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## Sally Springs Returns to her Homelands and Finds Long Lost Sister Evelyn Higheagle



Sally Springs (right) stands with sister Evelyn Higheagle after a DNA test result confirmed they are full blooded sisters. (Photo courtesy of Sally Springs).

Sally Springs was adopted from Pierce County Hospital in Tacoma, Washington by Richard and Clara-belle Titus. She was raised in Castle Rock, Washington, a small town south of Seattle. She grew up the youngest of two brothers and one sister. "I've had a wonderful life and I have always felt special and loved," said Springs.

Spring's father worked for the Cowlitz County Road Department in Castle Rock while her mother was a beautician and had her own beauty shop next door to their home. Her parents retired and lived in Apache Junction, Arizona as "snow-birds," until they passed away.

Springs was aware she was adopted from a very young age. "Before I went into grade school I was told 'the special day I was chosen and brought home,'" she said. "That story always brought me comfort growing up, I still remember crawling up on my mother's lap asking her to tell me 'the story,' and she would say, 'it was haying season when we went to pick you up and we stopped on the way home and had a picnic to celebrate and then we stopped at the haying field to show you off to your grandpa

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## Clearwater River Casino Cancels Upcoming Events

The Clearwater River Casino & Lodge made the difficult decision to cancel the upcoming Tyga concert scheduled for October 2nd, 2021, as well as the Casino Pow-Wow planned for October 15th, 16th & 17th, 2021.

The Clearwater River Casino Box Office has begun issuing cash refunds for concert tickets purchased at the Casino. Concert goers will need to bring in their purchased tickets for a full ticket refund. For those tickets purchased online at TicketsWest.com, a refund will be issued to their credit or debit card directly by TicketsWest.

Both casinos have returned to a mask mandate inside the facilities and on the gaming floor as of September 11th for the safety of employees and customers. Masks are available at the entrances for all customers free of charge. It is our sincere hope that these precautions will help reduce infections in our area.

The Clearwater River Casino & Lodge would like to encourage everyone to get the Covid-19 vaccine and to stay vigilant with safety protocols. We thank the public for their cooperation while onsite at our facilities.



Publisher's Post

As humans, we share our environment with a host of parasitic bacteria and various viruses, microorganisms that are foreign to us. The body does its best to handle these invaders with a complex process that relies on a number of factors. How we can help is by supporting our immune systems.

As cold and flu season approaches, and COVID-19 remains a threat, you should be thinking about how to boost and maintain a healthy immune system for yourself and for your family. In addition to known immunity regulators, such as getting enough physical activity and eating a healthy diet, these are the few foods and supplements out there that can help support the immune system.

Taking vitamins and other nutraceuticals, a food containing health-giving additives and having medicinal benefit, for age-old conditions and illnesses, are extremely effective in boosting the immune system.

Zinc, Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Probiotics, Elderberry,

Food Grade Hydrogen Peroxide, Colloidal Silver and other supplements have been commonly prescribed by homeopathic doctors from the earliest days of the pandemic.

While science can show whether a drug is efficacious or not, the general public may not always fully understand how. When antibiotics were first discovered in the 1920s, there was limited understanding of the biology involved, but lacking an explanation for their benefit did not discourage doctors from recommending these highly effective treatments. Now antibiotic resistant bacteria are thriving and learning how to beat these same antibiotics, so science must change and adapt when new research becomes available.

So, what suggests that Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Zinc, and nebulized Hydrogen Peroxide provide a therapeutic effect to any virus?

Vitamin C is an essential antioxidant that has a long history of benefitting immune health and countless studies

proving its effectiveness. Vitamin D might be the single greatest vitamin you can take for immune health. Research shows Vitamin D deficiency is prevalent in patients with COVID-19 as well as other viral and bacterial infections. Zinc has antiviral activity, whether by improving immune cell function that counters viral infections or by reducing the ability of viruses to multiply. Some evidence suggests that combining Vitamin C and Zinc may limit the duration and severity of cold or flu like symptoms. There is also evidence that using Food Grade Hydrogen Peroxide in a nebulizer, provides an almost immediate effect of reducing symptoms from viral respiratory infections. Many COVID-19 patients report their lungs became more open providing instant relief, while their cardiorespiratory system vastly improved.

COVID-19 is definitely frightening due to the limited amount of information on the virus and due to the impacts it has on individuals, especially

those with underlying health conditions. The demand for a safe and effective treatment is undeniable. I personally prefer the homeopathy and supplementation to help boost my immune system, reduce symptoms of illnesses and possibly prevent COVID-19 from ever reaching my household.

I am not a medical expert. The Publisher's Posts are created for informational purposes only and is not intended to be perceived as professional advice. These are my opinions and methods I have used to encourage my own health and wellness over the years. A few sources are listed below for your convenience.

**Vitamin C source:**  
<http://orthomolecular.org/resources/omns/v16n04.shtml>

**Vitamin D source:**  
<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/covid-19-and-vitamin-d-could-we-be-missing-something-simple/>


**Peroxide source:**  
<http://orthomolecular.org/resources/omns/v16n43.shtml>

## NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE

The Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune is published twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday. Our mission is to publish a timely and credible resource for our loyal readers and provide local information relevant to the Nimiipuu people and surrounding communities. Our vision is to disseminate content of interest to readers and to ensure this news publication is accessible by all.

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NIMIIPUUTÍMTKI  
(NEE-MEE-POO-TIMT-KEY)  
THE PEOPLE'S LANGUAGE

September  
Pik'unma'ayq'áal  
(Pick-coon-my-call)

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| 5. Post Office.....      | 5. Tíim'esnim 'iníit             |
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| 5. tee-miss-nim in-eat              |
| 6. in-poe-watt-nim in-eat           |
| 7. hit-tam-in-wass                  |
| 8. pi-hiss-nin in-eat               |
| 9. is-stoop-toop-in-wass            |



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Don and then stopped at the grocery store to show your Aunt Baba and she bawled her eyes out and stroked your hair, that stuck out all over.”

However, the only thing Springs learned about the Nez Perce tribe was from her school days. She still remembers learning about Chief Joseph and proudly thinking that’s where she came from, and someday she was going to go back, to see where it was that she came from; someday.

First, Springs made a phone call to a private detective to open her birth records because they were closed. The detective told her not to get her hopes up. She said with Native American reservations it’s difficult to obtain all the paperwork and she could still be denied. Spring’s thoughts were, Well they are known to be the friendliest tribe, and I’ve prayed about it and the Lord can do miracles.

Within minutes Springs had a copy of her original birth certificate, with her mother’s name, and another piece of paper with her parent’s name with what appeared to be census numbers. The private detective was amazed and blessed Springs with no fees and wished her all the best. Following, Springs did a little research and applied for an enrollment card with Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee on August 26, 2017 and became an enrolled Nez Perce Tribal member on September 13, 2018 at the age of 60.

Within the time of applying for her enrollment and being accepted, she received a phone call from the Nez Perce Tribal Enrollment Office. They told Springs that she had to get a DNA test done. Springs asked why and they said, “because you may have a sister, we need a DNA test to confirm, once we get your DNA, we can go from there.”

Springs ordered two DNA tests, one for herself and one to send to the Nimiipuu Health clinic, just hop-

ing her sister would take it. Springs did her DNA swab and waited patiently, thinking, wow, I may have a sister?

Springs received the DNA test on June 13, 2018 it showed 99.9% match on both her and her sister’s DNA test. Within days the Nez Perce Tribal Enrollment Office called Springs and gave her Evie Higheagle’s phone number and said, “she is wanting you to call her whenever you are ready.”

Springs called her and they talked once a month for a year. Then Springs began to pray. She wanted to visit her sister, but then again she wanted to move there and see where she came from and to truly meet her sister, in person. She said, “Lord the only way I’ll move up there is if I get a job in my field, a massage therapist,” and it happened exactly that way. Springs received a job offer and she took it. She packed her van and drove 1,154 miles and with much excitement, and slight nervousness, knocked on on her sisters door on December 21, 2019.

She was greeted by Higheagle’s granddaughter, Micaiah Hayes, then a big hug from her sister. “A nice tight hug, I’ll never forget. I moved in with my sister for 6 months, before moving into town into my own place. I love my sister and am so blessed to have her in my life. I’ve been here for a year and a half now as a massage therapist at the Nimiipuu Health Clinic,” said Springs.

“Where do I begin? Meeting my Grandma Evie’s long lost sister was an amazing, unique, and unforgettable experience. I remember the phone call from my Grandma Evie telling me that she was going to get a DNA test because someone had submitted an enrollment application and that she was her full-blooded sister. We were all flustered but of course, optimistic that our Grandma would get to meet her family and have additional support throughout her retirement journey. Once it was confirmed that my grandma did have a younger full-blooded

sister from Arizona, we were ecstatic. Regardless of the 30+ years where neither of them met or knew of each other, we grew up in a culture of love and hospitality and I knew my grandma would not hesitate to extend that to her younger sister. I had no idea that would mean her younger sister would be so brave enough to pack up her life, move to Lapwai, Idaho and fully thrust herself into our family dynamic. I admire my Grandma Sally’s courage and spontaneity. She has fit right into our family and she has healed pieces of my Grandma’s heart that words cannot explain. My grandma’s companion passed away in 2013 and she has been alone since. Grandma Sally moved right in with my Granma and their sisterly love radiates as if they never skipped a beat. Indigenous peoples have lived through many decades of forced adoptions, abuse, trauma and displacement of their children. It’s a heart breaking history but moments like the reunion between my grandma and her sister leave us all with hope for the change to come,” shared Winter Hayes, Higheagle’s granddaughter.

Springs continued to

have the support of all her family along the way. “I’ve always felt blessed to have you as a sister. I am happy you’ve had this chance to connect with your biological family and meet your sister,” her brother Don told her.

“I have known you since you were 6 years old, we’ve been through a lot together. I always wanted you to have the chance to find your biological family but was nervous because I didn’t know how you would be received. Now I am very happy for you and so amazed to know you have a sister! You are a kind, loving person and someone I am proud to call my sister-in-law,” added her sister-in-law.

“I give all the glory to God, He opened all the doors and it truly is a miracle. I would like to thank my family and friends and my home church, Desert Cove Assembly, for the encouragement, prayers and support,” said Springs. “I would also like to thank my new family here and the Nez Perce Tribal members, as I share my story with them whenever I can, for their first response is always the same, ‘welcome home.’ I have found the missing piece in my life.”





## LC State to Celebrate Multicultural Awareness Month in September

Previously just a week-long celebration, Lewis-Clark State College will now hold a Multicultural Awareness Month with 14 events planned throughout September.

The variety of events, which will take place both in person and on Zoom, feature presentations, food, trivia, a panel discussion and an exhibit to celebrate the different cultures throughout the world. A talk about the media by Sueann Ramella, "Morning Edition" host, producer and interim program director at Northwest Public Broadcasting, is one of the highlights of Multicultural Awareness Month.

All events are free and open to the public, and the college's COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Face coverings are required indoors. This and other protocols may be found on the college's Coronavirus Resource web page.

All online events, except for the Thursday night trivia, will use the Zoom link <https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/84852964983>. Thursday night trivia will use the Zoom link: <https://lcsc.zoom.us/j/96344830984> and the password is trivia.

Ramella is the keynote speaker for the month and will discuss "Your Attention and Representation: Examining Your Relationship with the Media" on Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Williams Conference Center and on Zoom. Ramella will discuss how to evaluate images and information that are expressed on social media and through traditional media.

Ramella began working at Northwest Public Radio in 1997. In 2000, she became the host of "All Things Considered" and then switched to hosting the "Morning Edition" in 2008.

Ramella's talk is one of two on Sept. 7, which kicks off the events. At noon, LC State political science professor Leif Hoffmann will talk about "Cross-Cultural Communication." His talk will be in Room 143 of the Student Union Building/Center for Student Leadership



and accessible through Zoom.

On Sept. 8, the LC State Native American Friendship Lunch will be held at the Pi'amkinwaas, located at 1112 7th St. in Lewiston. The lunch runs 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

On consecutive Thursday nights during the month, starting on Sept. 9, there will be a Kahoot Around the World trivia contest at the SUB/CSL and on Zoom, starting at 6 p.m. Prizes will be available.

The second week of events kicks off on Sept. 13 with Jace Saplan discussing "Queen Lil'uokalani: Reclaiming the Sonic Hawai'i" at 7 p.m. at the WCC and on Zoom. Saplan is president of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association and an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Queen Liliuokalani was the last monarch in Hawaii but was disposed by a United States military-backed coup in 1893, just two years after she took over the throne.

On Sept. 15, a showing of the 2015 documentary/drama "Landfill Harmonic" will be shown at 7 p.m. at the WCC. LC State's Edgar Galeano, who was nominated for a Latin Grammy last year, will lead a discussion following the showing. "Landfill Harmonic" follows the Recycle Orchestra of Cateura, a Paraguayan musical group that plays instruments

made entirely out of garbage pieces found in the landfill of their community. When their story goes viral, the group ends up navigating in a strange new world of sold-out arenas and concerts. The group then has to find a balance when a natural disaster hits their community.

In the third week, there will be a panel discussion on identity titled "Click All That Applies." It will be held at noon on Sept. 21 on Zoom. On the following day also at noon, Warrior Wednesday will feature an "Identity Art Project" near the main entrance to the SUB/CSL.

As part of the LC State Leadership Series, LC State associate professor of anthropology Kerensa Allison will examine "Ecuador Field School" at noon-1 p.m. on Sept. 23 in Room 143 of the SUB/CSL and on Zoom. Allison leads the college's Ecuador Program where students are selected to complete a 15-week course on Ecuadorian culture and research methodology before visiting Ecuador for three weeks where students visit three geographic regions to experience biological and cultural diversity by working with Ecuadorian people on service-learning projects.

On Sept. 24, the art exhibit "Introducing Persian Culture to the West: The Land of Persepolis" will open at the LC State Center for Arts & History, located at 415 Main

St. in Lewiston. The exhibit will run through December.

Multicultural Awareness Month concludes on Sept. 30 with a variety of cultural tables and presentations by LC State international students and others. This will run at noon-2 p.m. in Room 143 of the SUB/CSL.

Also during the month, the LC radio station, KLCZ, will play music from around the world. The LC Garden, located at 816 7th St. in Lewiston, will feature "Culture in the Garden." The garden will host a display related to nature, place and food from around the world.

The annual event is sponsored by the college's Multicultural Awareness Month Committee with support from the Office of the President; LC State Anthropology Club; Center for Teaching and Learning; Humanities Division; International Programs; Native American, Minority & Veterans' Services; Native American Club; Social Sciences Division; Multicultural Student Organization; and the Spanish Club.

Members of the Multicultural Awareness Month committee are Allison, Galeano, Holly Daugherty, Rebecca Snodgrass, Manee Moua, Bob Sobotta, Ian Tippetts and Sam White Temple.

For more information on the week, contact Allison at [klallison@lcsc.edu](mailto:klallison@lcsc.edu) or 208-792-2348.



## Spokane City Council Votes to Rename Ft. George Wright Drive

Kaitlin Riordan,  
KREM.com

SPOKANE, Wash. — The Spokane City Council approved a name change for Ft. George Wright Drive at their last meeting for 2020 on Monday.

The street will now be named Whistalks Way after a woman warrior of the Spokane Tribe who fought against Col. Wright.

A street and an Army post in Spokane are named after Colonel George Wright, who led a campaign of genocide against the Native peoples of Spokane.

According to the Spokane Historical Society, Wright was sent on “merciless punitive expedition” throughout Eastern Washington and into North Idaho in 1858. He fought native forces at the Battle of Four Lakes near present-day Medical Lake and killed over 600 captured horses near the Idaho border. This led to the destruction of the tribe’s economy, causing food shortages and starvation, the historical society says.

Wright burned native crops and food stores. He also



Spokane Tribal Council Chairwoman Carol Evans, far right, and Margo Hill and Jeff Ferguson, Spokane Tribal citizens in October 2020. The time has come at last for a name change on Fort George Wright Drive. (Spokesman Review Photo.)

hanged any Native American he suspected of having fought against him following a mock “trial.” Wright had no authority to conduct a trial under military law, according to the historical society.

Some of Wright’s enemies were invited to a camp on Latah Creek to make

peace. Instead, Wright arrested and executed at least 16 natives, according to the historical society. This area is known as Hangman’s Creek.

In August, several groups rallied in another attempt to get the name of West Fort George Wright Drive changed. According to the his-

torical society, there was an unsuccessful effort to re-name the street to a more culturally sensitive Native American name.

This trending topic went across the United States as many southern states have begun to remove monuments honoring Confederate Civil War leaders and Christopher Columbus.



# Northwest Indian College

## Nez Perce Site



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## Fall 2021 Quarter—NASD 101

## Nimiipuutimt 101—Nez Perce Language I

To Apply for Class as a Credit Student, please visit: [www.nwic.edu](http://www.nwic.edu) and follow the Online Instructions. To Apply for Class as a Tribal/Community Member taking Continuing Education Credits (CEU Student), please contact the Instructor Harry Slickpoo Jr by email at [hslickpoo@nwic.edu](mailto:hslickpoo@nwic.edu) or with the Nez Perce Site Manager Angela Picard by email at [angelap@nezperce.org](mailto:angelap@nezperce.org) For further Information you may contact the Office phone at 208-621-4605.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Class: September 21, 2021



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THANK YOU TO OUR HORSE RIDERS, WRANGLERS,  
PARENTS AND SPONSORS AT THE WETXU UWÍITIN' EVENT



Nez Perce Appaloosa Horse Club:

Jack Yearout  
Kellen Lewis  
Sandi McFarland  
Jalessa Oyenque  
Chanelle Five Thunders  
Abby Whitman  
DaviJo Whitman  
Taya Yearout



Nez Perce Horse Registry (NPT):

Jake Whiteplume  
A.J. Whiteplume  
J.J. Meninick  
Temi Meninick  
Nani Meninick  
Candice Whiteplume  
Tyra Greene  
Lynn Pinkham

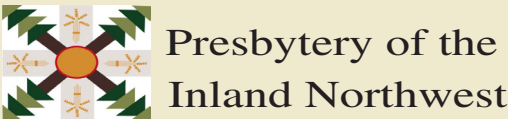


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Queen Mya Dammon Marsh  
Princess Benae Wright  
Princess Alicia Reuben

Other Riders:

Nakia Williamson-Cloud  
Nakia Cloud



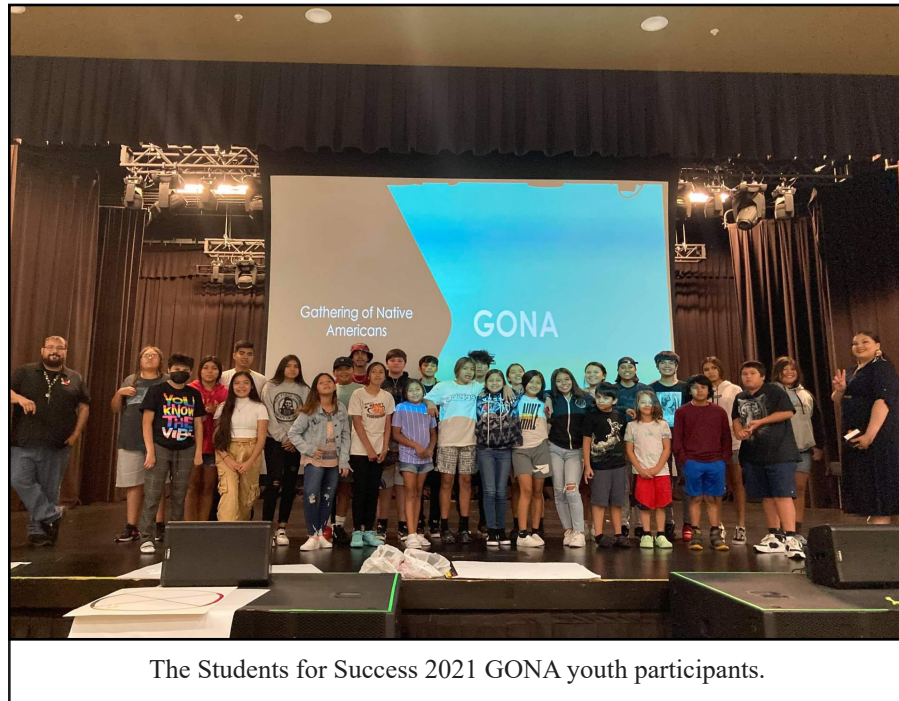


## Nez Perce Students for Success Holds Gathering of Native American Youth

On August 3rd and 4th the Students for Success Program (SFS) held an event at the Clearwater River Casino called Gathering of Native Americans (GONA), a cultural-based planning process where community members gather to address community-identified issues. This was the first GONA ever held on the Nez Perce Indian reservation.

The SFS' GONA was for youth ages 12 to young adults, however all community members were welcome to attend. GONA used an interactive approach that empowered and supported American Indian/Alaskan Native tribes. The GONA approach reflected American Indian /Alaskan Native cultural values, traditions, and spiritual practices. It typically focuses on the following four themes: "belonging"—GONA ensures that everyone feels welcomed in an inclusive, open, safe, and trusting environment; "mastery"—GONA allows participants to take stock of how historical trauma impacts their communities and what fosters their resilience and holds them together; "interdependence"—GONA initiates the planning process to evaluate resources and relationships, and to experience and strengthen interconnectedness; and "generosity"—GONA's exercise of creating gifts to share with other participants symbolizes each participant's larger gift to their families and communities in helping to address and prevent mental and substance use disorders, prevent suicide, and promote mental health.

Students participated in an event called the Medicine Wheel Activity and were provided an overview on the four main dimensions of the medicine wheel. This included the reasons for why it is important for each student to take care of themselves, as the four dimensions describe. Students were then asked to break into groups and conduct an inventory, or identify, on what they do that contributes to their wellness within each of the four dimen-



The Students for Success 2021 GONA youth participants.

sions of the medicine wheel; including what they currently do that improves their physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellness. After they were finished, each group reported and were validated by their peers.

Another activity was the Trauma Tree exercise. The youth answered questions that pertained to the growth of a tree. Starting with the roots and what has happened historically that still affects them as a community to this day. Then they went to the trunk of the tree and discussed what they have lost or what was stolen or taken away from them after these events occurred. They ended with the branches of the tree and discussed what they see today in the community because of the events that had occurred in the past.

The Healing Tree activity was a part of the interdependence section of GONA. The youth were asked to answer questions and report their answers to their peers. Again, starting with the roots of a tree, and what their strong values are in their community; culture, spiritual, family, or individual values that they live by such as honor, love, ceremonies, education, respect, etc. They then moved onto the trunk of the tree, and what their values provide for them. Then they discussed the tree's branches and what they hope to see true in their community, based on their positive values and what

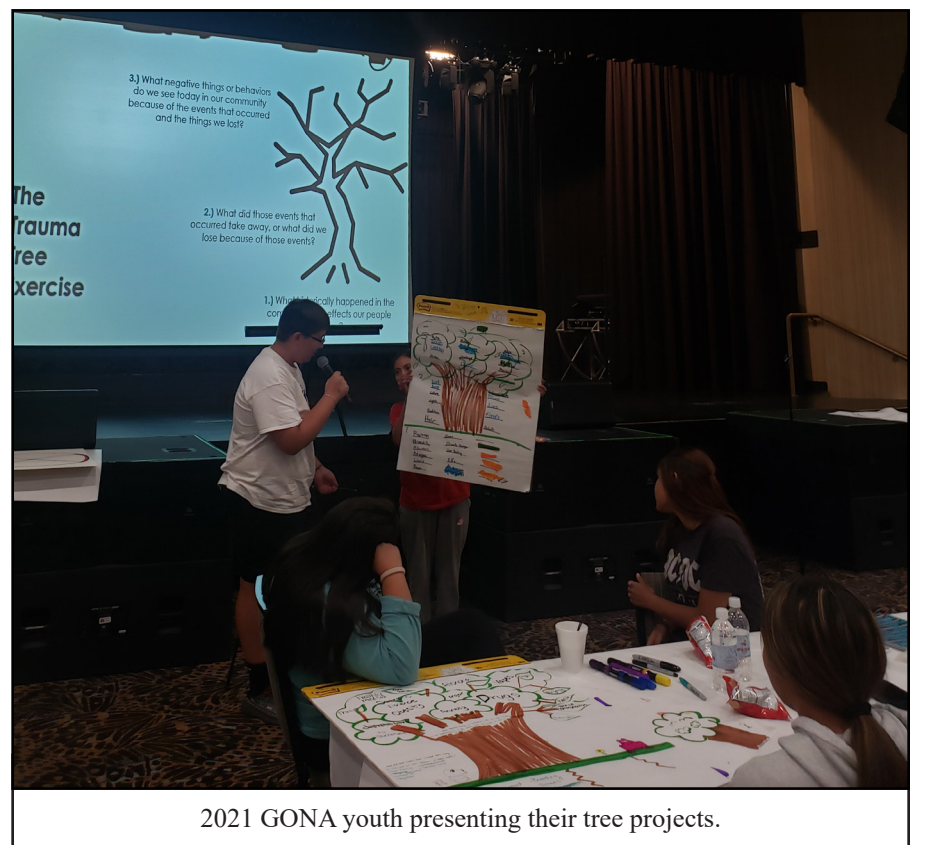
outcomes they want to see.

Big shout out to Gerry Crowshoe and Rebecca Lyn, the GONA facilitators, they did an awesome job with the program. Both have facilitated many GONAs and it showed as the youth were really engaged the entire time. Most of the youth asked for more GONAs, one even asked for SFS to do the GONA experience once a month.

"Our NAHOVA [Native America Hear Our Voices Arise] youth board really went above and beyond for this great event," said Abe Broncheau, SFS Director. "Many of them have been an integral part of the planning of this event since last winter and each of them contributed a lot to the success

of this event." Preston Amerman and Graciela Broncheau did the welcome address. Joseph Payne, Sayaqic Broncheau and Ayanna Oatman led the icebreaker sessions. Markus Ellenwood and Remy Reeder were a huge help with a little bit of everything. All of the NAHOVA members, including those who were unable to attend, put a lot of hard work and hours into the GONA event and the SFS staff thank them for all their work and commitment.

The NAHOVA youth board and the SFS Program would also like to thank all of our sponsors for their support, our facilitators Jerry and Rebecca, Nimiipuu Behavioral Health and the programs that came in and did presentations (Nimiipuu Community Development Fund and Nez Perce Language Program.) They would also like to thank the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Chairman, Samuel Penney for the opening address and NPTEC member, Ryan Oatman for the opening prayer. We would also like to thank the Clearwater River Casino, Mr. Dan Kane and Rachel Ellenwood for all of their help and sponsorship of this event and to everyone else who helped make the 1st ever, Nez Perce Youth Gathering of Native Americans event a success!



2021 GONA youth presenting their tree projects.





# Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—Sept. 2021

'apaqa'ánnó' 'ee kaa 'epeqíicxnu' wéetesne  
- Respect and take care of the earth.



Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division - Solid Waste and Recycling Program  
Lapwai Contacts: Jon Van Woerkom . (208) 791-3965 or Linda Nemeth . lindan@nezperce.org



## Furoshiki



In Japan, the art of furoshiki helps many people avoid using plastic bags and wrapping paper by wrapping everything from sandwiches to wedding gifts in fabric. The word *furoshiki* refers to both the fabric itself and the practice of wrapping items in cloth. In Japan, using furoshiki today is as much about respect for the environment as it is about tradition. There are many traditional tying patterns and historical rules about which fabrics to use for specific occasions. Traditional, reusable furoshiki come in a wide variety of prints and fabrics and are available online (for example: <https://www.etsy.com/market/furoshiki>). These fancy furoshiki are great for wrapping gifts, but, for everyday use, you don't have to spend a fortune. Any square or slightly rectangular piece of fabric that looks nice on both sides can be used as furoshiki. You can stock up on bandannas and scarves at the thrift store. Whether thrifted or new, the fabric should be thick enough to support the weight of the object you want to wrap, but not too thick for tying in knots. Learning furoshiki takes some practice, but once you get the hang of it (see below or search on YouTube), you may never need to use a plastic bag or wrapping paper again! Give it a try! See instructions below!

-Earth911.com

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## “Talkin’ Trash”



### Glass Recycling

The Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program *Cannot* Take Glass

However, here are some local free Glass Recycling Options in Lewiston:

Rosauers—322 Thain Rd.,  
behind store

A&B Family Foods—1234 8th St,  
back parking lot

Lewiston Transfer Station  
560 Down River Rd.

### Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling  
September 9 & 23  
Pineewaus Parking Lot 11 am -1 pm

Office Collections  
September 2, 16 & 30

Qe'ciyéw'yew' - We appreciate your recycling efforts!



## Idaho Activates Crisis Standards of Care in North Idaho Due to Surge in COVID-19 Patients Requiring Hospitalization

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) has activated Crisis Standards of Care (CSC) in accordance with IDAPA 16.02.09 – Crisis Standards of Care For Healthcare Entities. CSC is activated in the Panhandle Health District and the North Central Health District (Public Health Districts 1 and 2) because of a severe shortage of staffing and available beds in the northern area of the state caused by a massive increase in patients with COVID-19 who require hospitalization.

Kootenai Health in Coeur d'Alene requested that CSC be activated. The CSC Activation Advisory Committee convened virtually on Sept. 6 and recommended that CSC be activated in the Panhandle and North Central Health Districts. Although DHW has activated CSC in North Idaho, hospitals will implement as needed and according to their own CSC policies. **Hospitals and healthcare systems impacted are:** Panhandle (PHD1)

- \* Benewah Community Hospital
- \* Bonner General Hospital
- \* Boundary Community Hospital

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Crisis standards of care are guidelines that help healthcare providers and systems decide how to deliver the best care possible under the extraordinary circumstances of an overwhelming disaster or public health emergency. The guidelines may be used when there are not enough healthcare resources to provide the usual standard of care to people who need it. The goal of crisis standards of care is to extend care to as many patients as possible and save as many lives as possible.

"We have reached an unprecedented and unwanted point in the history of our state. We have taken so many steps to avoid getting here, but yet again we need to ask more Idahoans to choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. More Idahoans need to choose to receive the vaccine so we can minimize the spread

of the disease and reduce the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations, many of which involve younger Idahoans and are preventable with safe and effective vaccines," Governor Brad Little said.

When crisis standards of care are in effect, people who need medical care may experience care that is different from what they expect. For example, patients admitted to the hospital may find that hospital beds are not available or are in repurposed rooms (such as a conference room) or that needed equipment is not available.

"Crisis standards of care is a last resort. It means we have exhausted our resources to the point that our healthcare systems are unable to provide the treatment and care we expect," said DHW Director Dave Jeppesen. "This is a decision I was fervently hoping to avoid. The best tools we have to turn this around is for more people to get vaccinated and to wear masks indoors and in outdoor crowded public places. Please choose to get vaccinated as soon as possible—it is your very best protection against being hospitalized from COVID-19."

The process to initiate crisis standards of care began

when resources were limited to the point of affecting medical care. The director of DHW convened the Crisis Standards of Care Activation Advisory Committee on Sept. 6, 2021, to review all the measures that were taken to address the staffing and bed shortages. The committee determined that the ability of northern Idaho hospitals and healthcare systems to deliver the usual standard of care has been severely affected by the staffing shortages, and all contingency measures to address these shortages had been exhausted. The committee recommended to the director that crisis standards of care be activated. Director Jeppesen issued his decision on Sept. 6, 2021, under the authority vested in him through the temporary rule.

Efforts will continue with earnest to alleviate the staffing and any other resource constraints in North Idaho. The crisis standards of care will remain in effect until there are sufficient resources to provide the usual standard of care to all patients.

Learn more about crisis standards of care and see an FAQ at <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/idaho-resources/>

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

#### What does it mean?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases.

Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.

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Group video chats





# Nimiipuu Health Looking Towards Pharmacy Remodel

Nimiipuu Health's (NMPH) pharmacy remodel is officially underway. The past year had everyone on their toes, thinking of how to better serve the community in a safe way. The pharmacy in Lapwai implemented a temporary drive thru service for people to pick up their medications without entering the clinic to reduce risk of COVID-19. Our staff worked out of a tent, coming to the patients so they could stay in the comfort of their own vehicles. This change in service to the community was so well received, the NMPH Clinic in Lapwai is remodeling the building to incorporate a permanent drive thru window. Patients will still have a pharmacist available to ask questions about their medications by coming inside the building. The remodel is projected to last approximately seven months.

Additional changes to the building will include a larger workspace for the Optometry Department as well as an update to the entrance for our Community Health side of the

building. All changes are needed and will greatly improve the experience of our patients.

September 1, 2021 the entire pharmacy was moved into a modular building where it will be for the duration of the construction. There will be several changes to the way NMPH operates within the next seven months. Our hope is that the patients and community bear with us and remain patient as we navigate this unknown territory. NMPH is pleased to be able to offer this new addition.

"It was a small miracle that we were able to move the pharmacy in one day and be operational the next. It would have been impossible without the maintenance, IT, and pharmacy departments working together! The counseling room has been closed since March 30, 2020! Once the ramp in front of the modular is complete, patients can speak with a pharmacist in the counseling room. One of the most fulfilling aspects of pharmacy is getting to know your patients and

helping with all your medication needs. We are excited to see you again! Even though being in the modular for seven months will be challenging, the remodel will provide more cohesion between Community Health and Medical, more space for Pharmacy and Optometry and a Pharmacy drive-thru!" – Heather Weddle, Chief Pharmacist

Please be aware of changes to traffic flow and/or patient processes when visiting the NMPH Lapwai Clinic. The main changes will be for Pharmacy and Community Health, due to construction and access points of the clinic. For now, the pickup process for prescriptions has been updated.

Pick up process for prescriptions: Patients will park in designated spots by modular building. Signs are posted on each parking spot with two phone numbers to call. (208) 791-6775 or (208) 790-1841. Please call one of the numbers when you are parked, and a Pharmacy Runner will answer. The Pharmacy Runner will ask

for your birthdate and bring your medication to you.

Since parking spaces are limited, it's crucial that you call for your refills IN ADVANCE before you come to the clinic. Please call seven days in advance for your refills, especially if you don't have any refills left. If a pharmacist must send a refill request to a provider, please allow 48 hours for the provider to review your chart and authorize refills.

If you request a call back or text message when your prescriptions are ready, please wait for Pharmacy to contact you before coming to the clinic. If you have not received a response, please call Pharmacy at (208) 621-4963. If you are starting on a new medication, or have a complicated dose change, a pharmacist will talk with you in the counseling room located in the modular. Just go up the wheelchair ramp to the counseling room.

NMPH is pleased to see this project come to fruition. As always, we look forward to serving you!



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Authentic Adderall tablets (top) vs. counterfeit Adderall tablets containing methamphetamine (bottom)

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Authentic Xanax tablets (white) vs. counterfeit Xanax tablets containing fentanyl (yellow)

Sources: [getsmartaboutdrugs.gov](http://getsmartaboutdrugs.gov) & [dea.gov](http://dea.gov)



## Nez Perce Tribe Resolves Litigation with Oregon Over Hells Canyon Complex Water Quality Certification

The Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) recently reached a settlement agreement with the state of Oregon resolving the Tribe's lawsuit alleging that Oregon's 2019 Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification for the relicensing of the Hells Canyon Complex violated federal and state law. The Tribe claimed that the certification failed to adequately address toxic pollution, temperature, and fish passage in the Complex, which is located within the Tribe's exclusive territory. The Hells Canyon Complex, owned and operated by Idaho Power Company, consists of three dams and reservoirs on the Snake River that straddle the Oregon/Idaho border.

"The Tribe and Oregon have been close partners for years in advancing shared natural resource goals including restoring the lower Snake River and its salmon and steelhead runs by replacing the four federal dams on the lower Snake River," said Samuel Penney, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe. "Despite our previous challenges in reaching an agreement on the water quality certification for the Hells Canyon Complex, I thank Governor Brown for her leadership, perseverance, and demonstrated commitment in resolving the Tribe's concerns."

Since time immemorial, the Tribe has relied on the Snake River and its resources for cultural, subsistence, spiritual, ceremonial, and economic purposes. To continue its way of life, the Nez Perce, or Nimiipuu, entered into a treaty with the United States in 1855 in which it reserved, and the United States secured, the right to fish, hunt, gather, pasture, and travel throughout its aboriginal territory. The Snake River is home to many of the Tribe's treaty-reserved aquatic resources, including salmon, steelhead, Pacific lamprey, bull trout, and white sturgeon.

The Hells Canyon Complex blocks passage for many of the Tribe's culturally-significant species and has changed the Snake River's temperature regime and other important

habitat conditions. Testing confirms that several aquatic species within and downstream of the Complex contain very high levels of methylmercury, a toxic form of mercury that can bioaccumulate in aquatic and terrestrial food chains. People who ingest fish with unsafe levels of methylmercury can experience severe health effects. Young children are especially vulnerable to methylmercury poisoning. The extremely high levels of methylmercury found in fish within and downstream of the Hells Canyon Complex, pose a serious threat to the health of Nez Perce Tribal members who exercise their treaty-reserved fishing rights in the Snake River. For this reason, the Tribe took unprecedented action in 2016 when it instituted a consumption moratorium on certain types of white sturgeon and a fish consumption advisory for bull trout and smallmouth bass in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River.

Under the federal Clean Water Act, federally-licensed hydroelectric dams must obtain a water quality certification, known as a 401 certification, from the state in which the dams discharge. Through 401 certifications, states are required to ensure hydroelectric dams comply with state water quality standards.

The Tribe's 2019 lawsuit asserted that the conditions in Oregon's 401 certification imposed on the Hells Canyon Complex's operations were inadequate to ensure the Complex came into compliance with the state's water quality standards for mercury and methylmercury concentrations in fish tissue, which were set to protect human health. The Tribe also asserted that Oregon's 401 certification should have included fish passage at the Complex and more stringent safeguards to protect migrating salmonids from lethal water temperatures that may occur below the Hells Canyon Complex during the fall spawning season. Pacific Rivers and Idaho Rivers United filed a similar lawsuit in 2019, which was subsequently con-

solidated with the Tribe's case.

The settlement agreement reached by the Tribe, Pacific Rivers, and Idaho Rivers United with Oregon, includes measures that Oregon will undertake to address mercury and methylmercury in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River. One significant measure Oregon has agreed to undertake, in collaboration with the Tribe, is the development of a pollution budget, known as Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), as required by the Clean Water Act. Oregon and Idaho Power Company will provide \$1.5 million to fund this effort. Oregon has also agreed to take additional steps to better protect migrating Chinook salmon from extreme Snake River temperatures in the fall, to include the Tribe in the research program evaluating placement of adult spring chinook and steelhead and outmigration of their offspring from Pine Creek, an Oregon tributary located upstream of Hells Canyon Dam, and to fund a collaborative pilot research project between the Tribe and Oregon to reintroduce sockeye salmon into Wallowa Lake in eastern Oregon.

"I also appreciate Idaho Power Company's support of Oregon's efforts to promulgate,

without further delay, the mercury and methyl mercury TMDL for the Snake River and to address extreme fall temperatures in the Snake River," Chairman Penney added. "The agreement reached between the Tribe and Oregon also honors the Tribe's connection to sockeye salmon and to the restoration of that fishery in Wallowa Lake and our strong intergovernmental relationship. I have faith that the agreement we've reached will improve water quality in the Snake River, the health of Tribal members and Oregonians, and Nez Perce Tribal member access to treaty-reserved resources," Chairman Penney concluded.

The Tribe has a consumption moratorium on white sturgeon (greater than 4 feet in length) caught in Snake River in areas upstream of Lower Granite Dam. This means that sturgeon are unsafe to catch and eat due to sturgeon having levels of methylmercury that is 10 times above what is considered safe to eat (based on its known toxic chemical concentration and fish consumption rates). There is a fish consumption advisory for white sturgeon (less than 4 feet in length) in this same area and meals should be restricted to 3 fish per month.



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Lapwai Student Announced as One of 13 Student Advisory Council Members

On September 20, 2021, thirteen Idaho public school students from across the state, including Lapwai ninth grader Emma Paddlety, will gather in Boise for the first meeting of Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra’s new Student Advisory Council.

Paddlety and the other twelve students, ranging from grades 4-12, were selected from nearly 60 applicants. Each of the thirteen students selected has a parent or guardian willing to accompany them to the quarterly meetings.

Key issues voiced by advisory council members in their applications range from school funding to eliminating cliques and also include time management, mental and emotional health, social issues, STEM options and meeting the needs of students with disabilities.

“Some of the best and most inspiring moments in my seven years as super-



Emma Paddlety, ninth grade, Lapwai High School

intendent have come from meeting and hearing from students,” said Sherri Ybarra,

Idaho State Board of Education Superintendent. “Their perspective and insights on

Idaho’s public education experience are invaluable, especially as we work to recover from the pandemic’s impacts on schools. So I put out a call for advisory council members last spring, hoping to tap into this amazing resource.”

“The response was remarkable – nearly 60 strong applications,” the superintendent said. “It was so hard to narrow it down that I ended up with 13 students instead of the planned 12.”

“I’m excited by their diversity – seven girls and six boys, from districts large and small in all regions of the state, with a wide range of priorities and interests – and especially excited by their ideas and passion for education,” Superintendent Ybarra said. “Each has a parent or guardian willing to accompany the student to our quarterly meetings, and I’m grateful to those adults for their commitment.”



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## Why Now is the Time to Write your Will



It's a simple step that can help protect your family's future. Here's what you need to know.

Here's a shocker: Roughly, two out of every three Americans don't have a will—including over half of those 55 and older, according to a 2020 Caring.com survey.<sup>1</sup> One possible reason: "People don't like to plan for their own mortality," says Jean Kim-Wall, a managing director and wealth strategist at Merrill.

A will is simply a legal document that ensures that your assets are distributed in accordance with your wishes when you die. You may also want to consider implementing on a larger scale an estate plan (including a will) that also addresses incapacity planning. Estate plans are less about allocating who gets what and more about protecting your family—from discord, avoidable taxes and legal fees. Most important, creating your own estate plan gives you control. "If you don't have one, the state will decide how your estate is handled," Kim-Wall says.

"Whether you're nearing retirement or just starting a family, it's a good idea to put your wishes down in writing," she adds. Start by assessing your net worth and consider-

ing your short- and long-term goals. "Think about how you want to pass on your legacy," she suggests. "An estate planning attorney can help you fine-tune your initial thoughts and make everything official by drafting the necessary documents." And bring your family into the conversation as well, to make sure they understand your wishes and how you'd like them carried out.

According to Kim-Wall, every estate plan should address these three things: Your heirs—and their inheritance. Naming who inherits what from your estate is the first step. And while dividing up your financial assets is important, also think about whether you have any personal belongings that you'd like specific people to have. These may be heirlooms of sentimental value or a beloved collection. Don't forget that estate planning in a digital world means that you might have things like videos and photos on your personal computer or mobile phone that your family might like to have—so be sure to determine who will get access to your passwords.

You'll also have to consider the ways in which your assets are passed on, whether it's directly to your heirs or via

a trust. Any assets you leave directly to heirs can be used or spent at their discretion, whenever they choose. A trust, on the other hand, allows you to set rules for how and when any assets you leave might be disbursed. This is particularly useful if you're leaving assets to minors or to someone who is not able to manage their own finances, perhaps because of a disability.

Another situation where a trust could help is if you've remarried later in life and are wondering about how to care for your current spouse while also leaving enough for children from an earlier relationship. Trusts can be drafted to be very flexible; for example, you may allow your current spouse to receive an income while protecting what's left for your children.

Who will make sure your wishes are carried out? The executor will act as a sort of administrator for everything you leave behind. "The executor will take inventory of your assets, pay any outstanding bills, settle your affairs, make sure your mandatory filings are done and pay any taxes that may be due," says Kim-Wall—so select someone you trust who would be good at those things. "People will often name a family member or a trusted friend," she adds, "but if you

have complex assets or family dynamics, it makes sense to consider a corporate fiduciary to handle these matters."

If you have minor children, you'll also need to name a guardian or guardians—the person who would look after them if you and their other legal parent were both to die. Even though it's a remote possibility, you'll want to check with this person first, because while it is an extraordinary honor, it's a significant responsibility.

What happens if things change? Wills can become outdated quickly, so try to make sure yours spells out how you want to account for major life events like births, deaths, marriages and divorces. But whatever you do, don't let the complexity of thinking through multiple hypothetical events discourage you from making a will in the first place. A will or an estate plan can always be updated as circumstances change, and it's far better to have one that isn't quite perfect than to have none at all. "This is one circumstance where 'good enough' is not so bad, because it's still much better than having nothing in place," Kim-Wall says. You'll want to take a look at your will every few years anyway, to make sure it accurately reflects your wishes and the latest circumstances of your life.



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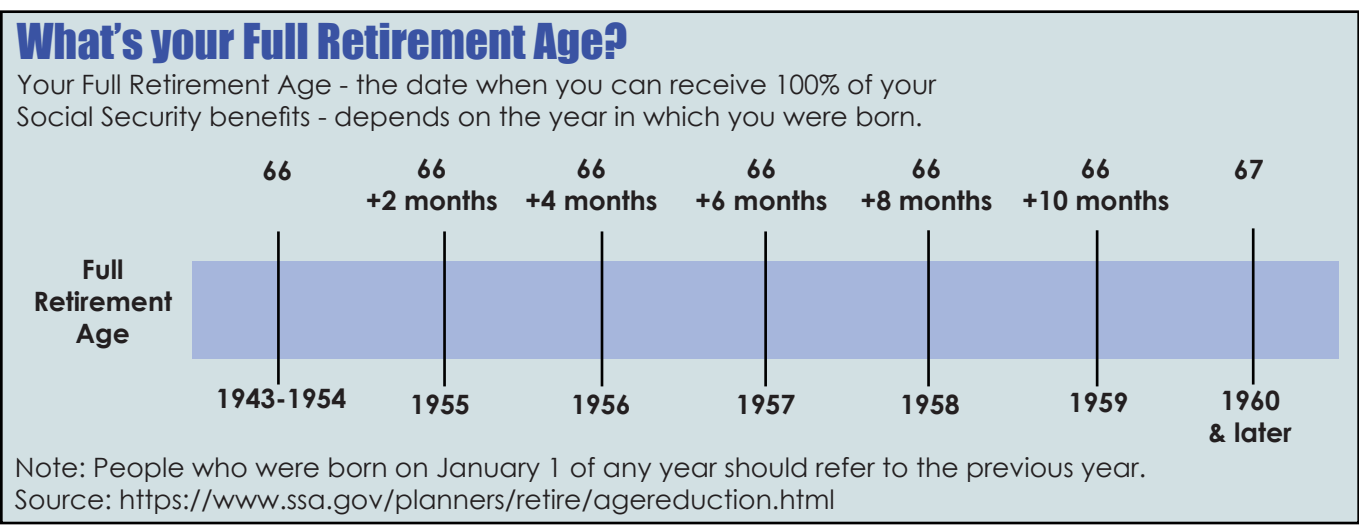
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When Should I Start Collecting Social Security Benefits?

You can start collecting your Social Security benefits at age 62. But at that age you'll only receive approximately 70%-75% of what you'll get if you wait until your "full retirement age," or the age at which you're eligible to receive your full benefit. (See chart below.) Every year that you delay taking benefits beyond your full retirement age — up to age 70 — the larger your monthly benefit will be for the rest of your life.

There are many factors to consider when deciding when to file, such as whether you'll be working during retirement or when your spouse may be collecting Social Security benefits. However, choosing when to collect your benefits is up to you. If you can wait until age 70 to claim Social Security, your monthly benefit can increase by as much as 32%Footnote 1 over the amount you'd collect if you'd begun withdrawing at your full retirement age. Those higher monthly benefits could add up to higher cumulative benefits over the course of your retirement. The potential for higher annual payouts could help with expenses that may increase



with age, such as medical costs. Bear in mind that if you claim benefits before your full retirement age and are still working, your benefits could be reduced. The timing of when you collect could also affect your spouse's benefits if he or she outlives you. Collecting early could potentially result in a lower survivor benefit for him or her, while delaying could increase it. Before you decide what timing is right for you, you need to consider your personal situation and weigh a number of factors. The best time to claim Social Security benefits depends on your marital status, health, family history, employment status and financial needs.

The longer your life expectancy, the more sense it may make to wait to collect Social Security benefits. For women, who typically live longer than men and may have saved less, waiting could be especially beneficial. If waiting increases payments, why would anyone take benefits sooner? You may want to claim Social Security benefits earlier if your parents or grandparents didn't live past 75, if you're in poor health, or if you know you'll need the money before you reach full retirement age. For married couples with similar earnings, it could be worthwhile for the higher

earner to wait until age 70, while the lower earner begins claiming benefits as soon as he or she reaches full retirement age. That way the couple can have a source of additional income if they need it sooner, while still potentially maximizing the amount one of them receives later on. There's no one right answer for when to claim Social Security benefits. It all depends on your individual situation — and it really is one of the most important decisions you'll make as you near retirement. Be sure to consult your legal and/or tax advisor when making decisions about when to start collecting Social Security benefits.

Ask Dr. Per Cap - Family Matters

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

My cousin has a habit of not paying back loans, but just asked to borrow more money. How can I help without getting burned?

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Dear Twice Burned,

I've learned over the years that money lent to friends and family has a bad track record of not getting paid back in full, not getting paid back on time, or a combination of both. Let me share a little story that I hope offers a fair solution.

About ten years ago a really good friend was in a pinch and asked me for a loan. He wanted to borrow more money than I felt comfortable lending so I offered the following alternative. Rather than extend a personal loan I'd give him a lesser amount of money. That's right. I offered to give him half the amount he wanted to borrow. He was grateful but said he didn't want charity and would pay me back.

I made a quick detour down tough love highway. "Look" I said in a respectful yet serious tone. "When you come to me and ask for a no interest, no collateral, nothing down loan without a formal agreement – just your word and a hand shake. I'm sorry, but in my book that's charity."

I then told him that I wouldn't risk our friendship over a loan and that I'd sleep a whole lot better giving him money that I knew I'd never see again rather than lending money with so many uncertainties. I also said I'd only do it one time. He saw my point of view, accepted the gift, and we've remained great friends ever since.

I know this solution might not work for everyone. For starters you need to decide how much money you can afford to give rather than lend. 50%, 30%, or 10% of the ask are all fair offers, but that's for you to decide.

I swear by this strategy and use it whenever the need arises. I really think offering a no strings attached cash gift while still requiring a friend or family member to take responsibility for securing the remaining money forces the person to think through their dilemma a little more thoroughly and consider other options – do I really need to borrow such a large amount, is it possible to earn some extra cash on my own?

Give this one a try and remember – no amount of money can buy a great friendship but a broken promise can destroy one.



## Recovering history in the Army Corps of Engineers

‘ ... how do we bridge the expectations of Indian country when an Indigenous person is put in a leadership position within the federal government’

Nancy Marie Spears,  
Gaylord News

Jaime Pinkham is accustomed to slow-moving change.

It has taken since the inception of the Army of the Civil Works, nearly 200 years, to employ a Native person; Pinkham, Nez Perce, is the first Indigenous person ever to head the Army Corps of Engineers.

But Pinkham is hopeful that his appointment as acting assistant secretary of the Army Corps of Civil Works, as well as several other Indigenous non-traditional appointments in Congress, will lead to an opportunity of creating change. He was appointed to the position April 19.

The Army of the Civil Works provides policy guidance and direction to the Army Corps of Engineers. These are the folks on the ground on the civilian side, in charge of delivering the Civil Works’ mission around navigation, risk and flood management, environmental restoration and emergency management. Essentially, it is the civilian oversight provided to the military.

Pinkham said he’s committed to finding how better relations and rebuilt trust can be instilled not just in Indigenous communities, but other communities that find themselves socially, economically and culturally in “the same positions that tribes are that have been living in the shadows of society.”

He reflects on his Nez Perce identity, his work, and the relationships between the federal government and Indian Country at large to see where the Army Corps of Civil Works can go from here.

Nancy Marie Spears: Can you talk about how your Indigenous heritage has impacted your career path? And are you proud to be an Indigenous person in the federal government, what does that mean to you?

Jaime A. Pinkham: Well, I’m not afraid to say, I’m Nez Perce. I don’t know if you know where Nez Perce is from the Pa-

cific Northwest where the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington come together. I would say, not so much that impacted my career path in natural resources, but certainly it’s impacted my service to Indian country, in the fact that you know, after college, I eventually made my way back to Nez Perce to work on the tribes natural resource program and from that I took the leap of faith into tribal politics and was elected with two terms and my career just kept expanding and growing from there. In terms of being an Indigenous person in the federal government. How could you not feel proud to work for an administration that really has laid out a pretty strong focus on Indian Country, climate change and environmental justice? So to join this administration, with the priorities that they’re laying out, anybody would be proud to be a part of this administration, Native or not.

Q: I want to talk to you about your previous career path and your experience in natural resource conservation, preservation efforts, things like that. How is that work going to translate into what you’re doing in your new position when it comes to addressing infrastructure in Indian Country?

A: If you look at my work in natural resources, the work to me that that translated into is really the efforts of self determination, and tribal governance. So the focus has really been around tribal governance, and one of the programs of government is natural resources. So, what I feel that I bring into this position is on-the-ground, firsthand experience in how tribes govern themselves and properly as political institutions, so how that translates into delivering the civil works programs to Indian country, I think is a unique perspective.

Q: What do you bring to the table to the position at the Corps’ Civil Works that a non-Indigenous appoint-



Jaime Pinkham, Nez Perce, is the acting assistant secretary of the Army Corps of Civil Works. (Photo courtesy of Army Pentagon Visual Office)

ment would not? And can you talk about whether traditional ecological knowledge from tribes plays into or intersects with your work at all?

A: Everybody who gets appointed to these positions, has their own unique history background and perspectives. And so when they come in, they’re looking at it through their lens. And if somebody comes in from the agriculture community they bring that perspective to this job or they come in from perhaps a navigation and shipping community, they bring that lens. So everybody brings a very unique perspective. And the perspective that I feel I bring to this work is an understanding of tribal societies, understanding of tribal laws, understanding that tribes do have these ... governments to protect their own citizens, to organize your

own systems of laws. I bring in a lens of having been embedded in Indian country for the past two and a half decades.

Q: What do you see the tribes asking to be brought to the table regarding your work in civil works?

A: How can we support tribes in, kind of what their priorities are, in terms of developing our work plans, whether there are specific needs in support that are required to Congress. I think the other thing that you’re getting to is what are the expectations of Indian Country. When somebody like me, or, you know, Janie Hipp or Miss Haaland, Chuck Sams, when we get into these positions, what is Indian Country’s expectations of us? In my experiences here Indian Country

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recognizes that ... while I've walked into this position, and while I bring years of history that all tribal leaders carry on their shoulders whenever they walk into the room. When I took the oath of office, I also now have been here to recover history. Histories, not just of the current administration but administrations past. And I think my job is how do I grade this path and previous decisions, laws that have been created over many generations, how do I bring that to this current time, with tribes currently, and their vision going forward. And to me it's also how do we bridge the expectations of Indian country when an Indigenous person is put in a leadership position within the federal government.

Q: What are your top three priorities as the new acting assistant and why?

A: I'll tell you, the things that really inspired me about this administration, and their priorities that we're working on is, one is addressing climate change. Climate change is real, we need to bring the best science to it, we've got to figure out what the strategies are going forward, to adapt and to

mitigate the challenges that climate change presents. So that's one. The other one is issues around environmental justice that many decisions have been made, where there's certain segments of society have not been as strong as a participant in decision making, or influencing decisions that are being made. So the other one is around environmental justice. And I guess if there's a third area it is how do we strengthen relationships with tribes, going forward, recognize them as truly sovereign governments with rights of self rule, yet having this special relationship and trust relationship with the United States. So I would say it's those three things that have inspired me to join the administration.

Q: What kind of systemic changes do you think can be made when folks include Indigenous voices in the conversation and at the table?

A: When I joined the administration, I mean, the words of encouragement that I was getting was tremendous and let's be honest that the United States Army's history with Indian Country has not always been positive. And in my very first meeting with the Secretary of army ... around the office were

these symbols and pictures and artifacts that were representative of the Army's history. It made me think about, there was a time when people may have sat around the table and made decisions that affected the Nez Perce War in 1877. I thought about that moment. How does my two great grandfather's who fought in that war against the United States Army in 1877, how do you get from there to me now sitting around this table? I just thought about the shoulders that I carried me this way and my grandfather, who was in France in World War One serving in the United States Army. And it made me think about his oldest son, my uncle, who was in the Army in World War Two at Normandy and served in France and Germany. Thinking about this transition that we made through this long history of the federal government and its relationship with Indian people and how we really came to this distance where I felt welcome to sit around this table within the United States Army, being given a chance to make a difference. I felt a sense of pride in having ridden on my grandfather and my uncle's shoulders to get to where I am today. It

took from 1877 to today to see that kind of change take place.

Pinkham concluded his interview with a story of healing: "In my office there is a flag, and it's the US Army flag. Every morning I come in my office, I just walked right by and never noticed it. On the army flag are all these banners, these ribbons that represent all the conflicts the United States Army was engaged in. Including the Indian Wars."

"And sure enough, I got up and I thumbed through it. And there's this red banner that says, 'Nez Perces, 1877' and it's hanging in here. So I approached Colonel Massey and I said, I'd like to hang an eagle feather off of that, just representing the history. And I got permission to hang, I've got three eagle feathers hanging off that Nez Perce War banner in my office."

"When I was at Nez Perce we used to do these ceremonies around the Nez Perce War of 1877. Where the battles were in Idaho and Montana, and we always say ... we're not coming here asking for an apology. We're here to continue the healing. And so the ability to hang those eagle feathers up, it just shows that we are healing. Times have changed."

### Build a Kit with Everyone in Mind

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

This week's theme for National Preparedness Month is Build a Kit.

After an emergency, you may need to rely on yourself and your household or community for several days. It's important to have supplies set aside and ready to use, including water, non-perishable food, medications, first aid kit, copies of important paperwork, and additional items.

When building a kit, make sure to have one wherever you spend much of the time (e.g. home, work, car). Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have, such as medications or medical equipment, in case you have to evacuate quickly.

#### Basic Disaster Supplies Kit


A basic emergency supplies kit could include the following items:

- Water
- Food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Whistle

- Dust or N-95 mask
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties
- Wrench or pliers
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Visit [Ready.gov](#) for a complete list of recommended emergency supplies.

Remember to start with what you have and add over time. Washington Emergent Management Division makes it easy with their [Prepare in a Year](#) resources. Use this guide to take a step each month for the next 12 months. Utilize



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### Preparedness Kit Scorecard

Put a checkmark next to each preparedness item you've added to your kit. Basic items are worth 5 points and Additional items are worth 3 points. Once you're done you can see your preparedness score at the bottom of the page.

#### Basic Items (5 points)

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**Water**  
One gallon per person per day for several days for drinking and sanitation.

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**Food**  
A several day supply of non-perishable food.

☐



**Radio**  
Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries.

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**Flashlight**  
with extra batteries

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**First Aid Kit**

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**Whistle**

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**Cloth Face Coverings**

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**Hand Sanitizer**

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**Medications**

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**Phone & Charger**  
Consider a powerbank to charge your phone for when you don't have access to power.

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**Cash**

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**Important Paperwork**  
Things like wills, birth certificates, property titles, etc.

#### Additional Items (3 points)

☐



**Shelter Materials**  
Plastic sheeting and duct tape to make a shelter in place.

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**Garbage Bags**

☐



**Wrench or Pliers**  
For turning off utilities such as a gas meter.

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**Can Opener**  
Manual can opener for canned food.

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**Local Maps**

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**Pet Supplies**  
as applicable

☐



**Change of Clothes**  
A complete change of clothes suitable for your climate and sturdy shoes.

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**Fire Extinguisher**

☐



**Mess Kits**  
This could include paper cups, plates, paper towels, and plastic utensils.

☐



**Paper & Pencil**

☐



**Activities for Kids**  
Books, games, puzzles, etc.

Your Preparedness Score

5

visit [ready.gov/kit](#) for additional information



## Newton Wendell Bohanan Jr., 55, Kamiah, ID



Newton Wendell Bohanan Jr., Wewukye takanin, Elk Traveler, 55, has made his journey to the Spirit World.

He was born September 14, 1965, in Palo Alto, California, to Marian and Newton "Josh" Bohanan Sr. He was known as Junior to many relatives, and friends sometimes called him "Juice."

Junior was an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe and a descendant of Old

Chief Lookingglass and Chief Timothy. He attended school in Kamiah and then boarding school at the Intermountain Intertribal Indian High School in Brigham City, Utah. He later earned his general education diploma. Junior was very smart, read a lot of books and was very knowledgeable about Nez Perce history. Later he attended Bible college in Joplin, Mo., and Missouri State for his studies in communication. He made a lot of friends throughout his travels in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Washington.

As a young individual, he attended powwows and was a well-known fancy dancer. He won many contests throughout the Northwest. Many of his outfits were made by his brother, Ron Pinkham. Wewukye takanin was given to him at the Chief Lookingglass Powwow in 1977.

Junior worked at many different places. He worked at a TV studio, was a restaur-

ant cook and a manager at a Wi-Fi coffee shop, the Nez Perce Tribe Fire Management and firework stands. Wherever he lived or worked, he had the love and support of the many friends he made during his excursions. Junior enjoyed fishing for salmon, drawing, stickgaming, making frybread for his nieces and spending time with his family. It was said that Junior had nine lives.

He is survived by his brother and sisters, Ron Pinkham, Renita (Pat Brien Sr.) Brien of San Jose, Calif., Carol Holt and Joanne Bohanan of Kamiah; aunts, Melva Major of Spokane and Melvina Kills Crow; uncle, Raymond (Fred) Major of Kamiah; nieces, Ayisha Bohanan (Shawn Wheeler) of Lewiston, Felicia (James) Kilbane of Avon, Ohio, Antoinette Picard (Matt Enick) of Lapwai; nephews, Patrick Brien. Jr of San Jose, Robert Carbajal of Vancouver, Wash., and Shane, Ryan and Joel Holt of Okla-

homa. Junior especially loved his grandchildren, William Kilbane, Kendrick Wheeler, David Wheeler Jr., Edmond "Baby Juice" Bohanan-Wheeler, Christopher "Bear" Carbajal, JayD Enick, Jo Enick, Katie Kilbane, Grace Kilbane, Marian Kilbane, Selin Bisbee and Jaylah Enick.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marian and Newton Bohanan Sr.; maternal grandparents, Lillian Oatman-Major and Oswald Johnson; paternal grandmother, Selin Billy; brothers, Edmond Bohanan, Melvin Pinkham and Wayne Pinkham; aunt, Laura Major; nephew, Sun Enick; and Beaverslide Cousin, Uncle RC Oatman.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Life Center in Kamiah with Kelly Lineberry officiating, followed by burial at the Nez Perce Tribal Cemetery on No Kid Road. To-go meals will be provided after the burial. Paula Moody is the head cook.

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|-----------|------|-----------|----------------------------|
| weigh ins | 9/20 | 10am-12pm | Orofino (Teweeppuu)        |
|           | 9/20 | 1pm-3pm   | Kamiah (Kamiah NMPH)       |
|           | 9/21 | 11am-2pm  | CRC Miyooxat Room          |
|           | 9/23 | 10am-3pm  | Lapwai (NMPH Comm. Health) |
|           | 9/24 | 10am-3pm  | Lapwai (NMPH Comm. Health) |

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Questions? Contact the Executive Director's Office at 208.843.7324 or catherineb@nezperce.org



## Larry Richard Schwab, 49, Lewiston, ID



Larry Richard "Rich" Schwab was taken from us way too soon on Monday, Aug. 20, 2021, because of a tragic vehicle accident near Weippe, where he was working on a contracting job.

He was born Dec. 21, 1971, at Clarkston Tri-State Hospital to Larry and Mary Schwab. Larry was known to his family as "Rich." He was an unenrolled Nez Perce tribal descendent and embraced his heritage. He attended schools in Lewiston, including Tammany Elementary, Sacajawea Junior High and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1990. He played basketball and football and was a pole vaulter in track and field. He joined several clubs, one of which was the Ski Club in high school and was also in machine shop throughout high school.

He attended Lewis-Clark State College and received his

Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in May 1995. He worked with a couple of contractors with whom he was involved in constructing Whitman Hospital in Colfax and the Tri-Cinemas in Lewiston. He started his own businesses, LS Contractors (construction, roofing and doing remodels on houses for 22 years) and owned and operated LS Arms and Ammunitions. He was known for his ethics and perfectionism in his work. He later dissolved both businesses to pursue an engineering degree.

He returned to LCSC and in April 2014 he received the Presidential Letter of Excellence and was promoted to Presidential Member status in The National Society of Leadership and Success and, in May 2016, received the National Engaged Leader Award for high achievement and success that stood out above others in the Society. He was a lifelong member of The National Society of Leadership and Success. He received his Associates of Science degree in engineering in May 2016. He was a member of the Ski Club and Engineering Club at LCSC.

He attended the University of Idaho and, in December 2018, received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He then pursued a career in engineering. He worked various

contracting jobs while seeking employment and to earn money to pay for his classes. He was pursuing his master's degree and was to return to the U of I this fall for a degree in electrical engineering.

Larry was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting and fishing with his family, grandparents and friends. He also enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, sailing, rafting and many other outdoor activities. He enjoyed watching boxing and MMA competitions on television as well as attending live bouts.

He trained in martial arts, built his own workout space, collected some martial arts weaponry and participated in some competitions. He enjoyed learning and experiencing new things, one of which was learning how to do glass blowing. Rich had a lifelong love for aquatic creatures. He maintained several tanks of fish that included some exotic species. He said they were calming and peaceful. He enjoyed reading, music and video gaming.

Rich was family-oriented and helped family members as well as friends whenever asked. He never turned anyone down and at times spread his time thin. He said once that, "It's family, and I feel we should help anyway we can."

He had a sense of right and fairness since he was a very small child. He had a good sense of humor and sometimes would play little tricks and use puns. He was up on world events and the political chaos. Rich made friends easily and was acquainted with foreign students. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. His father called him his best friend, as did Matthew Klein and Scott Cargill. He was an awesome son and a rock to his mother.

Larry is survived by his father, Larry (Sharron) Schwab, of Clarkston; mother Mary Schwab; sister Siwan Schwab; and companion Tyson Kernin, of Lewiston; nieces and their companions, Amber Elizondo and Forest Hamilton, of Clarkston, and Krystal Elizondo and Ryan Glasser, of Post Falls; six great-nieces and great-nephews; Uncle Art (Teresa) Schwab; and numerous cousins and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by grandparents Ray and Jane Ellen Schwab, Mary Jacobus and Phillip Smith; uncles James Wilcox, David Schwab, Gene Schwab and James Schwab; and great-grandmother Iva Betty Barber. Cremation at his request will take place and a memorial service and celebration of life and dinner will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at the VFW Hall in Lewiston.

## Free Announcements

Submit Nez Perce Tribal members, Nez Perce descendants, and community members obituaries, death notices, and memorial announcements for free in the NIMIIPUU TRIBAL TRIBUNE.





Fall 2021 General Council Update

Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and the prevalence of the Delta variant, the Fall General Council is being postponed until November 18-20, 2021.

**Fall Meeting Options:** At the beginning of November, the COVID-19 status will be reevaluated and it will then be determined if General Council can be conducted in-person. If not, a Virtual General Council will be held following previously established protocols.

**Elections:** Election Judges will be accepting electronic nominations for the Fall General Council elections. Elections for General Council Officers and Boards and Commissions will take place. The deadline to submit a nomination is September 15, 2021, by close of business. Late nominations will not be accepted. To make a nomination visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/21gcnoms>

**Voting:** Polling stations will be available at the Wéeyees in Kamiah, the Tewéepuu in Orofino and the Páyniwaas in Lapwai on: September 23 & 24 from 7:00A.M. – 6:00P.M. and September 25 from 7:00A.M. – 12:00P.M.

The ballot count will take place in Kamiah September 25 at 1:00 p.m. and will be broadcast via Face Book Live (@NPT1855). Only nominees or a designee will be allowed on-site and is subject to change based on current Nez Perce Tribe Stage status. All polling stations will follow the active Nez Perce Tribe Stage protocols during that time.

Any enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe who is eighteen or over shall be entitled to vote in General Council Meetings or Elections.

Seats/ Positions up for Election:

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>FWC</u>                         |                     |
| Seat 1 One Year.....               | Michael Tuell       |
| Seat 2 One Year.....               | Nickles TwoMoon     |
| Seat 3 Two Year.....               | Michael McFarland   |
| <u>Enterprise Board</u>            |                     |
| Seat 1 Three year.....             | Gloria Greene       |
| Seat 2 Three year.....             | Sergio Islas        |
| <u>Housing Board</u>               |                     |
| Seat 1 Four Year.....              | Betty Kinzer        |
| Seat 2 Four Year.....              | Richard Arthur      |
| Seat 3 Three years remaining.....  | Stacey Kash Kash    |
| <u>GC Chairman One Year</u> .....  | Julia Davis-Wheeler |
| <u>GC Secretary One Year</u> ..... | Jenny Oatman        |
| <u>Election Judges</u>             |                     |
| Seat 1 One Year.....               | Melissa Guzman      |
| Seat 2 One Year.....               | Nicole Two Moons    |
| Seat 3 One Year.....               | Melissa King        |
| <u>Resolutions Committee</u>       |                     |
| Seat 1 One Year.....               | Ciarra Greene       |
| Seat 2 One Year.....               | Alice Spaulding     |
| Seat 3 One Year.....               | Margarita Bulltail  |
| Seat 4 One Year .....              | Vacant              |

For regular updates and more information on seats/positions visit: <https://nezperce.org/government/general-council/fall-general-council-2021/>

Qe’ciyew’yew’

On behalf of our Henry/Sisto families and especially Isaac (Iceman) we would like to thank you all our Family, Friends, NPT Finance Staff for your generosity, prayers, love and support, you are all simply amazing. We are blessed to be a part of such a great community from the bottom of our hearts Himecq’is Qe’ci’yew’yew’ (Thank you).

COVID-19

\*In quarantine/isolation needing assistance with resources?

\*Questions? Safety concerns?

\*Need safety recommendations for your event/activity?

**Contact us!**

**208.790.7343**

**[NPTemergencyoperations@nezperce.org](mailto:NPTemergencyoperations@nezperce.org)**

**Tribal Families**— we know how challenging quarantine/isolation can be for you and your loved ones. If you find yourself in need of essential items please contact us. We will respond to your needs the best we can and as quickly as we can (dependent on time and volunteer availability). We do prefer you have a designated person to do your shopping for you, as they will know your preferences best. However, we hope to have volunteers to assist if a person cannot be designated.

Please make your requests Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. (Holidays/NPT Closures will vary).

Deliveries may occur evenings and weekends, depending on volunteer availability.

All requests require NMPH Healthcare Professional or designated Healthcare Professional verification.

Your call/email will be received by the Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Team. All request/questions/concerns will be shared with the EOC team member(s) best suited to respond. Emails will be responded to in the order they are received and every effort will be made to respond to questions or concerns as quickly as possible.

If you have severe COVID-19 symptoms call 911 immediately

Nimiipuu Health manages acute care only, and does not have the facilities nor equipment to assist with emergent situations.

The Nez Perce Tribe, Nimiipuu Health and NPT Emergency Operations encourages and supports everyone getting vaccinated and wearing a mask when out in public, around others. Please join us and help reduce the spread, and minimize the impacts of COVID-19 to our communities and health care facilities.

Water Resources Utilities Program

Starting in September 2021, the Utilities Office will return to doing shut offs for nonpayment of Utilities bills for water/sewer.

If your Utilities account is past due, please contact the Utilities office to make arrangements with Priscilla Arthur, Utilities Accountant.

If you would like to make a payment over the phone please call the Finance office.

Please do not wait until it’s too late!

Contact Information:

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Finance Office: 208-621-3838

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SRBA Announcement

The SRBA Individual Water & Sewer Systems Assistance Program funding has been expended for the 2021 Fiscal Year. Applications for service will continue to be accepted and processed with projects resuming at the beginning of the next fiscal year on October 1, 2021. If you have any questions regarding this matter or wish to learn more about the program, please contact Otta Belle Moody, SRBA Project Coordinator via email: [ottam@nezperce.org](mailto:ottam@nezperce.org) or by phone: (208) 621-4771.



## NPTVRS Announcement

The Nez Perce Tribe is returning back to Stage 3 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 walk-ins, scheduled appointments and phone calls.
- We still require that you have your temperature checked and wear your mask when entering our NPTVRS office.
- We are still providing gloves and masks for your appointment.
- We also offer an orientation of our NPTVRS program for anyone who thinks they are interested and qualifies for our program, including transition students who are Juniors and Seniors in high school.

**NPTVRS news stories:**

- During the month of September our NPTVRS program is looking forward to completing our World of Work Inc. (WOWI) training level 3 with Dr. Niedhart from Arizona. Dr. Niedhart is the owner of the WOWI program and he assists many other tribes through-

out the United States with implementing his WOWI system to better help anyone identify and achieve their career goals.

- Our NPTVRS staff will also like to introduce Mr. Gordon Bennett Jr. as our new NPTVRS Specialist. Our staff is happy to have his contributions as we look forward to achieving many great things within the program.
- Our NPTVRS program currently has five brand new CPU'S for our training center. The CPUs are installed with the newest tools of Microsoft office and we encourage those who are participants in the program to stop by and use them to develop resumes, letters and job applications.
- Our NPTVRS program also has openings for any eligible NPTVRS participant who is interested in 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 to those who qualify for our program with a diagnosed disability that want to sign up for labor work such as flagging, welding, truck driving, solar panels, the 9 pieces of equipment training, and much more within construction work. Our program also offers assistance in other work areas as well. For example, Massage Therapy and Vo-Tech school for those who are interested in that type of employment/workforce trainings. Another area of interest our program offers help in is medical coding and office support development skills through LCSC workforce trainings.

- We also keep close tabs on the recent job openings located within the Lewis-Clark Valley. The NPTVRS program encourages any participant who is currently enrolled in the program to stop by and we can help assist with employment opportunities.
- Our NPTVRS fiscal year ends on 9-30-2021 and our program seeks your recommendation on cultural activities that we can include for the new fiscal year starting on 10-1-2021.

**NPTVRS contact info:**

- Our new office location is at 271 B, St Lapwai, ID in the Nez Perce Tribe Education building. Please use the Voc. Rehab main entrance, which is located on the side of the building near the softball field.
- 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 consistently 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 happy to assist you.

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



## VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN



**Join 'Úuyit Kímti Program Safety & Wellness Advocate Rick Hernandez as he shares "How to Create a Safety Plan in Unsafe Homes."**

**This tool is important for survivors of violence as well as supportive family, friends, & colleagues.**

Please call 621-4778 to receive link or email [AntoinetteP@nezperce.org](mailto:AntoinetteP@nezperce.org)

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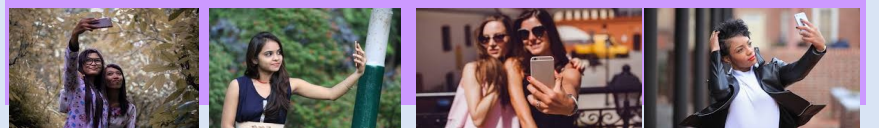
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## Virtual Scavenger Hunt

**Participate for a Nez Perce Tribe 'Úuyit Kímti Program Domestic Violence Awareness 2021 T-shirt!**



### Submit pictures completing 3 of the following tasks

- **Physical task;** walking, dancing, swimming, running.
- **Cultural task;** sewing, gathering, dancing, preparing sweat.
- **Community task;** football or volleyball game, local event, pick up trash.
- **Educational task;** Pledge anti-violence, attend Lunch & Learn, share what you can do to end violence on our reservation.

Tag Nez Perce Tribe 'Úuyit Kímti Program Facebook page or email pictures [AntoinetteP@nezperce.org](mailto:AntoinetteP@nezperce.org) and pick up a free domestic violence awareness t-shirt!

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## Certified Indian Businesses, Updated Aug. 2021

### 1. Boss Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC

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### 2. D-Flagging & Traffic Control LLC

Owner: Diana L. Warden Enrollment: Nez Perce  
3344 Hwy 12 W. Tr.B Kamiah, ID 83536  
Phone: 208-451-4915 Fax: 208-935-1301  
Email: dianalwarden@msn.com

### 3. D-3 Native Wood Works, LLC

Owner: Bradley C. Dreadfulwater Enrollment: Cherokee  
624 Washington Av. Grangeville, ID 83530  
Phone: 509-547-0349  
Email: braddr@hotmail.com

### 4. Falcon Construction

Owner: B. Nicole George Enrollment: Nez Perce  
2812 Meadowlark Dr. Lewiston, ID 83501  
Phone: 208-791 3882 / 208-843-2341 Fax: 208-746-2035  
Email: montie.phillips@yahoo.com

### 5. Hipeexnu kii U Nuun Wisiix, Inc.

Owner: Bessie Walker Enrollment: Nez Perce  
P.O. Box 415, 128 Joseph St., N. Lapwai, ID 83540  
Phone: 208-816-6552  
Email: www.hipeexnu.org

### 6. Jason Hendren

Owner: Jason Hendren Enrollment: Nez Perce  
39946 US Highway 95 Spalding, ID 83540  
Phone: 208-413-1831  
Email: jasonh@gmail.com

### 7. J. Marek Construction

Owner: Jared Marek Enrollment: Nez Perce  
150 Red Tail Lane Lapwai, ID 83540  
Phone: 208-791-9056

### 8. Kamiakin Systems Integration

Owner: Caleb Carter Enrollment: Yakama  
1126 14th Av. Lewiston, ID 83501  
Phone: 509-494-4474

### 9. L & R General Contracting

Owner: Levi Holt/Randall Fuhs  
Enrollment: Nez Perce/Turtle Mtn. Chippewa  
P.O. Box 414 Lapwai, ID 83540  
Phone: 208-848-6828/208-790-8948  
Email: levijholt@gmail.com

### 10. MB Plumbing

Owner: Marvin Boyd  
928 8th St. Enrollment: Chugach  
Clarkston, WA 99403 Phone: 509-751-6018

### 11. McFarland Enterprises

Owner: Michael D. McFarland Enrollment: Nez Perce  
25028 Cottonwood Creek Rd. Culdesac, ID 83524  
Phone: 208-843-2353/208-816-2657  
Email: michaelmcfarland566@gmail.com

### 12. Nez Perce Tourism, LLC

Owner: Stacia L. Morfin Enrollment: Nez Perce  
P.O. Box 57 Lapwai, ID 83540  
Phone: 208-790-8873  
Web Site: nezpercetourism.com

### 13. Tiny Tots Learning Center

Owner: Santee Penney & Bobbi Penney  
Enrollment: Nez Perce, Shoshone Bannock  
P.O. Box 158, 357 Agency Rd. Lapwai, ID 83540  
Phone: 208-935-8587  
Email: tinytotsLapwai@gmail.com

### 14. Tribal Headway Construction LLC

Owner: Paul L. Oatman Enrollment: Nez Perce  
126 Skyline Dr. Kamiah, ID 83536  
Phone: 208-935-8959

### 15. Tribal Risk and Insurance Solutions, LLC

Owner: Heather S. Ott Enrollment: Hopi  
1835 S Extension Road, Mesa, AZ 85210  
Phone: 800-274-1379 Fax: 480-730-4929  
Web Site: www.trisllc.com

### 16. Verge

Owner: Lewanne Teasley Enrollment: Nez Perce  
P.O. Box 1, Lapwai, ID 83540  
Phone: 208-790-0022 Fax: N/A  
Email: onthevergesince1855.com

### 17. White Shield, Inc.

Owner: Stuart Frick Enrollment: Three Affiliated Tribes  
320 N. 20th Av.  
Pasco, WA 99301 Phone: 509-547-0100  
Email: sfricke@whiteshield.com Fax: 509-547-8292

### 18. WW Transport LLC.

Owner: Walter Williams Enrollment: Nez Perce  
1276 West Lake Rd. Ferdinand, ID 83526  
Phone: 208-962-5926

## Job Opportunities

### NPT, NMPH, Enterprises Job Announcements

<https://nezperce.org/contact/employment/>

### Temprary Job Announcement

The Nez Perce Tribe General Council is currently seeking dependable, hardworking TELLERS and SERGEANT-AT-ARMS to assist with Fall General Council, Boards & Commissions Elections in all three Communities: LAPWAI, KAMIAH and OROFINO. Applicants must be an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe and age eighteen (18) years or older. College students and/or unemployed individuals are preferred. You must commit for the full three days.

Applications are available on Nez Perce Tribe Website  
<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/General-Council-Tellers-Sgt-At-Arms-Application.pdf>  
or at Nez Perce Tribe Human Resources Department.  
Application Deadline: Sep. 20, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

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## Nez Perce Tribal Directory, Updated Aug. 2021

Appaloosa Express Transit 208-621-4691  
 Behavioral Health 208-843-7244  
 Bio-Control 208-843-9374, Fax 843-9373  
 Career Center Lapwai 208-843-7316, Fax 843-7387  
 Child Protection Services 208-843-7302, Fax 843-9401  
 Child Support Enforcement 208-843-7362, Fax 843-7388  
 Clearwater River Casino 208-746-0723, Fax 746-5715  
 Commodity Foods Kamiah 208-935-4115, Fax 935-4125  
 Commodity Foods Lapwai 208-843-7305, Fax 843-7401  
 Communications 208-621-4772  
 Community Health 208-843-9375  
 Construction Office 208-621-4871  
 Court Kamiah 208-935-2525  
 Cultural Language Kamiah/Orofino 208-935-2525  
 Cultural Resources 208-843-7313, Fax 843-7419  
 Day Labor Program 208-621-3673  
 Distance Learning Center Kamiah 208-935-4106,  
 Fax 935-4126  
 Distance Learning Center Lapwai 208-843-7336  
 Dworshak Fish Hatchery 208-476-4591, Fax 476-3252  
 Economic Development 208-621-3710  
 Education 208-843-7378  
 Enrollment Clerk 208-621-3678  
 Enterprise Executive Office 208-843-7407, Fax 743-3291  
 ERWM 208-843-7375, Fax 843-7378  
 Executive Direction 208-843-7324, Fax 843-7343  
 Finance 208-843-7317, Fax 208-843-7319  
 Financial Assistance 208-621-4665  
 Fire Management 208-843-2827, Fax 843-2834  
 Fish & Wildlife Commission 208-843-9376, Fax 843-7381  
 Fisheries 208-843-7320, Fax 843-7322  
 Fisheries Enforcement 208-843-7143, Fax 843-7148  
 Forestry 208-843-7328, Fax 843-7329  
 Gaming Commission 208-621-2254, Fax 743-3291  
 Housekeeping Lapwai 208-843-7415, Fax 843-7379  
 Housekeeping Kamiah 208-621-3628  
 Human Resources 208-843-7332, Fax 208-843-7414  
 Information Systems 208-843-7307, Fax 843-7309  
 It'se Ye-Ye Casino 208-935-7955  
 Judicial Services 208-843-7338, Fax 843-7337  
 Kooskia Fish Hatchery 208-926-4272, Fax 926-4574  
 KIYE 88.7 & 105.5 FM Office: 208-935-9142  
 Toll Free: 877-304-4320  
 Land Services 208-843-7392, Fax 843-7391  
 Lapwai Boys & Girls Club 208-843-9371, Fax 843-9370  
 Law and Justice Department 208-843-7338, Fax 843-7337  
 Maintenance Lapwai 208-843-7405, Fax 843-7379  
 Maintenance Kamiah 208-621-3639  
 Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees Kamiah 208-935-2888,  
 Fax 935-2882  
 Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees Lapwai 208-843-7330,  
 Fax 843-7383

Natural Resources 208-843-7400, Fax 843-7418  
 Nez Perce Camas Express 208-924-6992  
 Nez Perce Express 208-746-6225  
 Nez Perce Language Program 208-843-7402, Fax 843-7308  
 Nez Perce Tribe National Historical Park 208-843-7001,  
 Fax 843-7003  
 Nimiipuu Community Development Fund 208-621-3729,  
 Fax 621-3748  
 Nimiipuu Health Kamiah 208-935-0733, Fax 935-1005  
 Nimiipuu Health Lapwai 208-843-2253  
 NMPH Human Resources 208-621-4950  
 NPT Housing Kamiah 208-935-2144, Fax 935-5167  
 NPT Housing Lapwai 208-843-2229, Fax 843-2973  
 NPT Transportation Program 208-621-3682  
 NPTEC 208-843-7342 Fax 843-7354  
 NPTEC Support Staff 843-2253 Fax 843-7354  
 Office of Legal Council 208-843-7355, Fax 843-7377  
 Optometry 208-621-4965  
 Patient Advocate 208-621-5009  
 Páyniwaas Café 208-790-6358  
 Páyniwaas Center 208-843-7360, Fax 843-7354  
 Pharmacy 208-621-4963  
 Probation 208-621-3518  
 Production Division 208-843-7320, Fax 843-2351  
 Prosecutor 208-843-7361, Fax 843-5083  
 Qemes Cafe (Kamiah) 208-935-7873  
 Red Wolf Golf Club 509-758-2547  
 Senior Citizens 208-843-7311, Fax 843-7410  
 Social Services 208-843-2463, Fax 843-7364  
 Students For Success Kamiah 208-935-4109, Fax 935-4120  
 Students For Success Lapwai 208-843-7303, Fax 843-7387  
 TANF 208-843-2464, Fax 843-7137  
 TERO Kamiah 208-935-4703, Fax 935-4120  
 TERO Lapwai 208-843-7363, Fax 843-7365  
 Tewéepuu Center 208-476-7407, Fax 476-5578  
 Tribal Police Law Enforcement Kamiah 208-935-4107,  
 Fax 935-7897  
 Tribal Police Law Enforcement Lapwai 208-843-7141,  
 Fax 843-5337  
 U of I Extension 208-791-4087  
 Úuyit Kimti (New Beginnings) 208-621-4778  
 Veterans Program 208-621-4738  
 Vocational Rehabilitation Kamiah 208-621-4817, Fax 935-0540  
 Vocational Rehabilitation Lapwai 208-843-9395, Fax 843-9396  
 Water Resources 208-843-7368, Fax 843-7371  
 Watershed Division 208-843-7144, Fax 843-9192  
 Wéeyes Center 208-935-2525, Fax 935-4100  
 Whitcom Dispatch Kamiah 208-935-7777  
 Whitcom Dispatch Lapwai 208-843-5214  
 Wildlife-Lapwai 208-843-2162, Fax 843-2427  
 Wireless Department 208-621-3590  
 Zims Hot Springs 208-347-2686

## Applications

### Nez Perce Tribe Employment Application

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NPTApplication.pdf>

### Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Donation Request

<https://crgcasino.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/DonationFormSept.2019.pdf>

### Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises Application of Employment

<https://crgcasino.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/NPTE-Fillable-Application-2021.pdf>

### Nez Perce Tribal Police Employment Application

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Forms-LawEnforcementEmploymentApplication.pdf>

### Request Ceremonial Fish Application

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NPT2017Form4CeremonialSalmon.pdf>

### Fall 2021 Scholarship/Higher Education Enrollment

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Flyer-Scholarship-Fall-2021.pdf> (\*\*Deadline is Sep. 15)





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