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Higheagle and Weaskus Named 2021 Elders of the Year



Evelyn Higheagle and Frank Weaskus hold hands as they accept their Elder of the Year awards.

Evelyn Higheagle and Frank Weaskus were named 2021 Elders of the Year for the Nez Perce Tribe.

The presentation, which included tributes by members of the Nez Perce senior advisory committee, Chairman Samu-

el Penney, family members and friends took place November 5 at the Clearwater Casino event center. The ceremony is an annual event in which Nez Perce Tribal elders are nominated by other seniors and selected by the advisory committee.

Higheagle was born in Tacoma, but returned to the reservation in Lapwai during the summers to spend time with relatives. She eventually moved back to Lapwai, graduated from Lewis-Clark State College, married and spent 31 years teaching in the Lapwai School District.

Higheagle and her late husband, Anthony, were strong supporters of the Lapwai athletic teams and worked behind the scenes to help organize tribal pow-

wows and other celebrations.

Weaskus grew up on the reservation and retired from the Nez Perce Tribe in February following a 43-year career there. He has been a strong supporter of Nez Perce rituals, language and traditions, and has participated in drum ceremonies around the Northwest. He received a degree in finance from the University of Idaho.

Higheagle and Weaskus were presented with certificates, blankets and other gifts as well.

Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune Announcement

Thank you for your continued support of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune. While we understand there are several news sources available, we greatly appreciate that you choose to read our content. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there were two months where we did not publish an issue. For this reason it was decided to waive all subscription fees for 2021. Now that we are coming to the end of the year, subscribers can anticipate the arrival of subscription renewal notices, along with a few changes.

In light of everything over the last two years, we are experiencing an increase in printing and mailing costs. In an attempt to cut down on paper waste and cover these increased printing costs, the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune will begin collecting an annual subscription fee from all subscribers with the exception of hard copies remaining free of charge for enrolled Nez Perce elders 62 and older. The online version will remain free of charge for all readers, and a hard copy subscription will remain at the low cost of \$40 per year.

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In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are working to cut down on paper waste and printing cost. Hard copies will be available upon request only. Enrolled Nez Perce Tribal members are able to receive hard copies at no cost (limit one per household). For businesses and non-enrolled Nez Perce Tribal members, the hard copy subscription fee is \$36 annually. The online version is free for everyone. Subscribe today!

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The Nez Perce Tribe provides multiple online platforms for information and updates. In addition to these resources we greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing information with your loved ones, especially those who are not online. Online content is our most timely resource to get information out and reach a large audience. While we continue to work on improving offline communication, our quickest way to reach people is through the good ol' moccasin telegraph.

The Nez Perce Tribe Communications Department continues to look for ways to increase outreach and engagement with the Tribal Membership and surrounding communities. Please stay connected with the below resources for up to date notices on news, events, meetings, announcements, and other opportunities happening within the Nez Perce Tribe.

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Place Name Initiative Honors Nez Perce History of Local National Forest Lands

KAMIAH, Idaho November 8, 2021—The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests recently received \$50,000 in funding from the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act that will be put towards the implementation of the Place Name Initiative, a collaborative project proposed by the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and Nez Perce Tourism, LLC of Lewiston. The project will identify and sign certain areas within the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests with their Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) place names.

For countless generations, the Nez Perce have shared an intimate relationship with the land and the life sources it provides. Place names often assigned a special significance to sites. The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests contains many culturally significant locations for the Nez Perce people, as



it encompasses 4 million of the 7.5 million acres of Nez Perce Tribe homelands ceded to the United States in 1855.

As the area was settled, many places were renamed and signed by newcomers. The new signs created through the Place Name Initiative will co-exist with modern signs and provide historical context that

many forest visitors seek while giving recognition to the Tribal history of these special places.

The idea for the Place Name Initiative came from a recommendation made to Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests Supervisor Cheryl Probert by a tribal member during a 2020 meeting with the Nez Perce Tribe's General Council. The suggestion was to identify and sign some of the historic Nez Perce place names on National Forest System lands within the Nez Perce Tribe's homelands.

Stacia Morfin, member of the Nez Perce Tribe and founder of Nez Perce Tourism, LLC, heard the tribal member's request during the meeting and was eager to offer her assistance in the project.

"The request to initiate a place name project across our homelands will add a deeper layer of connection to the places Nimiipuu call home—not only for future generations of Nimiipuu, but with hopes to provide educational and authentic experiences for our traveling guests," said Morfin. "It's an honor to be a part of this cooperative." "While we regularly work with Nez Perce Tribal leadership and technical staff, we don't have as many opportunities to work this closely with the Nez Perce people on matters so close to their hearts," said Probert. "This is an exciting opportunity

to partner with a local Certified Indian Business on a project suggested by a tribal member that will benefit everyone."

Morfin will be working closely with the Nez Perce Tribe, Circle of Elders and the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests to ensure sacred and undisclosed place names remain protected, while those appropriate to share with the public are promoted.

"We are looking forward to seeing this project completed. It has been needed for some time and will add significant context that has been missing on the history of this area," stated Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Samuel Penney.

The NATIVE Act was established to enhance and integrate Native American tourism, empower Native American communities, increase coordination and collaboration between Federal tourism assets, and expand heritage and cultural tourism opportunities in the United States. To learn more about the Act, visit <https://www.aianta.org/understanding-the-native-act/>.

For more information about the Place Name Initiative, please contact NATIVE Act Project Coordinating Team members Christine Bradbury, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests (208-816-6822) or Stacia Morfin, Nez Perce Tourism, LLC (208-790-8873).

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Indian Country's Best in Tourism

BY Patty Talahongva,
Indian Country Today

FORT McDOWELL YAVAPAI NATION — Tourism is back for many in Indian Country and for Nez Perce Tourism, LLC, that means offering tours of its traditional homelands that cross five states: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

The family owned business offers an experience that is rich in Nimiipuu values and has earned them five star ratings from Google, Yelp and Facebook. They've also been featured in several national publications.

Nez Perce Tourism picked up the Best Cultural Heritage Experience at the annual Excellence in Tourism Industry Awards Gala and Silent Auction, hosted by the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association. The association held its annual conference this past week at the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort near Phoenix.

Chief Executive Officer Sherry Rupert, Paiute/Washoe, said the conference

was well attended by representatives from all 15 regions, plus Native Hawaiians.

A highlight at the conference was the release of a report showing that Indian tourism is a \$14 billion industry.

"That's a huge number for us," Rupert said. "Before we didn't even know really what the economic impact was. So, to be able to have that number is really important for us as we advocate locally, statewide and nationwide on behalf of tribal tourism."

Daniel Nāho'opī'i, Kanaka Maoli, led the study with his firm, SMS Research.

"I think everyone was excited for the \$14 billion, you know that's about the same amount that visitors to Oregon spend and Hawaiians about \$17 billion annually," he said.

"We're using U.S. Census data, so we're using U.S. government data to show our wealth and our worth," Nāho'opī'i continued.

Taking home the "Industry Professional Award," was Dawn Melvin, tribal tourism relations manager for the Arizona

Office of Tourism. Melvin was recognized for her work with increasing tourism opportunities for tribes in Arizona, both nationally and internationally.

Leilah Young, the chief executive officer of Dixie's Lower Antelope Canyon Tours, accepted the award for "Excellence in Customer Service." Besides being outstanding in her customer service, Young also gives back to her community in the form of providing scholarships, holding clothing drives and sup-

porting community elders.

Taking home the award for "Destination of the Year" went to the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum. The museum tells the story of the Seneca and Haudenosaunee people through 10,000 objects on display, 5,000 photographs and thousands more of archeological materials. More than 15,000 visitors come from around the world to tour the museum.

The annual conference will be held next year in San Diego.



Nez Perce Tourism, LLC wins Best Cultural Heritage Experience at Annual American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association Gala.
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New Federal Grant will Support Idaho's Hispanic, Black and Indigenous Entrepreneurs

By Idaho Capital Sun,
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After 100 hours of work on the application and support from Idaho's governor and congressional delegation, the Idaho Hispanic Foundation became one of 11 recipients of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Community Navigator Pilot Program grants, which will provide funding for seven organizations focused on supporting Hispanic, Black and Indigenous entrepreneurs across Idaho.

Diane Bevan, chief executive officer of the Idaho Hispanic Foundation and executive director of the Idaho Women's Business Center, worked on the grant application in July and received the official notice of award on Wednesday. As a Tier 2 awardee, the foundation will receive up to \$2.5 million in funds.

The Community Navigator Pilot Program is a \$100 million program from the federal American Rescue Plan Act that aims to reduce barriers faced by underserved and underrepresented people trying to grow or start a business.

The grant is based on a "hub and spoke" model Bevan calls Idaho Connect, where the Women's Business Center will serve as the hub providing training for the "spoke" organizations, who will reach out directly to those who would

benefit from services such as access to financial assistance, financial literacy counseling, government contracts support and language technical assistance, particularly to the Hispanic community. The seven spoke organizations include the Idaho Veterans Chamber of Commerce, Veteran Entrepreneur Alliance, the Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Idaho Black Community Alliance, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, North Idaho Native Fund and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Leaders of Idaho organizations say grant will play a vital role in outreach efforts. Enrique Rivera, chief executive officer of the Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, told the Idaho Capital Sun in an email that the chamber expects to receive \$250,000 in grant funds and will use them to expand resources and education programs and to assist with the translation of materials for community members who prefer to learn and engage in Spanish.

"We also plan to utilize this grant opportunity to strengthen our partnerships in underserved communities, especially in agricultural areas, where we are seeing an increase in entrepreneurship in Hispanic communities," Rivera said. "(We are) committed to supporting underserved entrepreneurs on to the path of eco-



Nez Perce Tribe citizen Stacia Morfin, left, shows items from her Lewiston business, Traditions Gift Shop. (Courtesy of Diane Bevan)

nomc recovery, and this grant will play a vital role in helping us accomplish this goal."

Trish Walker, founder and chief executive officer of the Idaho Black Community Alliance, said she worked with Bevan to start the Alliance during the grant application process. Walker was born and raised in Idaho and started a Black Employee Network during the years she worked at Micron in Boise, and served as the employee resource group lead for Black employees. Walker is also an operations manager for the annual Boise Soul Food Festival, and she said one of her first priorities with the grant funding will be to reach out to those 40 vendors to see how she might be able to support them.

"Some of it will be financial support, some will be training, or learning how to better brand their business," Walker said. "Some of them just need a website, or resources on how to start a business, how to grow a business, how to market a business and reach a bigger audience."

Some businesses don't have a brick and mortar shop and want one, she said, while others conduct business online and need help with that. Walker also hopes to use the grant in a way that facilitates the promotion, preservation

and appreciation of Black culture in Idaho communities.

While Black business owners are a small community in Idaho, Walker said the grant will be helpful to those entrepreneurs and the people who want to support them.

"It helps the Black businesses to be able to sustain, it helps them to be able to be successful. It helps us as a community, it helps us as a state because it pours those resources back into Idaho and it allows us to be able to grow," Walker said. "It does so much for diversity, equality and inclusion, and that's my whole goal is just to make this state more diverse, make equality for all and just include everyone."

Idaho congressional delegation wrote joint letter of support for grant award. Bevan said her grant application was the only one from Idaho, and it was selected out of 700 applicants. She said this was the first grant she has worked on that required a letter of support from a state elected official, which she received not only from Gov. Brad Little, but from Idaho's entire congressional delegation as well.

"All four of our delegation members banded together and wrote a joint letter to approve Idaho for this opportunity," Bevan said.



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Nez Perce Tribe Requests for Qualifications; Nez Perce Tribal Tourism Feasibility Study

The Nez Perce Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe seeking interest from qualified consultants/firms to assist the Tribe with the development of a comprehensive Tribal Tourism Feasibility Study. Funding for development of the study has been awarded to the Nez Perce Tribe by the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. Study components will later be incorporated into the Nez Perce Strategic Plan. The feasibility study must be completed within one year and allow adequate time for participation by the Tribal Council, staff, and key community stakeholders. The project outcome will be development of a Nez Perce Tribal Tourism Feasibility Study (written and on line) to guide the Tribe's new planning department in its tourism planning efforts for the next five to 10 years. The consultant will conduct on site review and facilitate development of the study.

The Tribe encourages any inquiries with respect to Tribe expectations and will respond promptly to email queries. The consultant or firm to be selected for this project will be based on criteria as detailed further.

One consultant or con-

sulting firm will be selected as a result of response to the RFQ, although the Tribe retains the right to refuse any or all proposals. The selection committee (comprised of officers of the Tribal Planning Department) will select individuals/firms to be interviewed and the highest rated firm will be selected for contract negotiations.

The Tribal seat of the Nez Perce government is situated in north central Idaho at Lapwai, 15 miles from Lewiston. The Tribe's overall vision for the reservation is to provide a safe, secure setting to enhance the health and welfare of all residents, to fulfill economic development strategies of a strong, well-diversified economy, and to secure the Nez Perce heritage for cultural, educational, economic and environmental success.

The Nez Perce Tribe serves approximately 3,600 Tribal members through its departments and programs, including Economic Development, Enterprises, Transportation, Education, Social Services, Law and Justice, among others. Tribal Authorities include Housing and Nimiipuu Health. Tribal departments and programs are detailed

on the Tribe's website: www.nezperce.org. The Nez Perce Reservation encompasses 1,208 square miles across five expansive counties, of which the Tribe currently owns or holds in trust a total of 19% of reservation land. Fishing, hunting and other rights are still utilized by Tribal members on land originally ceded to the U.S. government (1855 Treaty), a total of 7.5 million acres.

The scope of services for this proposal will include the following: Visioning. The consultant/s will facilitate a community visioning process with this process consisting of community meetings, stakeholder group sessions, and interviews with Tribal staff and leadership. Surveys may also be part of the process.

Review current Tribe efforts regarding tourism development. Identify and assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats regarding the Tribe's tourism. Facilitate the development of goals and objectives related to tourism that are culturally relevant and support the vision, values, and mission of the Tribe. Provide direct development of the feasibility study based on input. Submit recommenda-

tions for identified tourism opportunities for the Tribe with short term and long term opportunities to help foster community and economic development and Tribe well-being.

The consultant/s will work closely with the Tribe's new planning department to develop the feasibility study, including on site meetings as well as virtual. As necessary, Tribal Council members and Tribal staff will allocate time to this project and will participate in the visioning process.

A final five year Nez Perce Tribal Tourism Feasibility Study including executive summary, findings, recommendations, goals, objectives, strategies, outputs, and intended outcomes that includes clearly defined Tribal tourism opportunities.

The study will address market demographics and market demand for Tribal products, marketing strategies and branding, feasibility of Tribal tourism business allocated space; stakeholder resources, survey of community buy-in; prioritization of Tribal tourism opportunities for both the short and long term;

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We are excited to welcome Althea as our new Community Resilience Program Manager!



The Climate Science Alliance is excited to welcome Althea Walker to the team. As the Community Resilience Program Manager for the Climate Science Alliance, Althea works to provide leadership, vision, and support for Tribal partners and advance projects and activities identified by the Tribal Working Group to build resilience and capacity.

Althea Walker is a descendant of the Nez Perce, Hopi, and Gila River people and is an

enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community. Althea is a Certified Public Manager and Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associate. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental & Resource Management & Master of Science in Environmental Technology Management from Arizona State University.

Her career has focused on environmental protection, green building, zero waste planning, community engage-

ment, and climate resiliency. Her work in these areas have ranged from analyzing the impacts of dam operation and climate change on Columbia River salmon and lamprey migration to weaving Indigenous knowledge into climate change adaptation planning.

She is a Sequoyah Fellow (lifetime member) of the American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES) and an editorial board member of the AISES magazine, Winds of

Change. She is a steering committee member for the Indigenous Foods Knowledges Network, and a board member for the hipéexnu' kí'u núun wisíix Inc., whose mission is to promote, protect, and revitalize the Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) language and cultural ways of life. Althea previously worked for the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center and American Indian Higher Education Consortium where she was the Tribal Climate Science Liaison.

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and identification of resources available to the Nez Perce Tribe for tourism development.

The completed Feasibility Study must be available to the public on line editions and the consultant must provide at least 30 spiral-bound print editions.

RFQ Response Requirements: Cover Letter. Profile of firm, including organizational chart, names and roles of all individuals involved in this project, total years in Tribal tourism efforts, and contact information. At least two examples of relevant written work related to Tribal governmental

planning. Clear articulation of the approach to this project via a proposed schedule and description of the methods for public involvement. Summary of qualifications, related Tribal experience, and references. Inclusive fee schedule and total cost to accomplish the work.

Responses must be complete in order to be considered. All complete responses received by the deadline will receive full consideration.

Respondents will be ranked based on the following criteria: Responsiveness of proposal to project objectives. Experience in successful completion of work of a similar size and scope. Qualifica-

tions to manage and provide services, including on similar size and scope projects. Tribe-related experience. Project management, approach, and methodology. Responses from client references. Cost of services. Other information that may be required or secured.

Each consulting individual or team submitting a response shall provide and pay for all materials, labor, transportation, fees, or expenses incurred to prepare a response to the RFQ, including presentation costs if selected for a final interview.

The Tribe reserves the right to reject any or all responses and/or engage in ne-

gotiation, waive any requirements, or otherwise amend or cancel the RFQ to achieve the Tribe's goals and objectives for this project. The information contained in this RFQ represents the Tribe's best information at the time of the release of the RFQ.

Written responses (3 copies) and an electronic pdf must be received by the Tribe no later than 4:30 p.m. PST on November 26, 2021. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted or considered.

Contact Ann McCormack for direct questions about the RFP and send proposals at annm@nezperce.org or 208-621-3710.

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When he was growing up in Lapwai, Idaho, Rickey “Deekon” Jones remembers regularly leaving school at the end of the day to head for the elders’ center on the Nez Perce Reservation where he lived. There, he would hang out for hours while the women weaved and the men told stories and joked in the Nimiipuu’s traditional language.

“It was a comfortable place for me to be,” Deekon says. “And outside of that, I managed to stay clear of substance use, and I credit that a lot to the elders there. They would always tell me stories and tell me how to act, how to carry myself and everything.”

Even as a young boy, though, Deekon was aware that many of his friends weren’t so fortunate.

“A lot of my friends experienced substances, and they were abusing substances and getting into a lot of trouble, and they kind of pushed me to see what I could do to change this outcome. I always wanted to find a way to help them and their families,” he says. “So I think that’s what pushed me, more than anything, was grow-

ing up in that environment.”

Fast forward a few years, and Deekon was on only the second airplane ride of his life, headed to Eastern Arizona College on a basketball scholarship. His time there lasted less than a year.

“It was culture shock more than anything,” he says. “They didn’t understand my brand of humor as much. There wasn’t really community. Everybody was there for themselves, and I thought I’d be okay with that, and then I just started feeling more and more out of place as time went on.”

In his tribe, he says, it’s common to “joke 24/7,” and having to explain himself left him feeling isolated. “And I’m like, now I’m just sitting around here even more quiet than I already am, and not joking, and I need to go home.”

He ended up enrolling at North Idaho College in Coeur D’Alene, Idaho, which was only a two-hour drive from Lapwai, and there he found enough Indigenous students to feel like he had a community again. But it wasn’t long before he left school and moved to Spokane. “I was finished with basketball,” he says. “I didn’t love it anymore, and I didn’t

know what I was going to do.”

In Spokane, he lived in his car for six months, parked outside a recording studio. “I had to see if there was something else I loved,” he says.

He started showing up at the studio every day before most everyone else was there and spent his days watching the audio engineer work and taking mental notes. “And then one day, he wasn’t available but he had clients, and I just told them I could do it. And that’s what kind of got me off the street and into building everything I have music related now,” he says.

A love of music is nurtured. Deekon knew he loved music. His love of music, he says, came from the Motown he used to listen to with both his father and mother. “My dad had vinyl and eight tracks and my mom, she would always, no matter what she did, have music playing and it was always Motown, and so every day my life was just Motown. And so I’m a little kid singing all these Motown songs, and I’ve loved it ever since then.”

Eventually, he started writing his own songs at the studio. At the same time, there were people his own age and younger coming to the studio

to record, and he started writing and selling beats to them. “And nine out of 10 times, it was something really sad, like minor key beats that were just really good for storytelling because that’s what I like to do. And they were like whoa, that’s deep, you know, I’ll write something to it.

“And when they come back, they would have to match the energy of the song, so the songs were really deep. And I’m like man, I can really talk to these people about their lives through this music,” he says. It’s a lot easier than me striking up a conversation with somebody who’s had trauma in their life and saying, ‘Tell me about your trauma.’ So in talking to artists who were writing to my set, I would be finding out all these things about their lives.”

A program is born. On his own, he began researching the connection between trauma and the brain, trying to figure out the correlation to music. He discovered that what he was doing was more along the lines of experiential therapy, as opposed to traditional music therapy. With this new realization, he returned to Lapwai and started working at the Boys and

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Girls Club. Supplied with just a computer and a microphone, he began a music program. The results were immediate and so powerful that they ended up shutting down the program because the staff members weren't trained counselors.

Eventually, he got hired to monitor the patients at the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations, an adolescent residential chemical dependency treatment center in Spokane Valley, Wash. He suggested trying his music program there with the patients. It took him a while to get permission. At the time, he says there were a lot of kids getting kicked out for rules violations like running away or destroying property. So he created a survey to ask the kids what they thought would help.

"And every single kid had music on their list in one form or another, and I brought that back to the administration."

Initially, he was allowed to take kids off-site to a studio to work, but the results were so promising that he soon got

the green light for a formal music program. The result was Healing Through Hip Hop, although the program welcomed participants to choose their own musical genres. "We've done some country, we've done a lot of rock, some spoken word poetry," Deekon says.

With Deekon's help, kids in the program wrote, produced, and recorded music, through which they often revealed the traumas in their lives, a process that was then paired with dependency counseling and experiential therapy.

Healing Through Hip Hop attracts national attention. The approach was so successful, it attracted considerable attention from the mainstream medical establishment. In 2011, Healing Through Hip Hop won the "Innovative Program of the Year" from the Washington State Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery. The next year, Deekon was a finalist in President Obama's Native Youth Challenge. In 2013, the program partnered with Harvard Medical School's Division on Addiction.

Recently, Deekon has been working with the University of Washington's CoLab for Community and Behavioral Health, which engages community expertise and research evidence to make changes in behavioral health policy and systems. Through this partnership, he completed a training manual, and the program is being evaluated to determine if it qualifies as an evidence-based practice.

"This program came from the Reservation," Deekon says. "This program isn't built on Western standards of psychology, and now with working through this training manual and working with the CoLab, it will be an evidence-based program that's culturally competent."

There is the hope that Healing Through Hip Hop will become a pilot program for how other community-based programs are evaluated and adopted. Along the way, Deekon says he's had to fight for the program to be recognized by Western medicine as effective and worthy of funding, and he's aware that

many community-based programs haven't been so lucky.

"It's been so frustrating, and I've just kind of been so stubborn that I never gave up,"

He recently began a new venture, founding an organization called Community Development Initiative with the mission of increasing neighborhood vitality throughout Spokane, where he lives part-time, by serving BIPOC businesses and entrepreneurs with training and education, funding, and increased visibility. He sees an opportunity to help individuals and programs succeed that are all-too-often ignored by mainstream establishments, because they are BIPOC led and may not qualify for traditional loans and funding streams.

"And you're trying to come into a predominantly White space, and so I want to provide the space to be able to fund those programs, give them space to operate and grow, just like I've struggled to do," he says. "I hope to be the one that goes through all that storm and makes it a little less turbulent for those who come after me."



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The National Center Names 2021
Native American 40 Under 40 Award Recipients

Arizona- The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (The National Center) announced the 2021 class of Native American 40 Under 40 award recipients. The Native American 40 Under 40 awards represent the best and brightest emerging Indian Country leaders. Every year, 40 American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian leaders under the age of 40 are inducted in recognition of their leadership, initiative, and dedication, and for making significant contributions in their

business and/or in their community. Award winners include leaders working in numerous fields including academia, government, non-profits, tourism, nature conservation, technology, and more. This year, The National Center will resume the tradition of honoring Native American 40 Under 40 awardees during an in-person reception on Friday, December 10, 6:00PM—9:30PM MST, at Harrah’s Ak-Chin in Maricopa, AZ. To learn more about attending the 2021 Native American 40 Under 40 reception, click

here. Similar to the 2020 class, the 2021 class of Native American 40 Under 40 recipients have displayed resiliency and dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Center looks forward to celebrating the 2021 class. View a list of the 2021 Native American 40 Under 40 class below. “Every year we recognize 40 young Indian Country leaders who are paving new paths and opening new possibilities for their communities,” said National Center President and CEO Chris James. “The 2021 40

Under 40 class is showing future generations of Native leaders how hard work, perseverance, and dedication to your community and profession can pay dividends. We’re excited to celebrate the accomplishments of the 2021 class in person again, and I look forward to learning even more about the impressive work they’re doing on December 10. We hope this award continues to inspire generations of young American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian leaders to continue to dream big.”

2021 Native American 40 Under 40 Award Recipients (in alphabetical order by last name):

- Erin Abrahamson, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Chief of Staff, The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
- Yawna Allen, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma; Director of Civic Engagement and Special Projects/Communications Lead, The National Congress of American Indians
- Joshua Anderson, Cherokee Nation; Director of Surveillance and Technology, Cherokee Nation Entertainment
- Chelsie Baldwin, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska; Program Coordinator, Native Alliance Against Violence
- Sarah Young Bear-Brown, Meskwaki Nation/ Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa; Motivational Speaker, SAYBB Creation (beadwork), Native American Activist, Vice President for The Native American Caucus of the Iowa Democratic Party
- Andrea Akall'eq Burgess, Yupik, Native Village of Kwinhagak; Global Director, The Nature Conservancy
- Angelina Casanova, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; Chairperson, Command Holdings, A Pequot Company
- Ashley Christensen, Chugach Alaska Corporation; Director of Internal Customer Relations, Chugach Government Solutions, LLC
- Cynthia Connolly, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians; Director of Programming, City Club of Cleveland
- Courtney Davis-Souvannasacd, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Director, Minogitoon (Grow it Well)
- Lauren B. Decker (nee Curry), Bristol Bay Native Corporation Alaska; Chief Science Officer, PolArctic LLC
- Sarah Biscarra Dille, yak titvu titvu Northern Chumash; Lecturer in American Indian Studies, San Francisco State University
- Heather Doran, Choctaw Nation; Chief of Staff, Industry, Apps, and Data Marketing, Microsoft Corporation
- Jordan Dresser, Northern Arapaho Tribe; Chairman, Northern Arapaho Business Council
- Jacob T. Floyd, Muscogee (Creek); Assistant Professor, University of Missouri
- Ashlee Kane Fox, Cherokee Nation; Self-Governance Coordinator and Assistant to the Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation
- James Freeman, Lumbee; President, Emerging Technology Institute
- Julian Guerrero Jr., Comanche; Director, Office of Indian Education, United States Department of Education
- Chad Cody Harsha, Cherokee Nation; Secretary of Natural Resources, Cherokee Nation
- Noah Blue Elk Hotchkiss, S. Ute / S. Cheyenne / Caddo; Founder/ Board President, Tribal Adaptive Organization
- Anpotowin Jensen, Oglala Lakota; Environmental and Health Consultant, International Indian Treaty Council
- Calvin Jilot, Chippewa Cree of Rocky Boys Montana; Council member, Chippewa Cree Tribe
- Tisha Kuhns, Akiachak Native Community; VP of Lands, Calista
- Tyson Marchand, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Assistant Controller, Northern Quest Resort & Casino and Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority
- William J. Marchand, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation; Planning Director, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Naomi Miguel, Tohono O’odham; Majority Staff Director, House Natural Resources Committee - Indigenous Peoples of the United States Subcommittee
- Stacia Morfin, Nez Perce Tribe; Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Nez Perce Tourism, LLC
- Alisha Murphy, Navajo; Economist, Navajo Nation Division of Economic Development
- Kilyn Rain Parisien, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; Chief Executive Officer/Community Development Manager, Boys & Girls Club of Turtle Mountain/Byron Dorgan Youth Wellness Center
- Elizabeth Rule, Chickasaw Nation; Assistant Professor; Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies, American University
- Candace Schmidt, Northern Ponca Tribe of Nebraska; District Communications Director, Norfolk Public Schools
- Tai Simpson, Nimiipuu / Nez Perce; Director of Social Change, Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence
- Sunny Stevenson, Walker River Paiute Tribe; Director of Federal Relations at National Council of Urban Indian Health; Co-Owner of Cedar Stick Resource Group LLC
- Samuel Stollenwerck, Cherokee Nation; Founder & CEO, Reservation Energy Partners
- Brian Tanner, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes / Rocky Boy Cree; Director of Development, Potlatch Fund
- Julie Thornton, Cherokee Nation; Owner/CEO, WaterSpider Creations
- Heidi Todacheene, Navajo; Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Veronica Watters, Oglala Lakota; Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer
- Jonnie Williams, PsyD, Navajo Nation, Bitterwater Clan; Licensed Clinical Psychologist, American Indian Health&Services, Santa Barbara,CA
- Rani B. Williams, Walker River Paiute Tribe; Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative. Sharice Davids, U.S. House of Representatives

2021 40 Under 40 Reception Details:

Friday, December 10, 2021. 6:00PM—9:30PM MST. At Harrah's Ak-Chin, 15406 Maricopa Road, Maricopa, Arizona 85139.

Pressure Mounts on President Biden to Revoke the Medals of Honor for the Wounded Knee Massacre

By Native News Online Staff,
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Earlier this month, 17 members of Congress wrote a letter to President Joe Biden to pressure him to use his authority to revoke the Medals of Honor given to soldiers who participated in the Wounded Knee Massacre. The letter was authored by U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR), and Rep. Kaiali'i Kahele (D-HI), along with other 14 lawmakers.

"On December 29, 1890, U.S. Army soldiers mercilessly slaughtered hundreds of Lakota men, women, and children at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota during what came to be known as the Wounded Knee Massacre," the members of Congress write.

As the country's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor is awarded in the name of Congress for gallantry beyond the call of duty. Native Americans have wanted for decades the Medals of Honor to be revoked, because the sentiment is

that the acts against innocent Lakota men, women, and children were not "gallant."

"It has been over 130 years since the Wounded Knee Massacre, and yet, the actions of the U.S. Army and the bestowment of 20 Medals of Honor upon the perpetrators of the massacre remain a persistent shame on the nation. For the families and descendants of those massacred, the revocation of these 20 Medals of Honor would have a profound and lasting impact—as has the federal government's ongoing choice to allow these wrongly bestowed honors to stand. It is well past time to remove this stain from our nation's history, and we call on you to do so," the lawmakers write.

Prior to being elected president, on January 15, 2020, former Vice President Joe Biden committed in a written statement to the Four Directions and Nevada Tribes Native American Presidential Forum that he supported the revocation of the Medals of Honor for the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre.



Wounded Knee grave. (Native News Online photo).

"The Congressional Medal of Honor is our Nation's highest award for gallantry in combat, in defense of our Nation's highest ideals and principles. That this medal was awarded for the massacre of hundreds of unarmed Native Americans, including women and children, is abhorrent to those very ideals and lessens what the

award represents in integrity and personal sacrifice for all others who have received it." Biden wrote in his statement.

In September 2021, the House of Representatives included an amendment into the Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2022 that comes from the 'Remove the Stain Act' (H.R. 2226), which calls for revoking the Medals of Honor.

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It's Official: Yearout to Become a Vandal

Lapwai 2-sport star to play men's basketball at University of Idaho

By Donn Walden,
Lewiston Tribune

It's now official. Lapwai senior boys' basketball player Titus Yearout, the Class 1A Division I state player of the year in 2020-21, signed a national letter of intent to play college hoops with the University of Idaho.

Yearout, who visited the Moscow campus in early September, signed his letter in a ceremony at Lapwai High School on Wednesday, the first day players could finalize their verbal commitments. He is the first athlete to commit to a Division I college from the school for basketball since Venice Guillory did so to Idaho in 1999.

It's been at least 20 years since a Lapwai athlete has went straight from the high school to a D-I college, and that was Bryan Boyer in 2001 to Washington State's football team.

Originally, Yearout announced he had committed to the school July 15. According to boys' coach Zachary Eastman, he will be the first athlete to commit to a Division I school.

He now will follow in the footsteps of another product of Lapwai, former Clarkston High School standout Trevon Allen, who played for Idaho and now is playing for Pallacanestro Cantu of Lega Basket Serie A in Italy. Allen and Yearout are cousins.

Yearout first went to the



Lapwai guard Titus Yearout at the Class 1A Division I State Tournament semifinal game. (Lewiston Tribune photo).

Moscow campus the weekend of Sept. 3-5. At the time, he said he had a gut feeling it was the place where he would land.

This day just affirmed that fact.

"They were constantly staying in touch with me and letting me know how things were going at their practices, and I was letting them know what was going on down in Lapwai," said Yearout, who attended the Vandals' first game of the season later in the day

against Long Beach State. "We just kept having good connections. It was definitely reassuring, because they would even check in with me about football."

Idaho coach Zac Claus was thrilled with getting the commitment.

"Titus is going to be a welcome addition to our program," the third-year coach said. "He is a first-class young man that comes from a wonderful family and it is an added bonus that home for him is so close to our Moscow campus."

Eastman said the signing was important for the community.

"Our kids out here look up to this kind of stuff," he said. "We have a lot of kids in Lapwai who still follow all of our players who are in college or play professionally. This is a very big deal in our community. It gives us a sense of hope in these harsh times with COVID. A lot of negative has been going on. To see this, and to watch the boys do very well in football and basketball and now to have kids going to college, it shows a lot for Lapwai as a community."

Yearout, a 6-foot-2 senior, helped the Wildcats to their 11th state championship this past year. The 175-pounder, who can play each guard position, averaged 22.4 points, 7.7 rebounds, 5.3 assists, 3.0 steals and one block per game in 2020-21, leading Lapwai to a 20-4 overall record, including a first-place, 13-1 mark in the Whitepine League Division I standings. He was the WPL player of the year for the second consecutive season, and was named by the Idaho Statesman as the state's player of the year.

During the summer, Yearout played for the 17U Select Basketball USA team that's based in Garden City, Idaho. In that time, he played in the Cali-Live Summer Showcase from July 8-11 in Irvine, Calif., the NW Live Summer Regional from July 16-18 in Beaverton, Ore., and in the Las Vegas Summer Champion Classic from July 21-25. The team won the Cali-Live event, and Yearout scored 40 points in the championship game.

"On the court what stood out to our staff as we chased Titus around all summer was his scoring ability, his overall toughness and the fact that he is a terrific teammate," Claus said.

Yearout led the entire state in scoring as a sophomore in 2019-20, and surpassed the 1,500 career-point barrier by scoring 20 points in an 83-54 victory in a Class 1A D1 district final Feb. 26 against Prairie.

In his career, Yearout to date has scored 1,571 points.

"Lapwai has a history sending kids to play college basketball," Eastman said. "It just shows for us and our program, we build high-level basketball players. Our program is going in the right direction of getting kids to the next level. That's one of my goals as a coach, is that any player who wants to go to that next level is to help them as

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Titus Yearout with some of his family after signing his letter of intent.

High School Football: Lapwai Wildcats Place 3rd in Semifinals



2021 Lapwai Wildcats. (Josh Nellesen photo).

The Lapwai Wildcats football team (8-2) scored a 68-36 upset of a familiar foe in previously unbeaten Prairie of Cottonwood to reach the state semifinal round. Senior quarterback Titus Yearout put on an offensive tour de force in the game as he passed for five touchdowns, ran for four, and totaled 509 yards on offense.

This year has seen a major football renaissance for Lapwai, a school known mainly for its dominant boys’ basketball program, which also features Yearout as a key leader. Yearout has passed for 1,915 total yards this season and rushed for 1,090, while sophomore receiver Mason Brown has run 863 and caught for 781. Titus’ brother, sophomore Ahlius Yearout, is second in receiving yards at 470 and has been a leader in recent outings, but is expected to be out of action for the

remainder of the season because of a collarbone injury.

To secure a spot in the final, Lapwai needed to beat another undefeated opponent, the top-ranked and top-seeded Trojans (8-0), who swept past Potlatch 63-22 in the quarterfinal round. The teams’ results against their two common opponents suggest it could be a close matchup: Lapwai beat Potlatch 58-32 when they met earlier this season, and handled Clearwater Valley of Kooskia 58-6 compared with Raft River’s 48-0.

During the game against Raft River on Saturday, November 13, the Wildcats scored first but were unable to slow down the rushing attack of the Trojans of Malta and fell in a Class 1A Division I state semifinal at Raft River High School.

Yearout connected with fellow senior Kross Taylor for 21 yards halfway

through the first quarter to give the Wildcats a 6-0 lead.

Yearout finished the game 11-for-23 passing for 127 yards and one touchdown before leaving the game with a concussion in the first half. Terrell Ellenwood-Jones stepped in as quarterback.

“(Ellenwood-Jones) is a phenomenal junior athlete,” coach Leighton said. “He really stepped up.”

Turnovers also played a big factor in the game as Lapwai (8-3) turned the ball five times. Leighton said the Trojans played in a deep zone and the passing game just couldn’t execute.

Lapwai placed third in the 1A Division 1 semifinals. “I’m super proud of our seniors, they’re awe-

some kids,” Leighton said.

Box Score:
Raft River 8 22 8 13 — 51
Lapwai 6 0 0 0 — 6
Lapwai — Kross Taylor 21 pass from Titus Yearout (pass failed).
Raft River — Kole Spencer 65 run (Spencer run).
Raft River — Alex Murillo 33 run (run failed).
Raft River — Tegan Whitaker 48 pass from Thaine Loughmiller (Tate Whitaker run),
Raft River — Loughmiller 16 pass from Ta. Whitaker (Murillo run).
Raft River — Spencer 45 run (Murillo run).
Raft River — Benny Smith 1 run (kick failed).
Raft River — Kai Ward 34 run (Ethan Southern kick).

Defense-Tackle/NG

1st Team	Lapwai	Sophomore	Sage Lonebear
2nd Team	Kamiah	Senior	Kolby Hix
HM:	CV	Senior	Leighton Schlieper

Special Teams

1st Team	Lapwai	Junior	Promise Shawl
2nd Team	Genesee	Senior	Jack Johnson
HM:	Troy	Junior	Kaiden Strunk

All WPL Selections

WPL Offensive Player of the Year
Titus Yeaout - Lapwai
WPL Defensive Player of the Year
Dylan Pickering - CV
Overall WPL Player of the Year
Brody Hasselstrom - Prairie
WPL Coach of the Year
Ryan Hasselstrom - Prairie

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much as possible. I believe our success comes from the hard work that we put in the classroom and also on the court.”

Not only that, he’s been a standout on the football field.

This year, Yearout has led the Wildcats to an 8-2 overall record, including 6-1 in Whitepine League Division I play, good enough for a second-place finish. As the team’s quarterback, he is 115-of-195 passing for 1,915 yards with

27 touchdowns against just four interceptions. Yearout also has ran for 1,090 yards on 137 attempts with 18 more scores. Per game, Yearout averaged almost 334 of Lapwai’s 491.4 yards of total offense.

On defense, he’s had 69 tackles, including 53 solo stops, 14.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks. Yearout has 13 passes defended and one interception heading into a 1 p.m. state semifinal game Saturday at Raft River.

He had a signature per-

formance this past week in a Class 1A Division I state quarterfinal-round game against Prairie. Yearout was 15-for-28 passing for 255 yards and five scores, adding 254 yards on 31 carries with four touchdowns as the Wildcats beat the Pirates for the first time since 2016, securing a 68-36 win to advance.

“He’s been a captain since his sophomore year on the basketball team and he’s played with a lot of the same kids, so I feel like they all trust each other,” Eastman

said. “He’s always there for his teammates. They just have a good brotherhood that I’ve really admired as a coach. They had that before I got here.”

But on this day, it was all about his prowess on the court. “It’s a huge weight off my shoulders you could say,” Yearout said. “Just being able to sign, and I now can definitely enjoy the rest of the football season and hopefully we get that state championship and then in basketball, hopefully we have a great senior year.”

What You Need to Know About Treatment and Recovery

There is hope. Recovery is possible.



Addiction Is A Disease

Opioids are highly addictive, and they change how the brain works. Anyone can become addicted, even when opioids are prescribed by a doctor and taken as directed. In fact, millions of people in the United States suffer from opioid addiction.

Signs of Opioid Addiction

A major warning sign of addiction is if a person keeps using opioids even though taking them has caused problems—like trouble keeping a job, relationship turmoil, or run-ins with law enforcement. Other signs can include:

Opioid Use Disorder

Sometimes referred to as “opioid addiction,” opioid use disorder is a chronic and relapsing disease that affects the body and brain. It can cause difficulties with tasks at work, school, or home, and can affect someone’s ability to maintain healthy relationships. It can even lead to overdose and death.



Trying to stop or cut down on drug use, but not being able to.



Taking one drug to get over the effects of another.



Stealing drugs or money to pay for drugs.



Using drugs because of being angry or upset with other people.



Being scared at the thought of running out of drugs.



Overdosing on drugs.

1 findtreatment.gov/content/understandingaddiction/addiction-can-affect-anyone

To learn more about opioid misuse, go to cdc.gov/RxAwareness.



Recovery Is Possible

Recovery does not happen overnight. Asking for help from family, friends, co-workers, and others can make a big difference. Tell them your reasons for quitting and ask them to check in with you about how things are going. If you know or suspect someone is struggling, ask if you can help.



Treatment Can Help

Treatment can help people get their lives back before it is too late. No single treatment method is right for everyone, but research shows that combining behavioral therapy with medication is the most effective approach for overcoming opioid addiction.

Addiction is a disease that for many involves long-term follow-up and repeated care to be effective and prevent relapse. When people make a recovery plan that includes medication for opioid use disorder, their chances of success increase. Medications can help normalize brain chemistry, relieve cravings, and in some cases prevent withdrawal symptoms.

Medication-Assisted Treatment Options

Talk with your doctor to find out what types of medication are available in your area and what options are best for you. Be sure to ask about the risk of relapse and overdose.

Methadone

- Available as daily liquid
- Can only be used in a certified opioid treatment program setting

Buprenorphine

- Available as dissolving tablet, cheek film, or 6-month implant under the skin
- Can be prescribed by a doctor for use outside of a clinic

Naltrexone

- Can be prescribed by any healthcare provider who can legally prescribe medication
- Only used for people who have not used opioids for at least 7–10 days

Additional resources to access help:

- Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Decisions in Recovery: Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder
- Facing Addiction in America | The Surgeon General’s Report on Alcohol, Drugs, and Health

Find Treatment Services

Use these resources to find services that fit your needs:

Mental Health and Addiction Insurance Help: hhs.gov/programs/topic-sites/mental-health-parity/mental-health-and-addiction-insurance-help/index.html

Health Center Locator: findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov

Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator: findtreatment.samhsa.gov

Opioid Treatment Program Directory by State: dpt2.samhsa.gov/treatment/directory.aspx

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NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health would like to welcome an amazing provider, Brenda Sellner to the team! Brenda has been a Registered Nurse for over 20 years and has worked in all departments! She even spent time as a travel nurse. Before coming to Nimiipuu Health, she was a Nurse Practitioner at Tri-State Memorial Hospital and an instructor at Walla Walla Community College. Brenda is married with one son, a grandson, and two fur-babies. One fun fact about Brenda is that she competes in cowboy mounted shooting. She has four horses that are trained to compete in these events. The thing that excites Brenda most about coming to serve at Nimiipuu Health is the great group of people she works alongside, and the wonderful patients. Thank you very much Brenda, we are pleased to have you on the team!

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Nimiipuu Health

NEZ PERCE TRIBE COVID-19 INCENTIVE LOTTERY

On November 5, 2021,
the first scheduled lottery drawing for the
COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive took place.

All names included in the lottery were received from Nimiipuu Health, based on the release of information forms that were received and completed verification. Individuals that opted to not participate in the lottery were not and will not be included.

The lottery will occur via Face Book Live, in effort to reach the largest audience possible. It will be recorded and sent out via mass email following completion of the event. A list of all the winners will be shared on all platforms and a link to view the video also.

Prizes will be disbursed in the same manner you received the \$500.

Rules:

Must be 18 or older. Names will remain in the lottery through the final drawing on 1/5/2022 unless they are drawn.

Participants can only win one lottery prize.

Winners will be responsible for any taxes that may apply.

Next Dates of Lottery:

November 19, 2021

November 24, 2021

December 3, 2021

December 10, 2021

December 17, 2021

December 22, 2021

December 30, 2021

January 5, 2022



Congratulations to the Winners of the Nov. 5 and Nov. 12 Nez Perce Tribe COVID-19 Vaccine Incentive Lottery Drawing

Scott Everett- \$1,000
Sanford Shelton James Jr.- \$1,000
Nancy Joanna Wahobin- \$200
George White Eagle- \$200
Laveda Donell Spaulding- \$200
Etta Davis- \$200
Michelle Anne Wilson- \$200
Jonathan Moon- \$200
Benjamin J. Arthur Sr.- \$200
Michael Stegner- \$200
Brandy Hopkins- \$200
Kelly Michelle Hillman- \$200
Miranda Gordon- \$200
Wilfred Armande Scott Sr.- \$200
Robert Lee Taylor- \$100
Sandra Lynn Pinkham- \$100
JoAndra Wilson- \$100
Ruby Silva- \$100
Jacob Aubertin- \$100
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Carmen Lee Payne- \$100
Jacqueline Joan Taylor- \$100
Margarita Rae Bulltail- \$100
Darren Williams- \$100

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Jeffrey Cronic - \$1,000
Cheryl Lea Samuels - \$200
Robert Phillip Samuels Jr.- \$200
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Mylea Samuels- \$200
Nolan Bartosz- \$200
Levi Osburn- \$200
Benjamin Lone Bear- \$200
Harriet June Allen- \$200
Willissa Walker- \$200
Khalyah Scott- \$200
Margaret McCormack - \$200
Allison Keith Scott - \$100
Michelle Margaret Hill- \$100
Samuel James Davis- \$100
Darrell Sampson- \$100
Cheree Le Cornu- \$100
Tana Marie Wheeler- \$100
Benjamin Arthur Jr.- \$100
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Mark Leslie Broncheau- \$100
Neal Meshell- \$100
Nikki Pablo- \$100
Silas James Scott Racehorse- \$100
Isabelle Penass- \$100
Latoya Sisto- \$100
Jack Bell- \$100
Tyler Stright- \$100
Thomas Aaron Webb- \$100
Jacob Oatman- \$100

Pfizer Vaccine Available for Youth Ages 5-11 at Nimiipuu Health

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to recommend the use of a COVID-19 vaccine in children ages 5-11.

"Our 5 to 11-year-old children represent the largest group who endured COVID-19 infections in September and October, totaling 44 cases. Our children are an important connection in our community and bring a smile with the energy they bring each day. Their being protected with the

COVID-19 vaccination is not primarily for them, as their risk for a serious infection is very low. Their vaccinations are for our elders and those who are at higher risk for serious infections. We have lost too many loved ones during this pandemic. Let us please do what we can to reduce as much risk as possible – the COVID-19 vaccine does just this, reduces our risks."- Dr. Kim Hartwig

NMPH was able to work with the Central Public Health District to obtain doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech

COVID-19 Vaccine (Pfizer Vaccine), which is now recommended for youth ages 5 and up. Vaccination has proven to be a crucial tool to aide in halting the pandemic.

NMPH will be scheduling two mass vaccination events on 11/15/2021 and 11/22/2021. Parents or guardians may call to set up an appointment for their child to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine by calling (208) 843-2271 for Lapwai or (208) 935-0733 for Kamiah.

NMPH is still offering

the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) Vaccine and the Moderna Vaccine to anyone, beneficiary or not, in effort to protect the community and surrounding region. Please call the numbers provided to schedule your appointment today.

Community members can stay up to date on current COVID-19 information through the Nimiipuu Health Coronavirus Response website (<https://nimiipuu-coronavirus-response-nptgisonline.hub.arcgis.com/>) and social media (@nimiipuuhealth).

Can I Borrow from my 401(k)?

By Ben Storey,
merrilledge.com

Generally, you may be able to borrow money from your 401(k) plan account if your employer's plan offers loans. Many 401(k) plans allow you to borrow up to 50% of your vested account balance, up to a maximum of \$50,000, before you retire. Because rules vary from plan to plan, you should check with your plan administrator to be sure. But it might not be a good financial move.

It's important to understand the possible effects an early withdrawal could have on your retirement account and your overall finances. As with any financial decision, it's important to educate yourself on the pros and cons of each option before making a choice.

Weigh your options carefully. Some experts say that you should never take a loan from your retirement account, because of its potential to derail your retirement investment progress. Yet the truth is that there are a few circumstances when you may want to consider it.

You need fast access to cash. If you're in an emergency situation and need money immediately — say, to repair your home after a natural disaster or to deal with an unforeseen medical situation — a loan from your retirement account might be a viable option.

It makes financial sense for your situation. In some cases, a plan loan, even with all its potential drawbacks, might help you get out of a bad financial situation. For instance, you may be able to pay off a high-interest credit card. You will generally be charged an interest rate similar to the rate you would pay for a bank loan, there is no credit check, and you pay the interest to yourself rather than to a bank or credit card company.

You need it to make a down payment on a home. If you're considering purchasing a home, a higher down pay-

ment could lower the interest rate on your mortgage in some cases. Just remember that if you take out a loan from other lending sources, the interest typically will be tax-deductible. That's not the case with a retirement plan loan.

Potential disadvantages. As appealing as it may seem, taking a loan from your retirement account has potential disadvantages. You'll reduce your take-home pay. Understand that loan payments will come out of your paycheck (as they ultimately would for any other loan). This means that until your loan is paid in full, you'll have to learn to get by on less. Before pulling the trigger, be sure to calculate the net effect on your take-home pay.

You may lose momentum. Due to your reduced take-home pay, you may need to reduce the amount of contributions to your account while your loan is outstanding, depending on your disposable income. In addition, although not common, some plan loan policies won't let you make additional contributions to your account until your loan is paid in full, essentially causing you to put your retirement investment progress on hold.

You might face additional taxes. If you lose or leave your job before your loan is paid off, you may be on the hook to pay the loan back in full in a short time period, or it will be treated as a distribution and taxed accordingly. This is referred to as a loan "offset." The outstanding amount may be subject to federal and, if applicable, state income taxes, as well as an additional 10% federal income tax for early withdrawal if you're under age 59½, unless an exception applies. However, you may avoid this tax treatment by repaying or rolling over the unpaid loan amount to a new employer's 401(k) plan or an IRA, as long as this is done by the federal income tax filing deadline, including extensions, for the year

in which the offset occurred.

You could miss out on valuable compounding time. When it comes to investing for a long-term goal like retirement, time truly is money. That's because of compounding — the ability to potentially earn money on your money. With compounding, the money you invest has the potential to grow, and those earnings may also grow. When you take your money out of the market, you might miss out on valuable "money earning money" compounding time. When it may not be a good idea

There are a few situations where you may not want to take a loan from your plan account — for example, to pay for college. The argument against borrowing from retirement to pay for a child's college education is simple: generally speaking, college loans are readily available (and the interest is potentially tax deductible); however, you cannot borrow money to pay for retirement.

Do I have to pay taxes on a 401(k) loan? If you leave

your employer before the loan is paid off, you may owe federal and state income taxes on the distribution — on top of a 10% additional federal tax if you're under age 59½ — unless an exception applies. You generally have until your tax filing deadline (including extensions) for the year in which the loan was treated as a distribution to make a rollover to an eligible retirement plan (equal to the amount of the distribution) to avoid being taxed. Consult your tax advisor if you're considering this option.

How do hardship withdrawals work? If your employer's plan allows, you can apply for a hardship withdrawal if, for instance, you're facing eviction or need to pay for certain medical expenses. Your withdrawal typically will be treated as taxable income. Another consideration: A hardship withdrawal permanently reduces your retirement account balance and gives you no option to repay, which can make it difficult to get back on track with your retirement savings goals.



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**TITLE VI - JOHNSON O'MALLEY
PROGRAMS ARE SEEKING TO
FILL A VACANT POSITION ON
THE INDIAN PARENT
COMMITTEE (IPC)**

You are eligible to serve on the Title VI - JOM Indian Parent Committee, if you have a Native American student who is currently enrolled in the Lapwai School District.

Please submit a letter of interest to Iris Chimburas, Indian Education Coordinator by email: ichimburas@lapwai.org or submit your letter to the Lapwai MS/HS front office.

If you have any questions, please contact Iris Chimburas at (208) 843-2241 ext. 3204

Position opened until filled.

Ask Dr. Per Cap Hot Job Market

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I work a tribal job that requires a college degree. However, I see listings for delivery drivers that offer wages and bonuses that pay better. I'm really tempted to switch but my friends say I'm crazy to leave a real job. What should I do?

Signed,

Debating

Dear Debating,

Millions of Americans have similar thoughts. The U.S. is currently undergoing a labor shortage of epic proportions. In fact the country is more than 4 million workers light of a well-staffed labor force.

Economists are puzzled over the exact reason. However, many point to a growing movement during the pandemic called The Great Resignation which has inspired people to reexamine their lives and careers. Early retirements, scaled back work hours, and dramatic career shifts have been the result.

Employers are responding with big pay hikes and hiring bonuses like the ones tempting you. There's a McDonald's near me that's offering new hires as much as \$20 an hour. That's forty thousand bucks a year. Pay that competes with some "real jobs" your friends talk about.

For someone who spent years working in the service industry that label of a job not being real if it doesn't require a degree or gets your hands dirty always ticked me off. And if there's one thing the pandemic has taught, hard working folks in supermarkets, shipping companies, and warehouses are vital to the economy and our modern way of life. Don't let peer pressure influence your decision.

You need to ask yourself what's more important? A paycheck or the nature of the work you do to earn it? Higher pay is great but only if you enjoy what you're doing. Then again a meaningful career is a tough road if you can't pay your bills. I recommend a thorough review of your current expenses along with your current income. Then compare how much a new job with higher pay will impact that bottom line. If you see a significant jump in your disposable income, like 20% or more, a switch might make sense.

Then follow up with some soul searching to see if you're emotionally ready for a very different type of work experience. Also talk with your spouse, significant other, children, and any other family stakeholders who will be impacted by your career change. You'll find your answer when you think it through.



The poster features a large black circle on the left containing the text "join the team" in white, "multiple positions open" in smaller white text, and "be a part of our story" in white and red. To the right of the circle is a red arrow pointing left with the text "If you're passionate about eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all, we want you on our team!". Below the arrow is the text "OUR MISSION. YOUR MOMENT." in bold black and red. Underneath is the website "Check out ywcaidaho.org/get-involved/career-opportunities/ for more information". At the bottom is the YWCA logo with the text "eliminating racism empowering women ywca Lewiston - Clarkston". On the right side of the poster is a close-up photo of a smiling Black woman with curly hair.

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C.R.I.T.F.C Job Announcements

Colimbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is hiring for the following positions:

Finance and Operations Department. Accounting Technician. One (1) Vacancy

This position provides support to accounting and operations functions. The position will have primary duties in fleet management, document management, and general ledger account reconciliations. It also assists in the back-up of other accounting and operations functions such as front desk coordination, asset receiving and tracking, and travel coordination. The position prepares general ledger journal entries; assists in special project management; participates in internal and external audit; and works in other areas managed by the Department. Classification: Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$42,731 - \$55,546. Location: Portland, Oregon. Closing Date: Open Until Filled.

Staff Accountant/Accounts Payable. One (1) Vacancy

This position primary function is the processing of all phases of the Accounts Payable cycle. The position provides support to accounting functions. The position also helps maintain accounts receivable; ensures weekly bank deposits, maintenance of credit card, charge account and petty cash accounts; prepares general ledger journal entries; assists in special project management; participates in internal and external audit; and works in other areas managed by the Department. Classification: Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$44,155 - \$67,946. Location: Portland, Oregon. Closing Date: Open Until Filled.

Fishery Science Department Hagerman Genetics Laboratory. Genetics Laboratory Technician. One (1) Vacancy

We are seeking to fill the position of Genetics Laboratory Technician. This position is part of CRITFC’s Fishery Science Department, it is located with the genetics group at the Hagerman Fish Culture Experiment Station in Hagerman, ID. This research group is involved in testing conservation, evolution, and ecological theories related to salmonids and other fishes. The Genetics Laboratory Technician will work under the Lead Geneticist and Lab Managers, in association with CRITFC geneticists and other technicians, as well as staff of the Fishery Science Department in Portland, OR. Efforts will focus on applying empirical genetics/genomics data to address questions related to conservation and recovery of steelhead, Chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon, sturgeon, lamprey, and other fishes of the Columbia River Basin. Classification: Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$39,738 - \$45,035. Location: Hagerman, Idaho. Closing Date: November 5, 2021.

Fishing Site Maintenance Department In-Lieu & Treaty Fishing Access Sites. Fishing Site Maintenance Worker. Two (2) Vacancies

These positions will provide the maintenance of the 31 Tribal In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites located along 150 miles of the Columbia River. The FSMC crews perform work that involves a variety of trade practices to maintain, repair, and improve existing public facilities. Skills include painting, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, electrical, custodial work, and maintaining sanitation standards in all facilities. Maintenance workers use hand and power tools to accomplish the work. Classification: Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$34,496 - \$36,796. Location: The Dalles, Oregon. Closing date: Open Until Filled.

Enforcement Department Hood River Office. CRITPD-Police Officer. Multiple Vacancies

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Police Department (CRITPD) is based in Hood River Oregon. The CRITFC Police Department provides 24-hour policing focused on the 150 mile stretch of the Columbia River from Bonneville to McNary Dams and adjacent lands by vehicle and boat. CRITPD has commissions from all four CRITFC member tribes (Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce), the Bureau of Indian Affairs, some Washington counties, and are Oregon-certified officers. The department enforces treaty fishing regulations and criminal laws, responds to search and rescue emergencies, and provides archeological resource protection. CRITPD also provides full police services on tribal lands along the Columbia River. Classification: Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$51,516 - \$56,261. Location: Hood River or Boardman, Oregon. Closing date: Open Until Filled.

CRITPD-Dispatcher. Three (3) Vacancies

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Police dispatchers are based in Hood River, Oregon and are the communication link for all incoming communications to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Police Department (CRITPD). Dispatchers are directly responsible for the operation of all office radio communications and telephone equipment, they monitor patrol officer activities, and answer incoming emergency calls for service, business, and assistance calls. The position works rotating shifts to support the round the clock police service provided by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Police Department. Classification: Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt. Salary: \$39,937 - \$43,661. Location: Hood River, Oregon. Closing date: Open Until Filled.

All positions are permanent full-time unless otherwise noted.

The complete job description, minimum skills, application requirements, deadlines, and pay information are available on the CRITFC website www.critfc.org Careers. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Traditional Basket Weaving Class

Culture is Prevention. Traditional basket weaving with Leanne Campbell. For 9 to 15 year olds with an adult. At the Clearwater River Casino on Saturday, November 20, 2021. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This basketry basics workshop is a full day, hands-on workshop. Participants will learn the fundamentals of the art of Columbia Plateau Basketry called twinning to create a round root bag also known as a "Sally Bag". The finished basket measures 4" tall with a 3" diameter. All supplies provided and healthy snacks will be offered.

To register, please contact Danielle Scott via email at dnscott@uidaho.edu or call/text 208-791-4807.

Behavioral Health Announcement**Ha'aayat Group**

Women's Support Group addressing: Historical Trauma, Adoption & Relocation, Boarding school residents (past and present), Mental Health Support Every Thursday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Nimiipuu Behavioral Health Contact Myra at myrac@nimiipuu.org (208)843-7244 Ext. 2907

Fitness Challenge Weigh-Ins

Reminder! The 2021 Fall Fitness Challenge final weigh-ins are quickly approaching! Final Weigh-in dates & Locations:

Nov. 15th - Lapwai Nimiipuu Health- 9am-4pm
Nov. 16th - Clearwater River Casino- 10am-2pm
Nov. 18th - Orofino Tweepuu Center- 10am-12pm
Nov. 18th - Kamiah Wayas- Kitchen Area- 1pm-3pm
Nov. 19th - Lapwai Nimiipuu Health- 9am-4pm

If you are weighing-in at the Lapwai NMPH, please use the back parking lot/entrance to Community Health

Contact Information:
NMPH, Community Health Program
at 208-843-9375
or the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director's Office
at 208-843-7324

Hunters! Public Safety Concern

November 3, 2021 0800 am Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Conservation Enforcement Dept. received important information from the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Enforcement Branch regarding a Bull Moose that was recently sedated/tranquilized in Colfax WA., then relocated to the Blue Mountains area within the Umatilla National Forest. This particular bull moose was likely one that was harvested over the past several days near the relocation site. The hunters were driving a black pickup truck with unknown Idaho plate and appeared to be Nez Perce Tribal members. Anyone recently harvesting a bull moose with an ear tag in the Washington Blues area of the Umatilla National Forest please be advised, the chemicals used to sedate/tranquilize the moose make it "Unsafe for human consumption." This should also be indicated on the ear tag as well.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Conservation Enforcement office at 208-843-7143

Amendments to Nez Perce Tribal Code

This notice is being posted November 3, 2021, according to the Nez Perce Tribal Code § 1-4-2 to request written comments for the following proposed amendments:

TITLE 7—specifically:

CH. 7-1 TO 7-4 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Nez Perce Tribe received a CTAS grant to update and revise the Nez Perce Tribal Code. Much work has been done to reorganize and clarify different provisions of the Code. The updates and clarifications to Domestic Violence (Title 7) has been reviewed with the Law & Order Subcommittee during work sessions and is now ready for public comment. Please reference the ATTACHED GUIDE during your review. If you want to review the full version online, go to the Tribal Code webpage at <https://nezperce.org/resources/tribal-code/>. Also, hard copies will be available at the NPTEC front office. WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD: The Law and Order & Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee will be accepting written comments on the proposed amendments and reorganization being applied to the Code. Please submit written comments by mail, e-mail, fax, or hand delivery to:

Shirley Allman, Chairman, Law & Order Subcommittee
P. O. Box 305, Lapwai, Idaho 83540

E-mail to nptec@nezperce.org • Fax to (208) 843-7354

Hand Deliver to the NPTEC offices in Lapwai.

The DEADLINE for receipt and consideration of such comments is

February 3, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Full proposed amendment:

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Proposed-Amendments-to-Title-7-Ch.-7-1-to-7-4.pdf>

Review Guide:

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Review-Guide.pdf>

Chapter 7-1 to 7-4 CURRENT Title of Domestic Violence:

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Current-copy-of-Title-7-Ch.-7-1-to-7-4.pdf>

Lapwai HS Zone 5 School Trustee Vacancy

The Lapwai School District #341 Board of Trustees is seeking interested persons to fill the Zone 5 Trustee position.

The Board declared the position vacant at their regular October meeting following the resignation of Jackie McArthur, the former Zone 5 Trustee. Mrs. McArthur resigned effective September 20, 2021.

Interested persons should send a letter of interest to Lapwai School District #341, 404 S Main Street, Lapwai, Idaho by December 3, 2021. Interested parties must be eighteen (18) years of age and a United States citizen who has resided in the State of Idaho and Zone 5 of the School District for at least thirty (30) days. They must also be a registered voter. The finalist will be appointed to complete the remainder of a four-year term through December 31, 2023.

A map of Zone 5 boundaries can be obtained the District website at www.lapwai.org or at the District Office. Zone 5 is generally located in the Lenore area of the School District east of Arrow Junction and Cottonwood Creek.

For further information, please contact Superintendent David at the District Office. The telephone number is 208-843-2622 or at daiken@lapwai.org.

NMPH Kamiah- Dr. Sansom Retires

It is with great sadness and gratitude that Nimiipuu Health announces Dr. Byron Sansom's retirement from NMPH Kamiah Dental. We would like to thank him from the bottom of our hearts for his excellent service and dedication to our community and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Dr. Sansom's last day will be November 17, 2021.

The Lapwai Dental staff will be rotating in Kamiah until a permanent replacement can be secured.

Kamiah Dental Clinic Hours will be 9:30am – 3:30pm Monday through Friday until suitable replacement can be found.

Please be checked in for emergencies by 9:45am.

Lapwai- 208-843-2271

Kamiah- 208-935-0733

Charlynn Jim-Miller, 27, Lapwai, ID



Charlynn LouAnn Jim-Miller, 27 of Lapwai, Idaho started her journey on November 5th, 2021 in Auburn, Washington to be reunited with her Kautsa Patsy Higheagle, Tiitsa Cindy Lou Wilson, Brother Alec Thomas Reuben and Nephew/Son Aaron Daniel Lee Broncheau. She was surrounded by many of her close loved ones.

Charlynn was born on October 29th, 1994 in Lewiston, Idaho to Jacquelyn Jim and Aaron Miller. A member of the Yakama Nation and descendant of the Nez Perce Tribe.

She attended elementary and middle school in Lapwai Idaho. She attended her

Freshman year at Lapwai High School and was on the runner-up team of the state basketball championship, her sophomore year she was also on the State Basketball Championship team of 2011. She then moved to Marysville, Washington to attend Pilchuck Highschool her junior year, returning to Lapwai high school her senior year.

On October 3rd, 2013 Charlynn gave birth to the love of her life, her one and only child Arika "Boss Girl" Sheleah Scott. They were inseparable from day one. She worked at Clearwater River Casino and Super 8 until moving to Marysville, Washington with one of her many moms, Lucille Mackeige to start a new and fresh chapter. In May 2021 she and her fiancé, Cedric Ellenwood were excited to move to their new apartment as a family in Auburn, Washington.

Throughout her life she loved to play ball whenever and wherever. she was also a part of a movement- beginning legacy, creating the PIYM

basketball teams. She loved traveling and playing stick-game and gathering roots and berries with her family and friends. She was the life of the party and always had everyone trying the latest dance moves. She also loved to devour food, especially what her fiancé cooked. Also Loved the Seahawks football team.

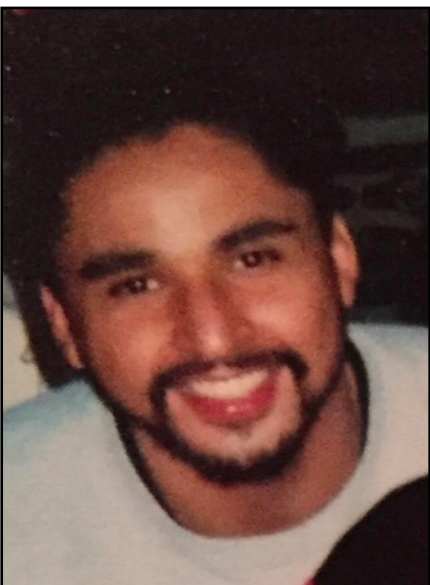
She is survived by her Fiance , Cedric Ellenwood and her precious daughter Arika "Boss Girl" Sheleah ; her parents, Jacquelyn Jim of Lapwai and her father Aaron Miller of Harrah, Washington. Her paternal grandmother Marcella Miller and maternal grandfather Delmar Wilson. Her sisters Monique Jim-Picard (DJ Miles), Misty Sangster (Jonathan Broncheau Sr.), Melissa Sangster, Sabrina Miller, Maleigha Dave and her only brother Shane Sangster (Karen Hannah). She is also survived by her adopted dads, Keith Kipp Sr of Lapwai and Darryl Reuben Sr. of Worley, Idaho, her 2nd moms Laurie Ann Cloud, Delrae Kipp and Lucille Mack-

eige and Bestie Sally Rhoan. All of her first cousins, as she considered all of them brothers and sisters and her nieces, nephews, grandson Jeremiah and granddaughter Alaiyah.

She is proceeded in death by her maternal family; Great grandmother Iva Rebels Wilson, Grandmothers Patsy Higheagle, Nellie Axtell, Cassandra Kipp, Grandfather Russell Jim, brother Alec Thomas Reuben, Nephew/Son Aaron Daniel Lee Broncheau, brother and sister Jessica and Jimmy Dave, stepfather James Dave. Paternal family; Great grandparents Mary and Jim Shock, Uncle Paul Miller, and Aunt Gloria Miller.

Service were held Monday November 8, 2021 at the Nez Perce Longhouse, Spalding, Idaho with Dressing at 2:00 p.m., Open Mic and Slide Show 6:00 p.m. with Walusut Service to follow. Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. Service with Sunrise Burial. Ceremonies and Dinner Followed. Please follow Covid Policy – Masks, Social Distance and Sanitize.

Andre "George" M. LeCornu, 44, Seattle, WA



On Tax Day 1977, Andre Marcel LeCornu, Jr. was born in Ketchikan, Alaska. Also known as George, Unix, and Dre' left this physical world to travel on to the big courts in the sky.

George grew up in Anchorage where he attended Baxter Elementary

school. He attended Junior High in Hydaburg and High school in Ketchikan, Alaska.

He was a young father that had to figure a way to take care of his little family when he learned about the Carpentry Union in Seattle from his Uncle Dan, in 1998.

Dre' was a hard worker no matter what kind of project he was on either for a company or family. He was a carpenter journeyman in Seattle that helped build many sky risers; however, the most memorable is the glass ceiling in the Convention Center in downtown Seattle. He always put his heart into any project he did for his family: from decks to bathrooms to a simple shelf.

Unix loved to play basketball and played in many Native Tournaments from Alaska

to Canada to the lower 48's. He was a master on the court that dominated whenever he played; whether it was city league, a tournament or an outdoor court. He loved a good challenge and loved to try new things. He will be missed by many: family, friends, coworkers and teammates.

George is survived by his children: youngest two, son DaQuan and daughter Arianna of Hydaburg and his oldest daughter, Kelli and granddaughter Lily of Anchorage. His Mother, Ethel of Lapwai and Father, Andre of Hawaii. His brothers: Quanah of Pendleton; Elliot of Seattle and Nathan of Bethel, Alaska. His Sisters: Yvonne of Lapwai, Caitlyn of Bethel and Brenda of Boise. His maternal grandfather Ron Halfmoon of Lapwai.

Nieces: Toni, Savy, Cheree, Izzy and Autumn. Nephews: Quanah and Kalijah and many Aunties, Uncles, cousins and extended family everywhere.

Unix was preceded in death by maternal Grandmother Loretta Chet Halfmoon and Grandfather Ip Sus Nute V (Jesse Greene). His paternal Grandmother Thelma Ratzeburg and Grandfather George LeCornu. His Sister Joey Lynn Eneas. Dre's contagious smile and beautiful soul will be missed dearly by many!

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai, Idaho at 11:00 a.m. His ashes will be spread at a later date in the Columbia River and oceans of Alaska.

Floyd “Butch” Arquette III, 56, Lapwai, ID



Floyd “Butch” L. Arquette III, 56, of Lapwai, now walks alongside his Nimiipuu ancestors after succumbing to his battle with cancer Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, at the Lewiston Transitional Care of Cascadia. For any of those who have met Butch, they may recall a rather rambunctious man who, more often than not, was getting himself into some sort of mischief or other. But, for those who truly knew Butch, they will recall a kind-hearted, intelligent man with an indomitable spirit. He was a father. He was a beloved family member. He was friend to so, so many. His

memory will be full of stories, laughter and the silent contemplation that only comes from a loss as great as his.

Butch was born to Floyd Arquette Jr. and Elaine Ellenwood on Oct. 2, 1965, in Portland, Ore. In his childhood, Butch’s family returned to their home in Idaho. As a child, Butch was once crowned “Little Mr. Winchester” during Winchester Days in Winchester. In his young adulthood, he attended Highland High School in Craigmont where he excelled in sports. He played in basketball, football and baseball. It is said that he was even being scouted as a left-handed pitcher before he was left injured in a motorcycling accident. As an adult, Butch loved to hunt and fish. A particular favorite fishing spot of his was at Rapid River, Idaho. Later on in life, Butch settled in Lapwai where he enjoyed working on puzzles, assembling model

cars, scratching lotto tickets and solving sudoku puzzles. He was an avid listener and fan of Z-Rock 96.5. Forever the storyteller, he could make words come to life with hand gestures and an elocution that only could be his. At home in Lapwai, he had many friends. These friends have no doubt that Butch would give the shirt off his back to anyone who would ask.

After high school, Butch met Peggy Arnold from whose relationship, between 1985 to 1992, came two sons Julian and Greg Humphrey. His relationship with Leslie McConville, between the years of 1997 to 2000, came his third son, Elijah Arquette. His sons were always in his thoughts and he always carried a tremendous love for them.

Butch had all kinds of jobs. As an entrepreneur he ran four firework stands in the late ‘80s and early ‘90s

dubbed “Butch’s Master Blaster Fireworks.” He did construction and roofing work as far away as Neah Bay, Wash., to Pendleton, Ore., and closer to home in Lapwai. He did this work until a boating accident left him disabled and he could no longer continue the work.

Floyd “Butch” L. Arquette III was preceded in death by his father, Floyd Arquette Jr., his mother, Elaine Ellenwood, and his brother, Troy Arquette. He is survived by his stepfather, Willis Humphrey, of Winchester; his four sisters, Vonda Bybee of Kamiah, Valda Conklin (Bybee), of Winchester, Rebecca Arquette and Sandra Slay, of Coos Bay, Ore.; his three sons Julian and Greg Humphrey, of Idaho Falls, and Elijah Arquette, of Lapwai; and his granddaughter, Isla Arquette, of Lapwai. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins too numerous to list here.

Mary Jane Schwab, 75, Lewiston, ID



on Feb. 2, 1969. They had two children, Siwan L. Schwab and Larry (Rich) Schwab.

Mary was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend to many. She was a very loyal friend who was always willing to help anyone in need. She was very family-oriented and you could always count on her to have games and activities planned for the holiday seasons. She will be missed by all.

Mary Jane Schwab, 75, of Lewiston, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 6 2021, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center with her family at her side.

She was born April 7, 1946, to Mary L. Jacobus in Seattle and raised by her mother and Phillip Smith, long-time companion. She graduated from Lapwai High School in 1964. After graduating, she went to work at the credit department in Lapwai where she later retired as a credit manager. She married Larry Schwab

Mary is survived by her daughter, Siwan L. Schwab (Tyson Kernin), of Lewiston; sister Bobbie Joe Smith, of Spokane; grandchildren Krystal Elizondo (Ryan Glasser), of Post Falls, and Amber Elizondo (Forrest Hamilton), of Clarkston; and bonus grandson, Coltin Kernin, of Lewiston.

She was preceded by death by her mother, Mary Jacobus; Phillip Smith; brother Jim Wilcox; son Larry (Rich) Schwab; and grandmother, Iva Betty Barber.

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Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division - Solid Waste and Recycling Program

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REMINDER—You Can Recycle Plastic Bags and Film through our recycling program!!

What can you recycle? Grocery bags • Bread bags

• Bubble wrap • Ice bags • Dry cleaning bags • Newspaper sleeves • Plastic shipping envelopes • Produce bags • Case overwrap • Wood pellet bags • Pallet wrap & stretch film • Salt bags • Some cereal bags • Ziploc and other re-closable food storage bags • Plastic film with symbols: 2 & 4

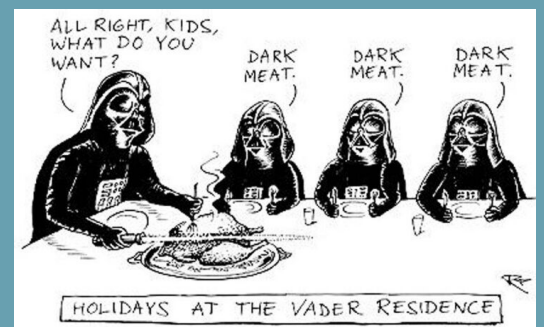


Where do our plastic bags and film go? We joined a Trex recycling program and send our plastic bags and film to Trex through their corporate arrangement with Winco. We take large bags of plastic to Winco and they ship it to Trex.

What is Trex doing with it? Trex is making composite, eco-friendly decking using reclaimed wood that would otherwise end up in the landfill. They turn it into sawdust that is then combined with recycled plastic film from a variety of sources. The film is then cleaned and ground into granules. Plastic granules and sawdust are combined and heated to a soft consistency then formed into boards, which are then cooled and cut to length. Trex saves 500 million+ pounds of plastic film and wood from landfills each year.

- A standard 16-foot Trex board contains recycled material from approximately 2,250 plastic bags.
- The average 500 square-foot composite Trex deck contains more than 140,000 recycled plastic bags, films, and wraps.

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Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling

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November 10 & 24



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