruitment and service delivery methods for youth employment and training programs funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

The project is a partnership between the Idaho Workforce Development Council, Boise State University's Idaho Policy Institute, the Idaho Department of Labor and each of the state's postsecondary institutions.

Multiple sessions may be conducted depending on interest.

Participants will receive a $50 Amazon gift card for the time they spend in the focus group, which is estimated to last approximately one hour. Those who are between the ages of 16-24, out of school and interested in participating should contact their local Idaho Department of Labor offices in their area.

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6 Common Tactics of Sexual Coercion

What is sexual coercion? Sexual coercion is the practice of persuading someone to engage in unwanted sexual activity by using force, intimidation or threats. Anyone can use sexual coercion; however it is likely that it will happen with someone you already have some type of relationship with like a partner, friend or date. Consent is not given if your sexual partner(s) feel pressured, intimidated and/or threatened, therefore sexual coercion is sexual violence.

Tactics of sexual coercion: Sexual coercion tactics can vary and many can be used in combination with each other. Be aware that someone who makes you feel pressured and uncomfortable after you've said no to sex may be trying to coerce you. If you "give in" to keep the peace, you are a victim of coercion.

Some common signs of sexual coercion adapted from Love is Respect include constant pressure, even after you say no. They use repeated requests, begging and relentless pestering to try to wear you down. They may try to use bargaining by saying things like "I'll do this if you do this for me."

They manipulate your emotions by trying to make you feel like you owe them by using over the top compliments, actions or affection. They make you feel like it's too late to say no by saying "you've done it before" or "I need to do this now that we've already been doing X, Y, Z."

They try to normalize their sexual expectations. They might use societal norms to try to justify their behavior and say things like "Guys just need it more" or "Women my age have a high sex drive."

They use your relationship status against you. They may say things like "Couples in relationships have sex and if we aren't having sex, I guess we shouldn't be together." or "You're my boyfriend, you should want to have sex with me!"

They make you feel afraid if you say no. They could threaten to harm you, relatives, friends or your career, home and life. They could threaten to out you. They could also resort to lying or spreading rumors about you in your community.

They react negatively when you do say no. They react badly and may not directly admit why. They may try to coerce you by making you feel guilty and say things like "How can you do this to me?" or "Don't you see you're hurting me?" They could pout, whine, cry or give you the silent treatment and deny you any physical affection. Emotional abuse like name calling or putting you down and physical abuse might also be used.

If any of these sounds familiar to you, StrongHearts is here to help. To speak with an advocate, call 1-844-762-8483, text 1-844-762-8483, or for one-on-one chat advocacy, visit strongheartshelpline.org 24/7. As a culturally-appropriate, confidential service for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts advocates offer emotional support, safety planning, crisis intervention and referrals to Native-centered resources.

Remember it's your body, your sovereignty, your decision. You never owe anyone sex.

Natural Resource Planning for Rural Landowners

The University of Idaho Extension in Clearwater County is offering: "Natural Resource Planning for Rural Landowners".

Creating a natural resource plan for your property can help you assess your goals and determine what projects and activities you may need to undertake to achieve them. This workshop will use the Tree Farm Plan template and guide you through completion of each part of the plan with examples, as well as how to decide on appropriate goals that match your property, your interests, and your lifestyle. Such plans are valuable for your own personal use, or if you choose, can be submitted for approval through the American Tree Farm system. Formally approved plans can be used as a basis for obtaining cost-share from the NRCS to do various conservation projects on your property.

When: Tuesday, May 4, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
How: On-line Zoom
Cost: Free
Register: On-line: uidaho.edu/clearwater-events
Email: clearwater@uidaho.edu
Phone: 208-476-4434

University of Idaho Extension

Forest Service Announces Annual Spring Prescribed Projects

Kamiah, Idaho - Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests officials have announced plans today for their annual spring prescribed fire projects. Planned ignitions will begin as early as this weekend when weather and fuel conditions become optimal for achieving management objectives while minimizing smoke impacts to surrounding communities. Weather, fuel and smoke conditions will be closely monitored, and the prescribed burning program will continue as long as conditions remain favorable.

Fire plays an integral role in our environment and is a natural process that will occur, regardless if it is a planned, Prescribed burn or a wildfire. Prescribed burning is done to reduce fuels, selectively thin the understory in densely forested stands, stimulate growth in fire-tolerant plant species, prepare sites for hand tree planting, enhance forage for wildlife, and return fire's natural role to the landscape.

Prescribed fire, combined with mechanical and/or hand thinning treatments are effective land management tools used to reduce the accumulation of hazardous fuels. This action minimizes the overall risk to public and firefighter safety, while improving forage and habitat for wildlife.

Smoke from prescribed fires is significantly less than what would be expected from a mid-summer wildfire. If smoke concentrations approach minimum air quality standards, ignitions may be delayed until air quality improves. Residual smoke may be visible for up to two weeks following ignition, but most of the smoke from the fires will dissipate in one or two days.

Short duration trail and area closures may be implemented for public and firefighter safety during prescribed burn activities. Closure information can be found at http://bit.ly/2HMxNam_Alerts_and_Notices.

Acres planned include all lands encompassed in the prescribed burn project areas. However, not every acre will burn or be ignited.

The planned prescribed fires by Ranger District are as follows:

Salmon River Ranger District – Planning to treat multiple units on two timber sales for activity slash removal to mitigate hazardous fuels and site prep for reduction of barriers to tree planting.

- Doc Denny TS- 390 acres across multiple units located on Tamarack Ridge 11 miles Southeast of Grangeville.
- French Liquor TS- 26 acres across two units located near Florence, ID

Lochsa/Powell Ranger District –

- No Planned Spring Burns for the Lochsa/Powell RD

North Fork Ranger District – Up to 530 acres planned:

- East Saddle Project – 400 to 500 acres, 3 days Landscape burning for Wildlife Habitat Restoration, Project is located East of Kelly Forks Work Center along FS Road #255

The East Saddle RX burn units are part of a large integrated restoration project intended to improved wildlife habitat and overall forest health. This project will target decadent brush fields and pockets of timber being encroached by undesirable early seral timber species.

- Preacher Dewey Project – 2 Logging Units, 30 total acres, located 2 miles east of Pierce Idaho

Site preparation burning of logging slash ahead of tree planting. Trees are ordered and need to be planted this year. The burning of this slash creates the necessary open areas and nutrients which are both vital to successful reforestation efforts.

Moose Creek Ranger District –

- No Planned Spring Burns

Palouse Ranger District – Up to 500 acres planned across multiple units: There are three Timber sale areas on the Palouse with activity slash units available should a prescription window present itself to have prescribed burn activities this spring to remove activity slash generated through harvest activities and prepare the units for reforestation activities planned for Spring 2022.

Ignitions could occur between 4/21 and 5/28/2021:

- Strychnine Pines TS- Units 2 and 3 (~100 acres): approx. 5 miles NE of Harvard Idaho in the Palouse River drainage off of Forest Road 768.
- Uncle Morris Stewardship- Units 4 and 15 (~80 acres): approx. 4 miles north of Elk River Idaho in the Elk Creek drainage off Forest Road 1969.
- Upper Basin Stewardship- Units 4, 16, 17A, 17B, 38, and 38A (~150 acres): approx. 4 miles north of Elk River Idaho in the Elk Creek drainage off Forest Road 3805

There are also two units where prescribed burning activities may occur in order to reduce naturally accumulated fuel loadings:

- Johnson Creek Fuels- (75 acres): approx. 4 miles north of Elk River Idaho in the Elk Creek drainage off Forest Road 3805.
- White Pine Mulch- (90 acres): approx. 4 miles east of Sanders Idaho near West Dennis off Forest Road 377.

Red River Ranger District –137 acres planned across multiple units: Burning logging slash from recent harvest units to remove hazardous fuel loading and prepare the units for reforestation (planting sapling trees).

- Orogrande Fuels TS- 12 acres Located near the community of Orogrande along Forest Road 233 (Crooked River Road) near the junction of Road 522 (Deadwood Road)
- Muddy Moose TS- 125 acres across multiple units located West of the Elk City Township between Newsome Creek and Elk Summit Lookout along Forest Roads 307, 1808, and 471.

Specific information on the location and timing of these prescribed burns is available at each of the district offices:

- Salmon River Ranger District – Josh Bransford, 208-839-2141 or Graydon Galloway, 208-983-4035
- North Fork Ranger District – Brandon Skinner, 208-819-6905 or TC Peterson, 208-476-8257
- Powell Ranger Station –Brandon Cichowski, 208-942-0344 or Chad Daugherty, 208-942-0345
- Moose Creek Ranger District – Jon Norman, 208-926-8952 or Dustin Decker, 208-926-8948
- Lochsa Ranger Station – Sean Gaines or Neal Cox, 208-926-4274
- Palouse Ranger District – Lisa Spinelli or Alan Carlson, 208-875-1131
- Red River Ranger District – Chris Marabetta, 208-842-2123, or Tom McLeod, 208-842-2117

For more information, please contact Jim Wimer at 208-451-4654 or james.wimer@usda.gov .

Nez Perce National Historical Park to Recruit Summer Interns

LAPWAI, ID – Are you interested in a summer position with the National Park Service? Nez Perce National Historical Park is recruiting up to 2 individuals for its Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. The 8 week program runs June 13 through August 7, 2021. Enrollees work 40 hours per week at $9.25 per hour. Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 21, 2021.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a federal program employing youth ages 15 to 18 in conservation work on public lands. Participants develop a better understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources, park maintenance needs, and park interpretation during their participation in the program.

For more information and an application please contact Nez Perce National Historical Park by phone (208) 843-7057, email daniel_berkner@nps.gov, or write to Nez Perce National Historical Park at 39063 U.S. Highway 95, Lapwai, ID 83540. YCC applicants must be at least 15 years of age by June 7, 2021, but not turn 19 until after August 6, 2021. The parental consent portion of the application must be completed and signed by the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday, May 21, 2021.

Applicants must have a Social Security number or have placed an application for one and be willing to work hard and participate in most work projects.

Nez Perce National Historical Park's Spalding Visitor Center is located 12 miles east of Lewiston at 39063 U.S. Highway 95. Park admission is free year round. For more information, please contact Nez Perce National Historical Park at 208-843-7001, or visit www.nps.gov/nepe or www.facebook.com/NezPerceNationalHistoricalPark

Nez Perce Tribe Awarded $4.79 Million in HUD Funding to Construct 16 Housing Rental Units

LAPWAI - On Monday, April 12, the Nez Perce Tribe, along with 23 other Tribes and Tribally-designated Housing Entities were awarded over $90 million in Grant funding by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support new housing construction, housing rehabilitation and critical infrastructure projects.

The Nez Perce Tribe was awarded a grant totaling $4,798,703. Using the funds, the Nez Perce Tribal Authority will construct sixteen (16) new rental units. The units will be energy efficient and the ground-level units will be handicap accessible.

"This past year was a stark reminder of just how important access to safe, stable housing is—especially in Tribal communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Secretary Marcia L. Fudge. "The funding HUD is awarding today will support much needed affordable housing investments in Indian Country."

The funds were awarded through HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive program to help construct new housing units for low-income families living in Tribal communities. It is projected that this funding will support the construction of approximately 350 new housing units, which will help spur economic opportunities in these communities. This year's IHBG competition generated a lot of interest and was very oversubscribed with a total of 141 applicants submitted by Tribes and TDHEs. This is the second time HUD is making awards under this program; the first round of awards was made in December 2019.

The funding allocations/project descriptions can be found at https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PA/documents/IHBG_Competitive_2020.pdf .

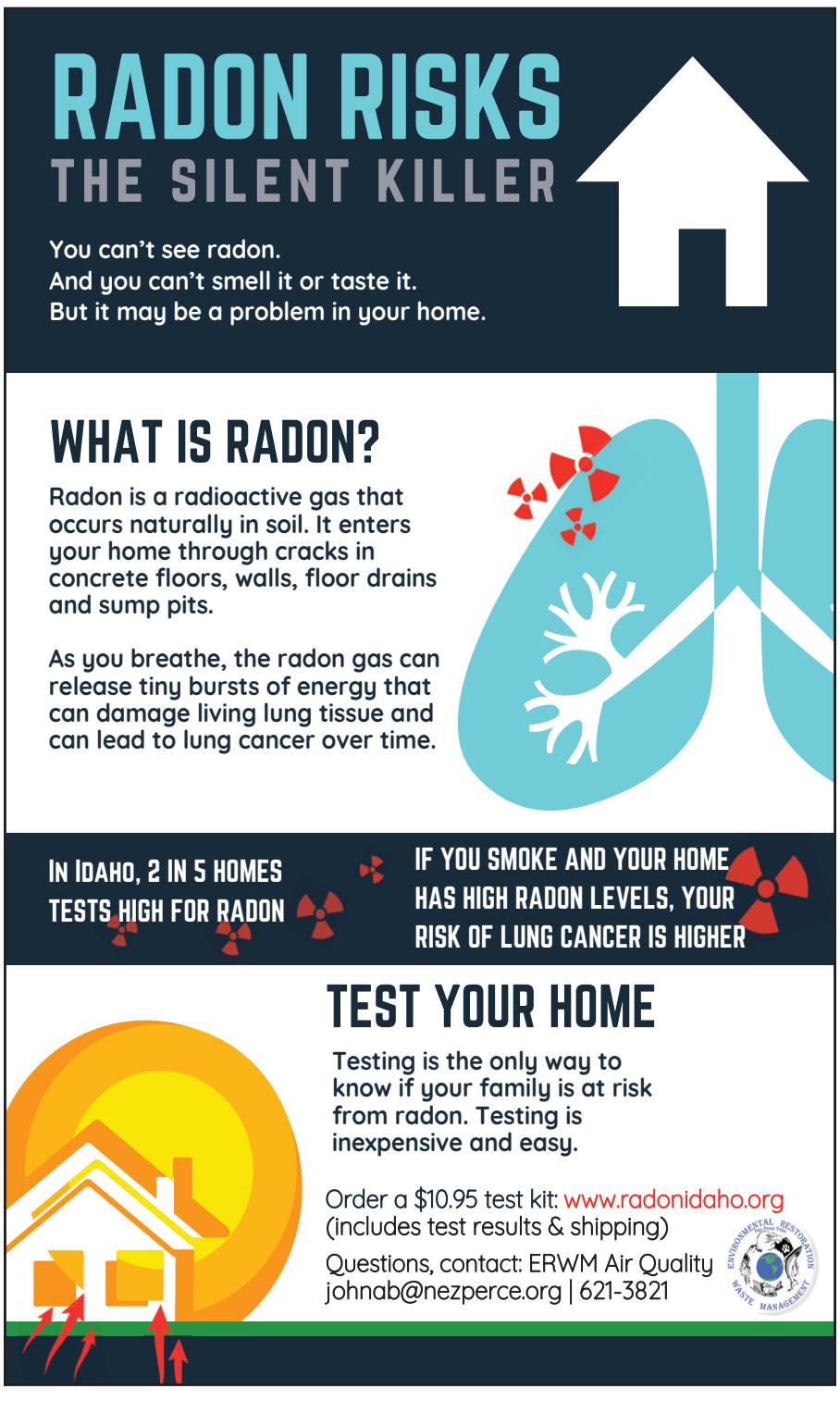
Big Hole National Battlefield to Recruit Summer Interns

WISDOM, Mont. – Are you interested in a summer position with the National Park Service? Big Hole National Battlefield is recruiting up to 4 individuals for its Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. The 8 week program runs June 13 through August 7, 2021. Enrollees work 40 hours per week at $9.25 per hour. Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 21, 2021.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a federal program employing youth ages 15 to 18 in conservation work on public lands. Participants develop a better understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources, park maintenance needs, and park interpretation during their participation in the program.

For more information and an application please contact Big Hole National Battlefield by phone (406) 689-3155 or email jimmer_stevenson@nps.gov. YCC applicants must be at least 15 years of age by June 13, 2021, but not turn 19 until after August 7, 2021. The parental consent portion of the application must be completed and signed by the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian. Applications must be submitted no later than Friday May 21, 2021.

Applicants must have a Social Security number or have placed an application for one and be willing to work hard and participate in most work projects.



Endangered US Rivers at Grave Risk from Dams, Mining and Global Heating

Lower Granite Lock and Dam at Snake River.
(Photo by US Army Corps of Engineers)

By Nina Lakhani,
The Guardian

Dams, mining, factory farms and global heating are among the gravest threats facing America's endangered rivers, according to a new report.

The Snake River in the Pacific north-west is ranked the most endangered US river of 2021, where salmon runs are on the brink of extinction because of four federal dams obstructing the free flow of water, according to American Rivers' annual report.

t poses an existential threat to north-western Native American tribes who depend on the fish for food, culture and their identities, as well disrupting the entire local ecosystem, from black bears and orcas.

But, the dire situation is salvable.

"On the Snake River, we have an opportunity for the greatest river restoration effort the world has ever seen … saving iconic salmon and orcas, bolstering clean energy and strengthening the region's economy," said Tom Kiernan, president of American Rivers, an advocacy group.

Advocates are urging Joe Biden to include a $33.5bn proposal by the Idaho congressman Mike Simpson, a Republican, to remove the four dams and recover salmon in his infrastructure package.

Every year American Rivers ranks the country's 10 most endangered rivers to highlight where imminent threats to human health, safety and survival could be resolved through decisive political, business and community measures.

This year's list highlights the unequal impact of unchecked big business, Native American treaty violations, and inadequate regulation on the nation's rivers and the communities who depend on them for water, food and cultural heritage.

In second place is the Lower Missouri River, where communities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska face increasing floods that threaten homes and businesses, and environmental and public health. The risks are exacerbated by authorities' continued reliance on an antiquated flood control system, say advocates.

The Missouri is America's longest river, but the once meandering, ecologically diverse 2,300-mile waterway has long been artificially contained by hundreds of miles of levees, which are being increasingly breached.

Extreme weather events linked to the climate crisis, such as droughts, hurricanes and floods are a growing threat to rivers, communities and drinking and wastewater systems.

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National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

MAY 5, 2021

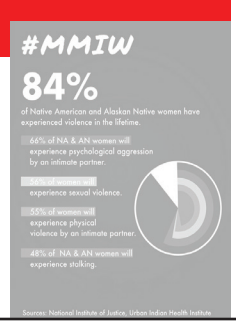
'Úuyit Kímti Program presents MMIW/P Memorial Walk

Please join us **May 5, 2021** at Valley Foods Parking lot at **11AM** we will congregate and walk to Lapwai City Park. We will share a prayer followed by an honor song for our lost loved ones.

*T-shirts will be available for the first **75** participants.*

#SayHerName#SayHisName#Justice#NoMore#StopMMIW

For further questions please contact 'Úuyit Kímti Program at **1-855-803-4685**



National Briefing

Addressing the National Crisis of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women: Advocacy in Action

April 29. 2021, at 1 p.m. MDT

9 a.m. HST/11 a.m. AKT/12 p.m. PDT/
2 p.m. CDT/3 p.m. EDT

The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC) invites you to a briefing to understand the complex and ongoing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) crisis. The current systemic response to violence against Native women is inadequate and the rate at which we are losing our women is devastating to our tribal communities and to the Nation as a whole. Insufficient resources and lack of clarity on jurisdictional responsibilities have exacerbated efforts to locate those who are missing. The federal Indian legal framework is complex and creates many barriers for victims and Tribes working to protect their citizens. Moreover, resources are scarce, and culturally appropriate services are practically non-existent. Please join us to listen to survivor family members impacted by MMIW, local level tribal responses from victim service providers, and the tribal judicial branch. Because tribal sovereignty and safety for Native women are wholly intertwined, we will share national policy issues and recommendations in support of Tribal Nations to enhance safety for Native women.

Agenda

- **Moderator,** Amy Sparck (*Cup'ik of Qissunamiut)*, Policy Specialist, NIWRC
- **Traditional Opening**, Juana Majel Dixon (*Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians*), Co-Chair, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Task Force on Violence Against Women
- **Welcome**, Lucy Simpson (*Diné*), Executive Director, NIWRC
- **Remarks from Members of Congress**, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Vice Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Sen. Brian Schatz (D-HI), Chairman, Senate Committee of Indian Affairs (invited)
- **MMIW Survivor Family Member Perspectives,** Patricia Whitefoot (*Yakama*), and Yolanda Frasier (*Northern Cheyenne*)
- **Tribal Services/Resources Perspective**, Lori Jump (*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians*), Director, StrongHearts Native Helpline
- **Tribal Justice Perspective**, Alfred Urbina (*Pascua Yaqui Tribe)*, Attorney General of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- **National Tribal Policy Perspective**, Kerri Colfer (*Tlingit)*, Senior Native Affairs Advisor, NIWRC
- **Closing Remarks**, President Shannon Holsey (*Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians)*, Co-Chair, NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women

Register for this briefing at bit.ly/3sdI32I

**Artwork by Danielle Fixico.*
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NIWRC National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

STRONGHEARTS Native Helpline

Aerial view of the Missouri River. (Photo by Brandon Knoblauch)

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"In Missouri we have coal ash, radioactive waste, abandoned lead mines and a variety of other toxic accidents waiting to happen. When an area floods, this chemical soup becomes part of our water system, potentially impairing your drinking water or your favorite fishing stream," said Rachel Bartels, the director of Missouri Confluence Waterkeeper, a conservation group.

Nationwide, at least 945 toxic superfund sites are vulnerable to extreme weather such as hurricanes, floods, rising sea levels and wildfires, which are becoming more frequent and intense as the planet heats up.

John Kerry, the presidential envoy for climate, said: "The climate crisis threatens so many aspects of life as we know it. It threatens our health, our security and our economy, and that's in large part because it threatens our most precious resource, abundant, fresh, clean water. The climate impacts of clean water resources are becoming increasingly pronounced all over the world."

Toxic waste from factory farming, extractive industries and sewage plants is also pouring into the nation's rivers, rendering them dangerous for humans and aquatic life.

In Iowa, the state's largest water utility was forced to invest in one of the world's most expensive nitrate-removal systems due to harmful levels of agricultural pollutants in the Raccoon River, which is relied upon by more than half a million people for drinking water. The Raccoon River, ranked ninth in the endangered rivers list, is polluted by more than 700 factory farms given free rein by state lawmakers who refuse to implement mandatory pollution controls.

In Oklahoma, toxic pollution from one of the country's biggest Superfund sites has made Tar Creek a feared no-go zone for communities including several tribes who once depended on the river for subsistence and cultural practices.

The legacy of toxic waste from what was once the world's largest lead and zinc mine, has turned Tar Creek orange, killing aquatic life and threatening human health with heavy metals including lead and arsenic. Every day, 1m gallons of contaminated water are discharged into Tar Creek, which is ranked sixth in the endangered list.

"For 42 years, acid mine water and toxic runoff has been pouring down Tar Creek under the eyes of the state and the EPA," said Earl L Hatley, Grand Riverkeeper at Local Environmental Action Demanded.

"To date, they have no plan for stopping this toxic offsite release. When will our lives matter?"

American Rivers 2021 "America's Most Endangered Rivers" Report and the US Geological Survey. (Guardian graphic)

12 Tribes Congregate to Discuss the Salmon, Energy, Agriculture, and Transportation Issues in the Region

Back L to R: Delano Saluskin, Yakama Nation; Shannon Wheeler, Nez Perce Tribe; Rodney Cawston Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Devon Boyer, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe; Hemene James, Coeur d'Alene Tribe; Brian Thomas, Shoshone Paiute Tribe. Front L to R: Raymond Tsumpti, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Jody Richards, Burns Paiute Tribe; Kat Brigham, Confederate Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation; Carol Evans, Spokane Tribe; Shelly Fyant, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

"Creator, I ask that you make our hearts big- so we can be strong as a people." were the opening sentiments as the Columbia Basin Tribes met for two days to discuss the health and survival of the Basin and salmon populations in the northwest. "That's our wealth; the health of our environment," noted Colville Business Council Chairman, Rodney Cawston.

Together, several representatives from 12 different tribes congregated to discuss their approach for supporting Representative Mike Simpson's comprehensive approach to addressing the salmon, energy, agriculture, and transportation issues in the region; the Columbia Basin Initiative.

"Simpson has a dream, we want to see how we can make this dream a reality," stated Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chairman, Delano Saluskin. The Tribes recognize that Simpson's concept is an opportunity for a regionally balanced, better, and smarter future for the entire Northwest: intensive investment in traditional and digital infrastructure, clean energy, and technology; targeted river restoration and salmon recovery through a four-dam removal project within a broader context that is enormously protective of regional hydropower; and long-term litigation resolution and legal certainty.

"As long as those dams are there, there is a big piece of the Shoshone-Banock's heart, body, and mind that is disappearing. It needs to be restored to make our people whole again," stated Shoshone-Bannock Business Council Member, Nathan Small.

All Tribes have had a common interest in protecting salmon and eel since time immemorial. This includes the historic covenant of all salmon people; to speak and stand up for those that cannot. "The salmon need to come back so we can heal," stated Spokane Tribal Business Council Chairwoman, Carol Evans, "We need the salmon to return to all areas of the Basin."

The Tribes met with regional elected officials and their representatives; including Representative Simpson and several others. The resounding theme being that of the health of the Columbia Basin and its future survival which includes the fate of salmon, eel, and everything that depends on these natural resources.

"This is about all of us, we're all related. We're tied in so many ways and salmon is just one of them. That's why tribes have to be at the table," stated Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Chairman, Shannon Wheeler.

Beyond the bold salmon and river restoration actions throughout the Columbia River Basin, the Simpson proposal (available at https://simpson.house.gov/salmon/) could protect salmon, water, agriculture, transportation and energy needs by:

- Investing nearly $5 billion in new transportation infrastructure to transport inland products like wheat to market;
- Investing over $14 billion in new energy infrastructure; including,
  - o $2 billion for Northwest grid resiliency/optimization;
  - o $1.25 billion for energy storage;
  - o $10 billion in replacement energy for the lower Snake River dams;
- Providing Snake/Columbia River communities with over $1.5 billion

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AJ Ellenwood Receives the Hagadone Character Award

Congratulations to Lapwai's AJ Ellenwood, recipient of the Hagadone Character Award. This is a new award for high school athletes that was started in part due to a lack of spring sports in 2020.

The Hagadone High Character Award goes to a female and male athlete from each school. It is named after Duane Hagadone, who founded the North Idaho Hall of Fame 58 years ago. In defining the award, it recognizes a student-athlete who excelled in the classroom and as a teammate; has outstanding work ethic and integrity, displays sportsmanship and true character in all walks of life, and is just an all-around good individual.

Civic and community involvement is a plus. The winners are based on nominations received by the committee.

Amerman Ranked Among Top Runners in Idaho

Preston Amerman, Nez Perce tribal member and high school senior at Clearwater Valley, has been exceling rapidly. He swept the boys' distances in a 16-team track meet.

High schools from around the State of Idaho participated in a recent track meet at Kamiah High School.

Amerman convincingly demonstrated his hard-earned running ability by sweeping the 2-mile, 1-mile, and 800-meter races in classic form. This boy loves to run!

As of April 9, 2021 Amerman is currently ranked first in the 800-meter, second in the 1-mile, and fourth in the 2-mile races in the Idaho State 1A standings.

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for economic development;
• Placing fish restoration under the direction of tribes and states;
• Investing in restoring the lower Snake River by breaching the four lower Snake River dams;
• Investing in restoring non-ESA listed fish above blocked areas;
• Allocating over $5 billion in other salmon conservation actions throughout the Basin; and
• Providing legal certainty on Columbia River dams for 35 years.

The Tribes coalesced around the following set of "common ground" principles intended to continue and expand their dialogue with agricultural and energy interests:
• The true wealth of our region begins with the health of our rivers, fish and the ecosystem they support, which is our culture, history, and future;
• Agriculture is an important part of our region's economy;
• Affordable and reliable power is important to regional families and business – tribal and non-tribal;
• Providing legal certainty for the vast majority of federal dams in the Columbia/Snake River basins is a necessary element of a lasting solution;
• A significant federal infrastructure investment in alternative energy and transportation provides a unique opportunity to restore salmon while keeping power affordable and maintaining agricultural commerce;
• A comprehensive legislative solution is preferable to all other avenues and is urgently needed.
• The time for action is now. The Columbia Basin cannot become another Klamath Basin crisis.

"We view restoring the lower Snake River – a living being to us, and one that is injured - as urgent and overdue. Congressman Simpson, in focusing on the facts and on a solution, speaks the truth - that restoring salmon and the lower Snake River can also reunite and strengthen regional communities and economies. We will support Congressman Simpson's initiative and we respect the courage and vision he is showing the region. This is an opportunity for multiple regional interests to align with a better future for the Northwest: river restoration and salmon recovery; local and regional economic investment and infrastructure improvement; and long-term legal resolution and certainty," stated NPTEC Chairman Wheeler.

Fire Stories

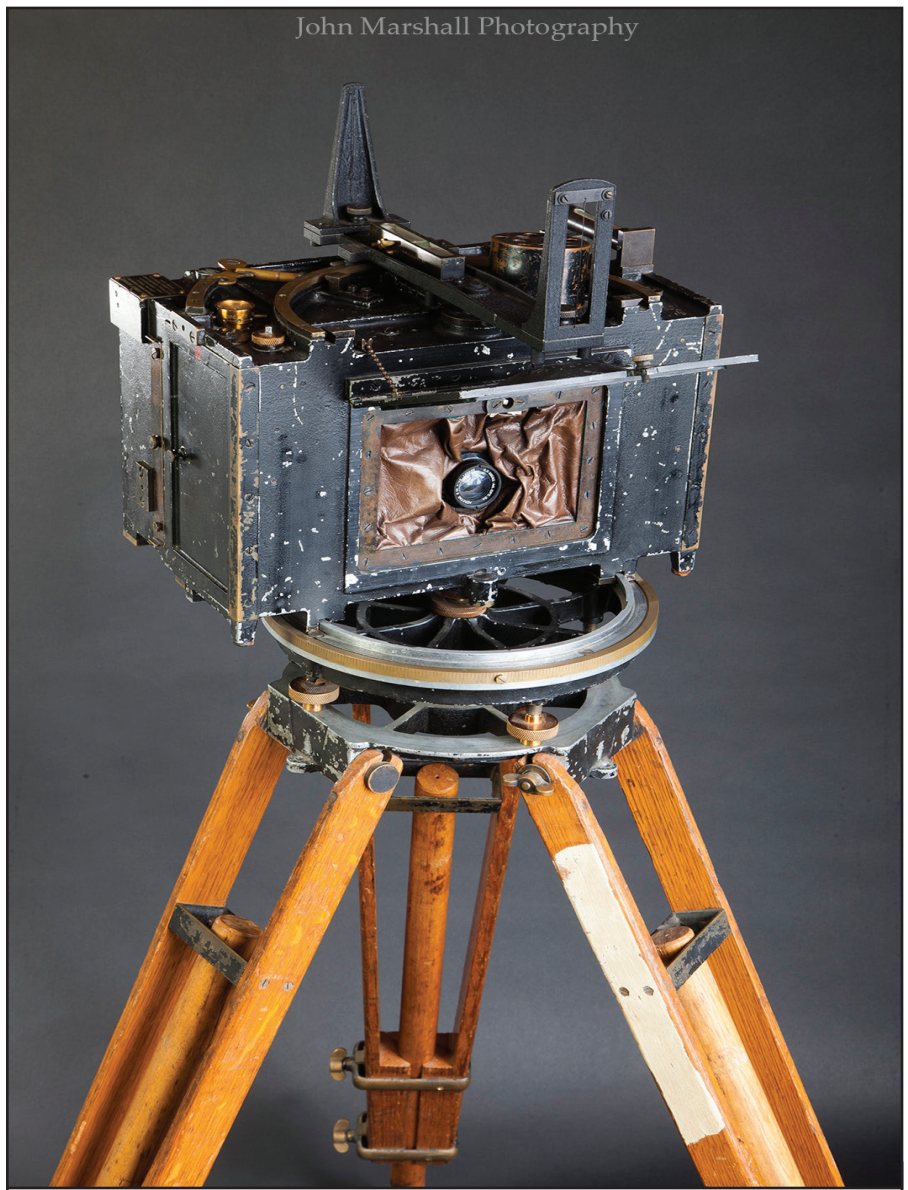
There will be a limited opening at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, first-come, first-served, as the Josephy Center is currently authorized for just 31 visitors. There will be unlimited access via zoom. Call the Center at 541-432-0505 for instructions.

In the 1930s, with a camera designed by U.S. Forest Service worker William Bushnell "Bush" Osborne and built by Leupold-Volpel & Co. in Portland, Oregon, foresters took pictures from fire lookout towers across the Northwest. Each photo covered 120 degrees, so three photos covered the entire region surveyed from each tower, and, matched with the "Osborne Firefinder," allowed lookout guards to pinpoint the fires and communicate up the line.

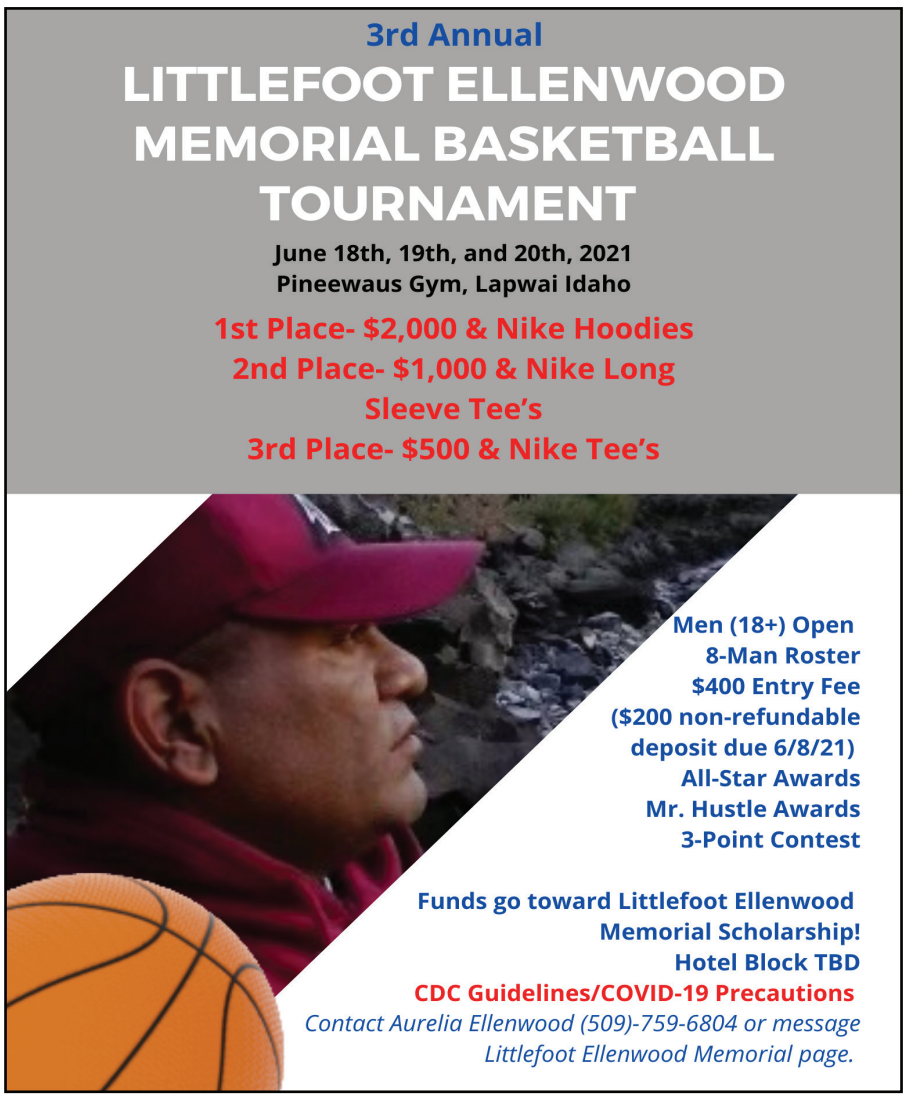
For the past several years, photographer-naturalist John Marshall has replicated many of the original Osborne photos, climbing the towers when still there, or in some other way finding a vantage point to match the viewshed of 75 and 80 years ago. The "Fire Stories Exhibit" matches these photos in the Blues and the Wallowas, and allows Marshall to tell a story of long-term fire suppression.

"Fire Stories" will be up until June 15, and there will be related programs, including a Josephy Book Group reading of Fire in Paradise: An American Tragedy--fire is our Western hurricane, and Paradise was our Katrina. The book group will meet via Zoom on May 4; and on May 20 Stephen J. Pyne, author or Fire in America among many other wildfire texts, will be a featured speaker in a program exploring Fire in the West. One of a very few Osborne cameras will be on exhibit, and a book with many of the photos and John Marshall's comments is available for sale at the Center and at the Bookloft

For more information on this exhibit and related programs, call the Josephy Center, 541-432-0505, or email rich.wandschneider@gmail.com.



The Osborne Panoramic camera had a moving lens in front of a stationary 6" x 13" negative; you "wound it up" to do the picture taking. Only 8 or 10 of the cameras were built.



Space Force Swears In First Indigenous Female Intelligence Officer

By Darren Thompson,
Nativenewsonline.net

On March 12, the United States Space Force (USSF) welcomed its first female American Indian Intelligence Officer: Captain Haida StarEagle, member of the Matinecock Tribe. Her father, Chief Samuel Little Fox, led the invocation during the induction ceremony.

"Captain StarEagle has the impressive combination of capability, superior intellect, drive and passion for serving," said Lt. Col. Michael Hollingsworth, United States Special Operations Command, in a statement. "The Space Force is gaining an absolutely phenomenal leader."

Established on Dec. 20, 2019, the U.S. Space Force is the newest branch of the Armed Forces. The USSF was established within the Department of the Air Force, meaning the Secretary of the Air Force has overall responsibility for the USSF, under the guidance and direction of the Secretary of Defense.

Captain Haida StarEagle (right). (Courtesy photo)

According to Public Affairs Advisor to the Vice Chief of Space Operations Lynn Kirby, Captain StarEagle is not the first Native American woman in the Space Force. The numbers of other Native Americans in the USSF couldn't be validated as of press time.

USSF intelligence officers analyze data to coordinate with other services to determining the capabilities and vulnerabilities of potential adversaries. Intelligence officers are highly trained to provide information to Airmen so they can successfully complete their missions through surveillance and reconnaissance. A demanding training is required including the completion of 12 months in commissioned service after completing the Intelligence Officer Initial, must be between the ages of 18 and 39, and pass a current Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI).

The Matinecock Tribe is an Algonquian people who reside on the north shore of Long Island, N.Y. They are not recognized as a tribe on a federal level or in the state of New York.

"My father told me when I was younger that I must find my own way and figure out how to leave a legacy for our tribe," said Captain StarEagle in a press release. "Joining the Space Force and continuing to serve is the best way to leave my mark within my tribe, create a legacy for my people, and make my father proud."

Nez Perce Tribe
Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees

Mothers-To-Be Program

The Early Head Start home-based Mothers-to-be program is a free program that provides information, support, and educational services to pregnant women and expectant families to help ensure they have a healthy pregnancy and delivery.

Please make an appointment with Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees Family Services Staff to sit down and complete the application

Please bring your ID

Please contact us at 208-843-7330

Enrollment is open for Mothers who are:

- Nez Perce Tribe members CIB descendants, or other Federally recognized tribe
- Income eligible
- TANF participants
- Reside in the service area
- First time parents
- Documented high risk pregnancy

Head Start

*A newborn visit with each mother and child per Head Start Performance Standards §1304.40. This visit also offers a Welcome basket for mom and baby, with items that will help families prepare for their newborns arrival. Welcome baskets vary depending on the availability of items.

5th Annual Sleeping Chief Shootout

Jenna, Ms.Hustle,Top Gun & MVP

Champions Coastal X

Champions Sacred Circle

Women's Bracket:
3rd place:
All Nations from North Dakota.
Kaylee from that team was selected as All-Star.
2nd place:
I.W.F from All Ova.
All-star awards went to Talia and Sierra Higheagle.
2021 Champions:
Coastal X from Neah Bay, Washington.
Tyler Sumpter and Shoni Schimmel were selected for the All-Star awards. The Ms. Hustle award, along with the Top Gun award (most 3's) and MVP (Most Valuable Player) went to Jenna from the Championship team. "She was a inspiration to watch how she ran the court and played with heart and spirit," said Holt.
Men's Bracket:
4th place:
Northwest Runners, from Lummi, Washington.
The All-Star award went to Isiah Strom.
3rd place:
Lapwai. All-Star W.I.S.
2nd place:
The Fast Break Warriors from Bishop, California.
The All-Star and Top Gun award went to Ronnie Battle,
Tevin Foster was selected for the Mr. Hustle award.
2021 Champions:
Sacred Circle from the Land of the Butterflies. Brandon Kohler received the All-Star Award and was presented the Mr. Sportsmanship Award by the Nez Perce Nation Athletic Association.
Coty Reuben earned the MVP Award. "Nez Perce Assassin," said Holt. "He played with true heart and spirit."

2nd Place I.W.F

Coty Reuben, MVP

3rd Place All Nations

2nd Place Fast Break Warriors

Q & A with Sleeping Chief Tournament Director, Erik Holt

Originally, why did you want to host a basketball tournament?

I wanted to host a tournament after the late Esky McCormack. His Nez Perce Nation Basketball Tournament had been the standard for so many years. During his last couple months, I was talking with him and he told me "Erik, someone has to take it over." I was honored, and after seeing no one picked up the torch so to speak, it gave me a renewed spirit. But first, I needed to reach out to many friends and family across Indian Country to see if there was interest. The feedback was positive and I committed to making it happen. Although preparation has come with growing pains and lessons learned, I truly wanted to continue for the people, the players, the fans and those who went before us.

Why do you think people enjoy traveling to Lapwai to compete?

I believe people travel to Lapwai to compete because of the atmosphere the Pi-Nee-Waus alone gives, along with the deep rooted history of playing in this historic gymnasium. The hospitality of the Nimiipuu also makes players and fans truly enjoy the play of rez ball and coming to Lapwai worthwhile. This North Dakota team said even if they don't win, just to play in the Pi-Nee-Waus and on the same floor that his grandpa and uncles have played on was their highlight. That made me feel good, he came up to me and shook my hand and thanked us for the opportunity.

What is your main goal of holding the Sleeping Chief Shootout annually?

My main goal each year is to create an atmosphere of fun and excitement where players and fans look forward to coming back. It's all about giving back to the circle and the reward is a hand shake or a hug from old friends, family and the many new friends and family that continue to come forward giving me positive feedback, that really feeds my heart and spirit to want to carry on.

What does it take to host an event as large as this one?

It takes so much more than just me to host the Sleeping Chief Tournament. I found out the hard way, trying to do everything, thinking I missed this or that, and in the end it takes a whole committee. I cannot express enough words to give my true appreciation for the help I receive from the staff of family and friends. Lots of organization is required way before the games even start. There is so much planning and it requires sacrifices, but ones that I am willing to do to bring rez ball to the Nez Perce reservation.

Were there any obstacles or problems this year?

This particular year was extremely difficult because of COVID protocols and other youth tournaments going on at the same time. The lack of access to gyms made it challenging up front, we had to use Booth Hall in Lewiston which created some confusion and time delays, but in the end players really enjoyed the spacious court and the floor itself.

What is the History behind the name Sleeping Chief Shootout?

The history behind the name Sleeping Chief Shootout actually started with my first tournament Clash on the Clearwater when little brother Jerry McCormack Jr. had a team called Sleeping Chiefs and as the game carried on I got this vision of sorts and I told him I liked the name big time and said I wanted to use it. He said "go for it bro!" and from that point on the coordination, planning and visions started falling into place.

Where did the Sleeping Chief Shootout logo originate?

Artist John Seven Wilson created the masterpiece that I visualized for the logo. People from all over are just amazed with his artwork. He did my Clash on the Clearwater logo with the legend Ant and Yellow Jacket as the visual. Seven's creation is seen all over Indian country. A woman seen a player wearing one down in Arizona, she was excited and she told that player "that's my nephew Erik's tourney". It makes me proud to display Seven's artwork. I am forever grateful for him and the way people like to wear and represent the tournaments.

What are your future plans for the Sleeping Chief Shootout?

It has grown each year and Creator-willing I plan on doing it every year as long as I can before my time.

Is there anyone you would like to thank?

I would like to say form the bottom of my timine, not enough words can describe how much I truly appreciate the help and staff, cooks, drummers, sponsors, donators and people who just came forward to offer their assistance. I hope I don't miss anyone but here is a list of members I'd like to acknowledge: Ketta Reuben, Mike Taylor, Carey Reuben, Deven Reuben, McCallister Sohappy, Tawiya Williams, Danny "Nooks" Peters, Mickey and Lynette Swift, Vernon "Big Errr" Holt, Scotty Minthorn, Leland and Sonya Mitchell, Tracee Holt, Brandy Hopkins, Virgil Holt Sr., NPTEC members Ferris Paisano and Shannon Wheeler. Drummers Lewis Holt, Gilley Standing Rock, and Lee Mitchell. Cooks Tina Guzman, Lana Rickman, Sandy Holt, Zanette, Teri Calfrobe and Phil Allen. Referees Derek Perdt, Vinny Sohappy, Emery Wilson, Arianne Sheka, Zach Sheka, Ricky Grunlose, Danny Fonseca, and Gabby Fonseca. And last but not least, to all of the travelers from near and far, to the fans and players and to our ancestors, I thank all of you for this opportunity to bring basketball back to our timines.

Final words closing out a weekend of great basketball?

The last thing I want to share is, I don't capture it all and the tournaments do have mini setbacks, yet the games must go on. I know there will be heartache for teams that want to win, yet the love for the game keeps us all grounded with respect for one another. That is what the basketball and court does is bring us all together as family and for when we depart, since there is no word in Nimiipuutimt for goodbye, we say "see ya on the next one", give a hug and some knucks and make our journeys home.

Showcase Basketball Games Feature Area's Top Tribal Players

High School girls

High School boys

Lapwai, ID- The Lapwai Nez Perce Youth Advisory Board (NPYAB) hosted the 3rd annual middle school (MS) and high school (HS) Native American Basketball Showcase games on April 8 and April 12, respectively. The idea for the Native American Showcase originated from a Lewiston NPYAB member in 2018. He wanted to see all the best Native American basketball players compete at one time. The 3rd annual game was originally scheduled for March 2020, but was cancelled due to the pandemic. NPYAB still recognized 10 Native American basketball players from the Class of 2020 with a letter and T-shirt.

Players are identified by their schools as Native American students who completed the basketball season for their school teams. Initially, 24 players are invited for each boys and girls game (MS boys and girls in 7th-8th grades, HS boys and girls in 9th-12th grades). The student athletes are mainly from the schools of Clarkston, Clearwater Valley, Kamiah, Lapwai, Lewiston, and Orofino since these schools have active NPYAB's. Tribal players from other area schools are also identified, such as Moscow. The high school game first targets varsity players, NPYAB members who played on school teams, upperclassmen, and then JV players. The players are also top students excelling in academics, cultural practices, leadership roles, and extracurricular activities.

The Lapwai NPYAB chose the Nez Perce Boys and Girl's Club Teen Center as the beneficiary of the $483.25 raised from the MS game's admission by donation. The proceeds for the high school game totaled $673. This money came from admission by donation, 50/50, and T-shirt sales. The HS game proceeds will be split between the NPYAB's at the schools mentioned earlier to support their activities.

The coaches for the Showcase games were Nez Perce tribal members who graduated from college. Abe Broncheau, Students for Success Director, coached MS teams. Four coaches also played college basketball, including Sierra Higheagle (HS coach), Erin Ramsey (MS, HS coach), Natahnee Spencer (HS coach), and Payton Sobotta (MS, HS coach). They served as role models for the young people who have goals of going to college and getting an athletic scholarship.

For the 3rd year, P1FCU and Royal Embroidery of Lewiston were sponsors of the T-shirts given to players and volunteers. The Pi-nee-waus Community Center was a major supporter as the host site for the games. This event also serves as a good volunteer opportunity for the NPYAB students who took major roles in coordination. They have a goal of giving back to their communities since many adults support them generously throughout the year. For more information about the NPYAB, please contact Joyce McFarland, Education Manager, at 208-621-4610 or joycem@nezperce.org NPYAB is looking into options to engage tribal youth who don't live on or near the reservation.

Middle School girls

Middle School boys

Circle of Elders Announce Three New Members

The Circle of Elders (Circle) had a full agenda on Friday, April 16, 2021. The morning began with a blessing and recognition of the recent passing of one of their beloved members, Loretta 'Chet' Halfmoon. Reverend Mary Jane Miles, provided a prayer and words from the heart. Following the prayer, members shared their sentiments as well.

"We always had fun coming up with different things the Tribe should be doing and laughing about it. There are so many memories." -- Bernice Moffett.

"I still miss her, she always called me or I called her. She was very active on the committee." -- Vera Sonneck.

"She was a warrior and I really respected that." -- LeRoy Seth.

"Chet was a person of action." -- Rosa Yearout

"HerandIsharedgrandchildren and that was very special." -- Liz Arthur-Attao

Following the blessing, the Circle announced its three new members Allen Pinkham, Marjory Hyde, and Silas Whitman. Each new member bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience.

The Circle was also provided with a large gift; that of a 5'x7' painting. The painting was given to them by Jerry Elvin from the Nezperce School following their recent name change. Elvin noted that he long thought the name needed to change, "I appreciate that the Tribe never made it a big issue and let us change when we were ready." The painting was created by a student several years ago and it hung in the gymnasium for years. Elvin was excited to present it to the Circle.

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NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health is proud to announce Deanna Davis as a Medical Records Technician I. She started March 22nd, 2021.

Deanna has years of experience in several areas, having worked for both the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises (NPTE) and on the tribal Government (NPT) side as well.

She was an Emergency Support Officer/Dispatcher for Fire Management in 2000 where she was in charge of all office duties.

She then worked for NPTE as a Lead Cashier at the It'se Ye-Ye Casino in Kamiah, where she handled supply orders, inventory, and showcased her excellent customer service.

From 2013 to 2015 Deanna served in the capacity of a head cook for the Senior Program. As the Head Cook, she planned monthly menus, shopped for and delivered food, cleaned the facility, and transported elders as needed.

In 2017, Deanna served as a Care Assistant/Case Manager for the TANF Program, where her duties included creating forms for applications, scheduling/conducting interviews, and data entry. We are very happy to have Deanna on board.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact her using the information listed.

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NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health welcomes Mr. Richard Arthur as our new Transportation Aide as a part of the Pandemic Response Team. He will be assisting with transports at our Kamiah Facility.

Richard has extensive experience in transporting procedures. He worked as a transit driver/dispatch for the Nez Perce Tribe (NPT) Appaloosa Express, where his duties included driving clients to appointments in the Spokane and Coeur d'Alene area. While working with the Appaloosa Express, he completed First Aid Training and Skid Pad Training to assist with driving on various road conditions.

Prior to working for the Appaloosa Express, Richard was a driver for the NPT Senior Program in Kamiah, delivering meals to elders and transporting to appointments as needed.

Richard attended Lewis-Clark State College as a Business Management major. He has been involved in the tribal community serving as the NPTHA-BOC Chairman, NPTE Board Chairman, and a NPT Youth Advisor Co-Chair. Welcome aboard Mr. Richard Arthur.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact him using the information listed.

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LOSE 5 POUNDS WIN $100

Here's How to Win Cash

Purchase your raffle ticket for $1.00 from Wendy. Buy as many as you want for more chances to win. Once you buy into the raffle you will get your ticket number(s) emailed to you, which is also your receipt. DO NOT LOSE YOUR NUMBER(S)!

You'll get a link to access the GymGO fitness portal which will have specific instructions available *only after all the tickets have been sold* for the 2-week challenge. You will be required to take 3 separate videos, (a pre-, mid- and post-weigh in vid), using code words, phrases, etc. specific to the current weigh-in for authenticity. You keep and save your videos. They will not be uploaded unless ...

... your raffle number is drawn.
Then you will contact Wendy and upload all 3 of your videos privately so they can be checked for 5-pound weight loss and authenticity. If everything checks out, Wendy will post your videos to the GymGO portal and you will get your cash prize!

The challenge will not begin until 100 raffle tickets are sold so buy multiple tickets for more chances to get drawn and tell all your friends to buy tickets!
After 100 tickets have been sold, the challenge will officially start, you will login to the GymGO portal and get all the details there, including code words, phrases, etc. and who won the cash!

Who can't lose 5-pounds in 2-weeks? Especially for $$$!

Email Wendy Strack, NMPH Fitness Coordinator at wendys@nimiipuu.org for tickets today!

HURRY! Don't wait-

Let's get this challenge started!!!!!

NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Please welcome Ms. Britnee Lussoro to Nimiipuu Health's team as our newly hired Pharmacy Runner.

Britnee has extensive knowledge of customer service and experience working with the public.

Britnee is a Wildcat, and she graduated from Lapwai High School in 2017.

Britnee assisted with selling products and handling money for both Hot Diggity Dogs and the high school consession stand in Lapwai.

From July 2018 to July 2019, Britnee worked at the Nez Perce Tribe Children's Home as a Resident Mentor. There, she cared for children from infant age up to 17 years old. Her duties while working in this capacity included cooking, cleaning, transporting, and planning activities for the children.

We are very excited to have Britnee on board with us.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact her using the information listed.

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Shatawi Meninick, 4, Yakima, WA

Shatawi Annette Meninick, X'Wunasa, at four years old, was called home by our Creator, together with her mother Natasha Adams, on March 24, 2021. Shatawi was born on December 19, 2016 in Yakima, Washington to Johnson James Meninick Sr. of Lenore, Idaho and Natasha Lynn Adams of Harrah, Washington.

Shatawi was a member of the Yakama Nation, she also comes from Nez Perce, Cree, Skokomish and Navajo bloodlines. She was lovingly called "Pachi," and was a great big sister to her little brother J3, and little sister to Temi and Nani. She wubb wubb (love in her language) her parents and her family. She is forever loved from Yakama to Nez Perce down south, over to Montana and up to Canada.

She learned and enjoyed at her young age, traditional skills such as gathering and preserving our sacred foods, berries and roots. She enjoyed cooking and cleaning, playing with legos and watching cartoons, her favorite was Mickey and Minnie Mouse. She liked war dancing at home with her Dad and going to powwows with her family.

Shatawi attended Yakama Nation Head Start. She always had a grin and personality that won the hearts of everyone.

Shatawi was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Margaret Adams and Byron Begaye, maternal great grandmother, Diana (Begaye) Mendoza, paternal great grandmother, Shirley Mosqueda Pinkham, paternal great grandparents, Johnson J. and Alvina (George) Meninick, paternal aunt Temi Meninick and paternal uncle DJ Meninick.

She is survived by her father Johnson James Meninick Sr. and brother Johnson James Meninick Jr. of Lenore, Idaho, sisters, Temi & Nani Meninick; her maternal great-grandparents John and Veda (Smartlowit) Adams, maternal great grandfather Joe Mendoza of the Yakama Valley, paternal great grandfather, Allen V. Pinkham Sr. of Lenore, Idaho, paternal great grandmother, Elsie George of Toppenish, and paternal grandparents Lynnette (Pinkham) & John F. Meninick of Lenore, Idaho and a very large family from all sides, of grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Maternal grandfather, Ray Smartlowit conducted Shaker service and paternal grandfather, George Meninick Sr. conducted Washat Service for our loved ones. Services were held together, for Mother and daughter at the White Swan Independent Shaker Church on Signal Peak Road in White Swan, on March 26, 2021. Graveside service and burial took place the following morning at Toppenish Creek Cemetery in White Swan, Wa.

Colonial Heggies Funeral Home of Toppenish, Washington was entrusted to care for the family.

A Go Fund Me account has been established to assist with travel, medical expenses and recovery for J3 as he continues to heal from this tragic event. The family is very thankful and wishes to express their love and gratitude to those who have donated and held them in prayer. https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-jayj-meninick-and-son-while-at-harborview

RENEGADES SPRING FLING

CELEBRATION & POW-WOW

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Virtual Bingo

Virtual Bingo Family Fun Night
April 22, 2021
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Hosted by the Lapwai Elementary School
Family Engagement Team.
Pick up Bingo cards at the Lapwai Elementary front desk.
Contact Tess for more information at
208-621-4704 or julyg@nezperce.org.
Link to join: https://nezperce.webex.com/nezperce/j.php?MTID=m4ad492d5c9857aa26d2bb9296461c79a

Congratulations

Congratulations **Jasmine Higheagle**
Northwest Indian College - Nez Perce Site
Student of the Year!

NPTVRS Update

Good news! The Nez Perce Tribe is returning back to Stage 4 of Idaho Rebounds. With that being said, our Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Services (NPTVRS), is offering you the current update.
NPTVRS current reminders:
• NPTVRS will continue to provide services by scheduling an appointment via phone calls
• We also accept walk-ins.
• We are still providing gloves and masks for you and ask that you bring no one else with you for your appointment.
• We also offer an orientation of our NPTVRS program for anyone who thinks they are interested and qualifies for our program.
NPTVRS news stories:
• During the month of February and March, we had two completed open house events. The first one was held in Kamiah, ID on Friday, February 26th, 2021. The second one was held in Orofino, ID on Friday, March 12th, 2021. Both open house events offered a complete overview of our program, and a sign-up process for those who met the qualifications.
• Our NPTVRS program has a participant who is a veteran that is a full-time student attending Lewis-Clark State College and is doing excellent.
• Our NPTVRS program also has a participant who is doing excellent that is completing their 16-week apprenticeship carpentry training at the TERO Vocational Training Center that's located in Tulalip, WA. If anyone who meets our NPTVRS qualifications and is interested in the 16-week apprenticeship, please feel free to contact us.
• Our NPTVRS program is still offering efficient assistance in those who qualify for our program and want to sign up for labor work such as flagging, welding, truck driving, solar panels and much more within construction work.
NPTVRS contact info:
• Our new office location is at 271 B, St Lapwai, ID in the Nez Perce Tribe Education building next to the softball field and please use the Voc. Rehab main entrance.
• Our direct contact line is 208-843-9395 for any further assistance.
• You may also contact us via our NPTVRS Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Nez-Perce-Tribe-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Services-112076830710100. We constantly update our page with important and helpful information for the community, therefore swing on by and give our page a follow, we greatly appreciate the continued support.
• Our NPTVRS program also has our brand-new online Survey Monkey available for the community as well. Please follow the link at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3X6XVTX. We would really appreciate your feedback.
• Our NPTVRS office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and our staff will be present to assist you.

Non-Partisan Primary Election Results

Six candidates advanced during a non-partisan primary election for three positions on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. In-person voting was done in Kamiah, Orofino and Lapwai.

Seat 1
Mary Jane Miles and Ryan Oatman
Seat 2
Samuel Penny (139 votes)
Ferris Paisano (126)
Seat 3
Shirley Allman (461)
James Spencer (63)
The final election for the three seats will be held May 8

Notice

From the Methodist Church, Dr. Allen Buck will be presenting the Nez Perce Tribe with the deed to property in Wallowa, Oregon. You are invited to join the "Returning the land, back to the Nez Perce Tribe" event.
April 29, 2021
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Methodist Church
102 w. 1st St. Wallowa, OR
If you plan to attend please contact Marie Baheza, Executive Assistance to the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee
(208)843-2253
Since this event will be broadcast via the Nez Perce Tribe's Face Book Live, Administrative Leave and Travel Assistance are not being provided.

General Council Notice

Spring General Council Meeting
May 6,7, & 8 2021
Wa-A'Yas Community Center
General Elections
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021
Pi-Nee-Waus Community Building in Lapwai, ID
Wa-A'Yas Community Building in Kamiah, ID
Teweepuu Community Building in Orofino, ID
Please note: this is subject to change due to impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

NMPH Fitness Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the following winners from the Shape Shift into Fitness Challenge:
1. John Wheaton
2. Chantal Ellenwood
3. Stella Sammaripa
4. Saker Medavaparu

A total of 40 participants were challenged in a 10 week time span to improve their body shape by losing fat and/or increasing muscle to reduce chances for diabetes, manage diabetes in better health, look great, feel fantastic, win incentives, cash and other prizes.

Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune Announcement

To: Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune hard copy subscribers:We are truly sorry for the delay in mailed newspapers. The Lewiston Post Office has been understaffed and has worked diligently to get recipients their paper. We appriciate your understanding with this inconvenience

Tamkaliks Celebration Postponed

On Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 the Tamkaliks Committee convened in Pendleton to deliberate hosting a Tamkaliks Celebration this coming July. It is with sadness that we announce that the Celebration will once again be postponed. This was not an easy decision, but Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland and the Tamkaliks Committee agree that this is the best decision for the safety of our elders and our communities. Just as in 2020, we will still award two students with the Taz Conner and Terry Crenshaw Memorial Scholarships of $500 each (Due May 3rd for Wallowa County students and June 28th for Native students). Please see www.wallowanezperce.org/resources for application details or to donate to the scholarship fund. Though there will be no Tamkaliks this summer, we do hope that you will come see us here in Wallowa. The Visitor Center will be open all summer and the powwow grounds are open for dispersed camping with all of our facilities up and running. Come and camp, bring your family, your horses, your drums. Explore the Wallowa valley, the canyon country and the mountain trails. It is always our wish that song, dance, and prayer resonate from this special place, Tamkaliks or no. We greatly appreciate your understanding and hope you are able to fill your season with safe and rewarding activities. We look forward to hosting you for the Tamkaliks Celebration again, once it is safe to do so.

- The Staff and Board of Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland and the Tamkaliks Committee

Announcement

KAMIAH, Idaho (April 6, 2021) – Timber officials on the Nez-Perce-Clearwater National Forests advise the public to be aware of helicopter logging operations in the Blacktail area near Lightning Creek beginning within the next two weeks.

The public is encouraged to use caution when travelling Forest Service Road (FSR) 415 along with FSR 244 down Lightning Creek to Highway 13. Logging crews will be working in the area and will use the Citizens Band (CB) channel 4 for communications. Felling operations will commence for about a week prior to the helicopter arriving to begin moving logs to the landing, where they will be loaded on to trucks for transport.

The Denny Stewardship timber sale is part of the Blacktail Fuels Reduction Project, which encompasses 16,561 acres and will use timber harvest, pre-commercial thinning, understory slashing, and prescribed burning to reduce the threat of wildland fire and initiate restoration of fire-adapted ecosystems in the wildland urban interface.

Upcoming Local Basketball Tournaments

5th Annual Sleeping Chief Shootout
April 23-25, 2021
Nez Perce Rez Lapwai, Idaho
* Men's 40 & Over Division (All Indian)
* Men's 50 & Over Division (All Indian)
* Women's 35 & Over Division (All Indian +2)

Play in Your Mocs
Lewiston & Lapwai, Idaho
April 23-25, 2021 High School Divisions:
* 9/10th Grade Girls & Boys
* 11/12th Grade Girls & Boys

Play in Your Mocs
Lewiston & Lapwai, Idaho
May 14-16 Younger Divisions:
* 7 & Under Coed
* 3/4th Grade Girls & Boys
* 5/6th Grade Girls & Boys
* 7/8th Grade Girls & Boys

AJ's Memorial Basketball Tournament
Lapwai, Idaho
August 6th-8th, 2021
Open Tournament
Men's 18 & Over +2 Women 15 yrs & Over

Congratulations

Lewis-Clark State College President's Award for Excellence in Diversity and Cross-Cultural Understanding was awarded to **Joyce McFarland**, Nez Perce Tribe Education Manager, during Faculty & Staff Recognition event.

NMPH Patient Notice

Nimiipuu Health Monitoring and Tracking of Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on Reservation.
Updated 4/20/2021. Numbers are subject to change on review.

Vaccine Information:
3,500 Doses Received
1,800 Primary Doses
and 1,500 Booster Doses.

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