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Ohio History Connection Reimburses Nez Perce Tribe's Purchase of Wetxuuwíitin Collection



NPTEC stands with representatives from Ohio History Collection (l to r: Shannon Wheeler, Casey Mitchell, Arthur Broncheau, Ryan Oatman, Liz Arthur-Attao, Shirley Allman, Burt Logan, Samuel Penney, Billy Friend, Rachel Edwards, Alex Wesaw, Quincy Ellenwood.)

On June 25, 2021, the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) celebrated the 25th anniversary of the return of a collection of 21 Nez Perce artifacts crafted by Nez Perce men and women in the 1800s. This collection, formerly referred to as the Spalding-Allen collection (Collection), was also given the Nez Perce name Wetxuuwiitin, at the celebration. The name means "Returned home after a period of captivity" and was another important step to help shed the colonial legacy surrounding the history of these items and reclaim this important part of Nez Perce culture.

The collection was purchased back from the Ohio History Collection after a rapid six-month fundraising endeavor in 1996. Current representatives from the, now known as, Ohio History Connection were able to attend the event. "As delighted as I was to learn about the renaming of the Wetxuuwíitin collection, the invitation was also a painful reminder of the shameful mistreatment and marginalization of American Indians since the arrival of Europeans on the North American continent," said Burt Logan, Ohio History Connection Executive Director and CEO. "Our leadership, including myself and current staff and Board, was not aware of the Wetxuuwíitin Collection and its purchase by the Nez Perce Tribe until I received the kind invitation."

The Ohio History Connection followed up their participation in the June celebration with a return visit to the Nez Perce Reservation on November 23, 2021 to return the $608,100 the Tribe raised in 1996 to purchase the Collection. The funds came from Ohio History Connection's Foundation. "This summer we diligently sought to learn as much as possible, and to process what this means to our organization. If the Wetxuuwíitin Collection was in the possession of the Ohio History Connection today, we would freely return these items to their rightful home. With this clear conclusion, our Board of Trustees voted at its September 2021 meeting to return $608,100 to the Tribe," said Logan.

The Tribe formally accepted the return of the purchase monies during its Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee meeting. "We are pleased to see this wrong, corrected. To this day there seems to be a common misunderstanding of the significance of items such as those in the Wetxuuwíitin Collection. To us these are not pieces of art or décor, they are pieces of us and they retain the spirits of our ancestors," said Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman, Samuel Penny. "These items are priceless, though we did not agree with having to purchase these items back in 1996, we knew at that time we had to bring them home regardless of the cost. These healing steps-- bringing the items home, providing a fitting name and now reimbursement -- give our people hope and build on that connection that's been missing for far too long."

Titus Yearout Commits to the University of Idaho

Lapwai's 6-foot-2 senior Titus Yearout is a standout athlete on the court; he can play each guard position, and led the entire state in scoring as a sophomore in 2019-20, and surpassed the 1,500 career-point barrier.

Last year, Yearout averaged 24 points, 8 rebounds, 5.5 assists, 3.1 steals and 1.2 blocks per game, leading Lapwai to a 20-4 overall record, including a State Championship and a first place in the Whitepine League Division I standings. He was the White Pine League player of the year for the second consecutive season, and was named by the Idaho Statesman as the state's player of the year.

"I had a basketball in my hand ever since I can remember and fell in love," said Yearout. "My parents got me into basketball and my dad taught me all of the necessary fundamentals. Ever since I could remember, I've had the goal to play basketball at the Division 1 level, with a lot of faith, hard work, dedication and support I was able and reached my goal."

During the summer, Yearout played for the 17U Select Basketball USA team that's based in Garden City, Idaho, near Boise. In that time, he played in the Cali-Live Summer Showcase from July 8-11 in Irvine, California; the NW Live Summer Regional from July 16-18 in Beaverton, Oregon; 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.



Titus Yearout signs his early commitment letter to University of Idaho on NCAA's National Signing Day. (Photo courtesy of Joyce McFarland).

His performances this summer certainly caught the eyes of many. Yearout got calls from Boise State, Eastern Washington, Utah Valley, Montana State, Montana, San Jose State and Idaho State. Nonetheless, Yearout stayed true to his committment to play basketball for the University of Idaho.

"Something I would like people to know is to never give up on your dreams; there is a lot of uncertainty and doubt from others, but as long as you have faith and determination you will reach your goals," Yearout said. "It feels great to be selected to play at the Division 1 level, but the work starts now. Getting ready this high school season and summer are going to be huge for me, being able to come in and help the Vandal Basketball program."

"Titus has been my captain for the past three years," said Lapwai's Head Coach Zachary Eastman. "In those three years Titus has been my leader on and off the court. He shows everyday what you can achieve if you are dedicated and work hard."

Yearout is the son of Abe and Britney Yearout and the grandson of Jon and Rosa Yearout and Becky Brown and Gary Moffitt. Congratulations to Titus Yearout on your full ride basketball scholarship. It's been a pleasure for his friends, his family and the Lapwai community to watch this talented star continue to shine. Blessings to Mr.Yearout and his bright future ahead!

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Lapwai High School Boys Basketball 2021-2022

Date:	Opponent:	Location	Time:	Bus departure:
12/3	@ St. Maries	St. Maries, ID	5 & 7	12:30
12/4	@ Logos	Moscow, ID	1 & 2:30	11AM
12/6	Orofino, White team/JV	Orofino, ID	6 & 7:30	4PM
12/9	**@ Prairie**	**Cottonwood, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	3:45
12/11	**@ Troy**	**Troy, ID**	**1 & 2:30**	11AM
12/14	**Kamiah**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
12/18	@CDA (Varsity only)	Coeur d'Alene, ID	1	9AM
12/21	@North Central	Spokane, WA	5:30 & 7	2PM
12/28-30	Avista Tournament	Lewiston, ID	TBD	
1/6	**Logos**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
1/8	**@ Genesee**	**Genesee, ID**	**1 & 2:30**	11AM
1/11	**Clearwater Valley**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
1/14	**@ Potlatch**	**Potlatch, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	3:45
1/20	**Prairie**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
1/22	**Troy**	**Lapwai, ID**	**1 & 2:30**	
1/25	**@ Kamiah**	**Kamiah, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	3:45
2/1	**@ Clearwater Valley**	**Kooskia, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	3:45
2/4	**Genesee**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
2/8	St. Maries	Lapwai, ID	6 & 7:30	
2/11	**Potlatch**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
2/19-25	District Tournament	LCSC	TBD	
2/26	State Play-In Game	Post Falls	TBD	
3/4-3/6	State Tournament	Nampa, ID	TBD	

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Bold (League Game)

Coach: Zach Eastman
Assistant Coaches: Tommy Miles-Williams
Principal/Interim A.D.: Dr. D'Lisa Penney
Superintendent: Dr. David Aiken

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Updated 11/29/21 8PM: Please look for updated schedules

Lapwai High School Girls Basketball 2021-2022

Date:	Opponent:	Location:	Time:	Bus departure:
11/30	**Clearwater Valley** (varsity only)	**Lapwai, ID**	**6:30**	
12/2	**@ Potlatch** (varsity only)	**Potlatch, ID**	**6:00**	4:45
12/3	Cole Valley (varsity only)	Lapwai, ID	7:30	
12/6	**Logos**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
12/7	**Prairie**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
12/13	**Troy (1/2 JV)**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:00**	
12/16	**@ Kamiah (1/2 JV)**	**Kamiah, ID**	**6 & 7**	3:45
12/18	@ St. Maries	St. Maries, ID	5 & 7	12:30
12/21	**@ Genesee**	**Genesee, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	4:00
12/22	@ Pomeroy	Pomeroy, WA	2:30 & 4:00	12:15PM
12/28-30	Avista Tournament	Lewiston, ID	TBD	
~~1/3~~	~~@ Grangeville~~	~~Grangeville, ID~~	~~6 & 7:30~~	
1/7	**Genesee**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	
1/10	St. Maries	Lapwai, ID	6 & 7:30	
1/13	**@ Clearwater Valley** (varsity only)	**Kooskia, ID**	**6:00**	3:45
1/15	**Potlatch (varsity only)**	**Lapwai, ID**	**1:00**	
1/18	**@ Prairie**	**Cottonwood, ID**	**6 & 7:30**	4:00
1/21	**@ Troy (1/2JV)**	**Troy, ID**	**6 & 7:00**	4:00
1/27	**Kamiah (1/2 JV)**	**Lapwai, ID**	**6 & 7**	
1/29	**@ Logos**	**Moscow, ID**	**1 & 2:30**	11:00
2/5-2/11	District Tournament	LCSC	TBD	
2/12	State Play-In Game	Post Falls	TBD	
2/17-19	State Tournament	Nampa, ID	TBD	

(Finding 1 replacement game for the cancelled Grangeville)

Bold (League Games)

Coach: Ada Marks
Assistant Coaches: Josh Leighton, Jr., Joslyn Leighton
Principal/Interim A.D.: Dr. D'Lisa Penney
Superintendent: Dr. David Aiken

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Free Little Food Pantry Seeks Donations

Free Little Food Pantry Expands to Kamiah with Intentions of Further Expansion into Kooskia and Orofino

By Sarah Parker, U of I Extension Nez Perce Reservation Community Coordinator

For the past 12 months, a small green box in the Lapwai Community Garden has been helping families in need to access food and personal hygiene items 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in privacy. Now, pantry stewards are calling on the community for help.

The Little Free Pantry, or hipt titooqaayn (food for the people), was established in October of 2020 to help address the community's growing concerns surrounding food insecurity. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 13.8 million households were food insecure in 2020, and access to food has been particularly difficult during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The pantry is designed to allow neighbors to help each other with discretion; anyone can leave a donation or take what they need from the pantry at any time. The pantry is restocked filled on a weekly basis with the community's wants and needs in mind, and is supported in part by a grant from the Siletz Tribe. However, the pantry largely depends on donations from individuals, which have slowed down tremendously in recent months. Founder and pantry stewardess, Danielle Scott expressed her concern, "During a pandemic there are people who are not able to go to the store, so that increases the need," she said. "The need is high, the donations are low, and we ask that if you are willing and able to please consider donating to the pantry either on site, contact us for pickup, or ask us about other options for donations."

Lapwai's pantry is not the only one facing a shortage of food. An additional Little Free Pantry established in Kamiah this summer has been having a hard time receiving donations as well, and demand is expected to rise in the upcoming months. "As the weather gets colder we anticipate a greater need for donations," said Kamiah pantry stewardess Ada Fryer. "We are just so extremely grateful for all donations. It seems that items such as ramen, hygiene products, and dried goods are the most popular." A third and fourth pantry are in the works for Kooskia and Orofino.

Certain friends of the pantry have aided in the success of the program over the past year, from the Moscow Co-Op hosting a food drive for Kamiah to the Nez Perce Tribal Commodity Foods Distribution Program donating left over supplies. Wisteqn'eemit has been a large supporter of the pantry by providing three $1,000 donations to be used for supplies and to sustain the pantry program. We would like to thank Ann McCormack, Nez Perce Tribe Economic Development Planner, for championing this project with the Wisteqn'eemit program, and pantry designer Kathy Hay, for making this project possible. Additional appreciations to Mikailah Thompson for her fundraising efforts, raising nearly $500 from her beaded item raffle and all who have dropped off donations anonymously at the pantries. We thank you!

If you would like to aid in the pantry's mission to provide accessible food and personal items for those in need, donations can be deposited in the designated container next to the pantry at the Lapwai Community Garden or the pantry next to the Wéeyes Community Center in Kamiah, ID. All canned or nonperishable food items are accepted, along with new toiletries. If you would like a list of items needed, to make a monetary contribution to the pantry, or have additional questions please contact Danielle Scott, University of Idaho Extension Educator for the Nez Perce Reservation at 208-791-4087.



Free Little Food Pantry located in Kamiah outside the Wéeyes. (U of I Extension Nez Perce Reservation Photo)



Free Little Food Pantry located in the Lapwai Community Garden next to Nimiipuu Health. (U of I Extension Nez Perce Reservation Photo)

Secretary Haaland Delivers Remarks on the Power of Indigenous Representation on the 52nd Anniversary of the Alcatraz Island Occupation

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland visited Alcatraz Island in San Francisco, Calif., on the 52nd anniversary of its occupation by Indigenous activists in pursuit of Tribal self-determination. Secretary Haaland delivered remarks about the progress that has been made in Indian Country in the intervening years, as well as the work needed ahead.

A full recording of Secretary Haaland's remarks are available on Interior's YouTube channel. Remarks as prepared for delivery are below:

Guw'aadzi haupa – greetings everyone. I am honored to speak today from Alcatraz Island. Like many of the public lands in the care of the Department of the Interior, these lands tell a story, and you can feel it.

Some may think of Alcatraz Island as a place that movies and novels have described where prisoners were kept in cells and tried to escape, but for me, and for many Indigenous people, this land tells another story.

In November of 1969, I was almost 9 years old. I didn't understand it then, but my very existence as a Native child was in some ways an act of defiance against historic policies to exterminate Indigenous cultures, traditions, languages, and essentially us as a group of people.

We are the descendants of ancestors who lived in tune with nature, practiced sustainability, and thrived on this continent long before the colonization of North America. Many of us are the descendants of people who endured horrific brutality at the hands of those who oppressed us.

We are the descendants of grandparents, aunts, uncles and parents who were stolen from their homes and from their families so that their cultures, traditions, and languages could be wiped away from their memories. Many of us come from families who were relocated from our homelands with broken promises by the federal government that their children would have better lives.



In November of 1969, a history began with acts of defiance to "Take the Rock." That history -- in many ways -- paved the way for the Tribal self-determination policies that President Biden and I championed just this week as we gathered with Tribal leaders for the first White House Tribal Nations Summit of this Administration.

52 years ago, the situation was dire. The federal government had walked away from their promises to help Indigenous people who were forced to relocate to urban areas, federal agencies refused to abide by basic consultation standards, and many Native communities had lost large swaths of their lands.

When Indigenous people are separated from our homelands, from our traditions and from our people, the impacts are more than physical – they are spiritual. They manifest deep in our bodies... in our hearts... and they have lasting and intergenerational consequences.

I remember reading countless stories of young Indigenous mothers who couldn't get housing or food for their children, Indigenous students facing discrimination at school, and terrible abuse of Indigenous people on the streets of many American cities.

It harkens back to the memories of other kids making fun of my braids or my dark skin when I was a little girl. I never told my mother about these things – I didn't know it then, but I felt ashamed. So many of us did, and we didn't have the words to describe it.

It is a feeling that tears at our souls and is in direct opposition to who we are as people. We cultivate community. We care for our environment. We help each other. We crave connection to our ancestors. We love the Earth.

The occupation of Alcatraz Island by Indigenous people in 1969 was more than a call for action, it was a cry for a sense of community and the lifeways that were stolen from us. Alcatraz was borne out of desperation. Out of this we gained a sense of community and visibility in the eyes of the federal government. But more than that, our Indigenous identities were restored.

Many people romanticize the occupation of Alcatraz, but we cannot overlook the hardships that families endured over those two years. But because of the sacrifices that were made in this place, we no longer have to act out of desperation.

The fact that I'm standing here today is a testament to that fact. I am here. We are here. And we are not going anywhere. We are in a new era. An era in which we can embrace our identities as Indigenous people and be proud of how much we have accomplished. An era of real opportunities to engage with the federal government.

In which the President of the United States gathers Tribal leaders together for a White House Tribal Nations Summit so that the policies we create reflect the needs of Tribes. So that Tribal leaders have a real seat at the table before decisions are made that impact their communities.

An era in which we recognize the value of traditional Indigenous knowledge in our efforts to address the climate crisis. An era in which our commitment to Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Island communities is reflected in an all-of-government approach to address the needs of Indigenous peoples.

It's that commitment that drives the work we do at the Department of the Interior. Whether it's restoring Tribal homelands and empowering Tribes to make decisions for their communities or putting the power of the federal government behind the work to address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples crisis and the intensive process we are undertaking to

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heal from the terrible impacts that Indian Boarding Schools have had on our communities – we are centering Indigenous voices in all of our work.

We are still here. The will to survive is engrained in us - passed down through the generations by our ancestors. It's already having an impact – thanks to President Biden's compassionate leadership: I know what it means to visit a place where ancestors once walked and lived – to feel their presence and feel a spiritual connection to that place. It gives me chills just thinking about how just last month, President Biden announced permanent protections for our ancestral homelands in Bears Ears National Monument.

This week, we announced that Interior is taking action to protect Chaco Canyon and the greater connected landscape with its rich Tribal and cultural legacy in northwest New Mexico. Chaco Canyon is a sacred place that holds deep spiritual meaning for the Indigenous peoples whose ancestors lived, worked, and thrived in that high desert community and have cared for the area since time immemorial.

We also announced that Interior and 16 other federal agencies have formally committed to protecting Tribal treaty rights in agency policymaking and regulatory processes.

We launched an interagency initiative to preserve, protect, and promote the rights and freedom of Native Americans to use, practice, and develop Native languages.

Additionally, the President has signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which will make historic investments in Indigenous communities. This is billions of dollars that will bolster community resilience, replace aging infrastructure, and provide support needed for climate-related relocation and adaptation.

This funding and these efforts will be transformational in our communities. But investing in Indigenous people will not alone solve the challenges we face. We have schools and infrastructure to build. We have legacy pollution to address. We have communities that are literally being washed away by coastal erosion.

And there is a racism in this country that continues to target Native people. Offensive names, mascots, and rally cries are not a thing of the past. But their time has come. And as long as I have a platform to speak from, I will stand against them.

That is why yesterday, I used my authority to ensure that "squaw," which is used in the names of hundreds of federal land units, is never used again. Our nation's public lands and waters should be places to celebrate the outdoors and our shared cultural heritage – not to perpetuate the legacies of oppression. Indigenous people, and in particular women, know how offensive this word is. And I am proud to be in a position to rid federal places of it.

To this end, we have created important advisory committees that will advise on other derogatory terms whose expiration dates are long overdue. We will have a process that includes engagement with Tribes, state and local governments, and the public.

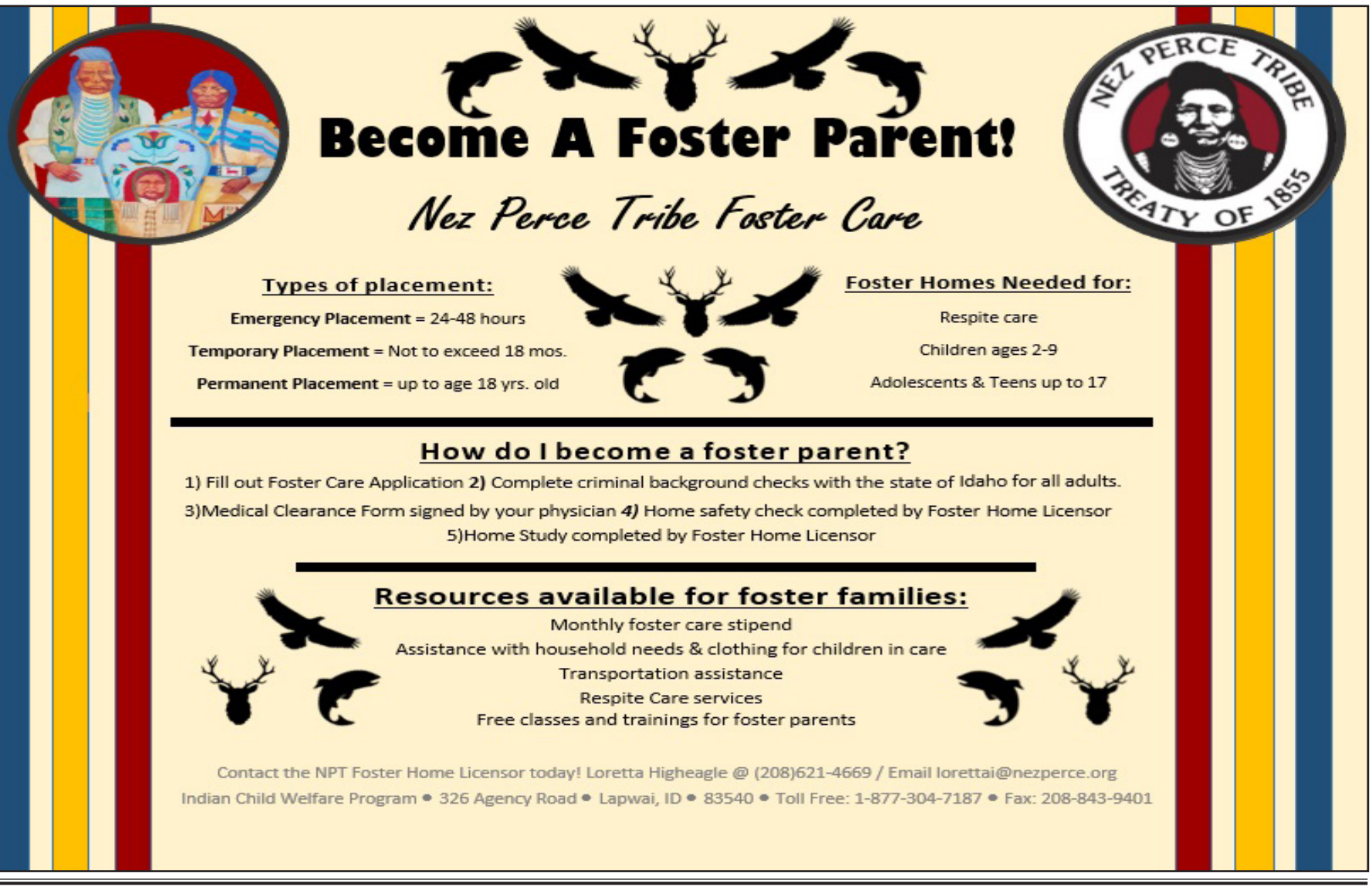
Representation matters. Being here matters. No longer do Indigenous people have to occupy a site to get the attention of the government. We are at the table and we are not giving up our seats.

We have a long way to go to fully heal from the traumas created by historical oppression. I know that removing racist names, investing in broadband for Tribal communities, and protecting Native languages won't change everything. But change – even if incremental – is still change. And our moment is now.

With Indigenous voices in power, perhaps we can create the world that those who occupied "The Rock" envisioned – one of equity and justice.

I know that I stand here on the shoulders of so many leaders who came before me. I stand here, because the path that many carved ahead of me was clear, and I am very grateful for that.

I intend to work with and for all Native people so that we can ensure Indigenous children have every opportunity to achieve their dreams and one day stand on my shoulders to achieve more than we can even dream of. Daa'waee. Thank you.



Nez Perce Tribe Day Labor Program Provides Additional Support

The Nez Perce Tribe Day Labor Program serves those who have barriers to traditional employment, such as those who are unable to work full-time; commit to a traditional work schedule; obtain a driver's license; or lack the experience/education requirements set forth in class descriptions. The only requirement to become a Day Labor contractor is to be an enrolled Nez Perce Tribal member, 18 years or older. The current hourly rate for Day Labor contractors is $10.

The Day Labor Program was established to provide support to Tribal elders and those who have physical challenges that prevent them from doing manual labor. To date, the following Nez Perce Tribal Programs have utilized the Day Labor Program: Transportation, Maintenance, NPTEC Support Staff, Executive Direction, TANF, Financial Assistance Office, Veterans, General Council, Recycling, Finance, Senior Citizens, Water Resources (Nature Trail).

There are some parameters that have been established to ensure not only the safety and protection of the client and contractor, but the equitable distribution of program resources as well. The parameters that must be adhered to in order to participate in the program are:

- Contractors may not arrive to an assignment under the influence of any non-prescribed substance, nor may they consume any illegal substance during the commission of their work
- Assignments MUST be dispatched by Day Labor Program personnel - any work completed without prior authorization, will not be eligible for payment
- Contractors may not complete work for immediate family members (parents, siblings, spouses, children or grandparents) for payment through the program
- Contractors may not complete work at their place of residence for payment through the program
- Contractors must adhere to the project guidelines set forth by the client and may not deviate from what has been requested without prior consent
- Contractors may not remove the client's personal property or belongings without consent
- Contractors may not disrespect, threaten or harm a client, fellow contractors or Tribal employees during the completion of any assigned project
- Contractors may not harass or try to intimidate the Day Labor program staff
- Contractors must attend a mandatory orientation prior to being dispatched
- Contractors are limited to 40 hours per week
- Contractors may not receive compensation through the program to perform any work during funeral services
- Contractors may not receive payment for hours exceeding those that were pre-approved on their work record without the client first notifying the program staff of the additional hours required for the completion of the project
- Contractors may not alter or pad the hours

If a contractor violates any of these, they may be placed on a 30-day suspension, or possibly barred from the Day Labor Program indefinitely. Conversely, if the client/department employees are disrespectful, rude or exhibit aggressive behavior toward the contractor while they are on assignment, the client/department may be placed on a 30-day suspension from requesting services, or possibly forfeit their right to request services indefinitely, depending on the severity of the situation.

It is important that all those benefitting from the privilege of receiving services from the Day Labor program treat the contractors with respect and dignity. If there is an issue, it may be addressed with the program staff, not directly with the contractor. While some of the contractors utilize the program to supplement their income, others are heavily dependent upon it for their survival. Many of the contractors are contending with compelling and unique challenges that we as a community must acknowledge and hold space for, such as developmental, behavioral and physical health issues. Additionally, others are on the road to recovery, or are re-entering the community after a period of incarceration. Just as a commendation can uplift a contractor's spirit for days, an unkind or disrespectful word may be emotionally or mentally destabilizing for them. The feedback that the contractors receive has significant impact on their confidence and willingness to continue improving their personal and professional lives. Please be kind.

Applications to become a Day Labor contractor may be obtained by calling the Construction & Planning Office at 208-843-7324 or visiting the office, located in the Vet's Building at 120 Bever Grade, Suite 500, Lapwai, ID 83540. All questions may be forwarded to the Construction & Planning Office at 208-843-7324.

Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Resources Program Receives "Team Excellence" Award by the Bureau of Land Management

Congratulations to Nakia Williamson and the entire Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) Cultural Resources Program (program) on recently receiving the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) State Director's "Team Excellence" award. On November 16, 2021 representatives from the BLM presented the award during the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee's Natural Resources Subcommittee.

The program was selected based on their engagement with Native youth in cultural resource monitoring and ethnographic research of the Tribe's cultural connections to and knowledge about its traditional lands along the Grande Ronde, Wallowa, and Minam Rivers. The study area was in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington on BLM lands that are associated with the Tribe's legend sites, traditional cultural properties, places of historic and religious significance, archaeological sites, and various natural and cultural resources important to the wellbeing of the Tribe. The program provided the proposal, intern hiring, mentoring, materials, gear and other necessities.

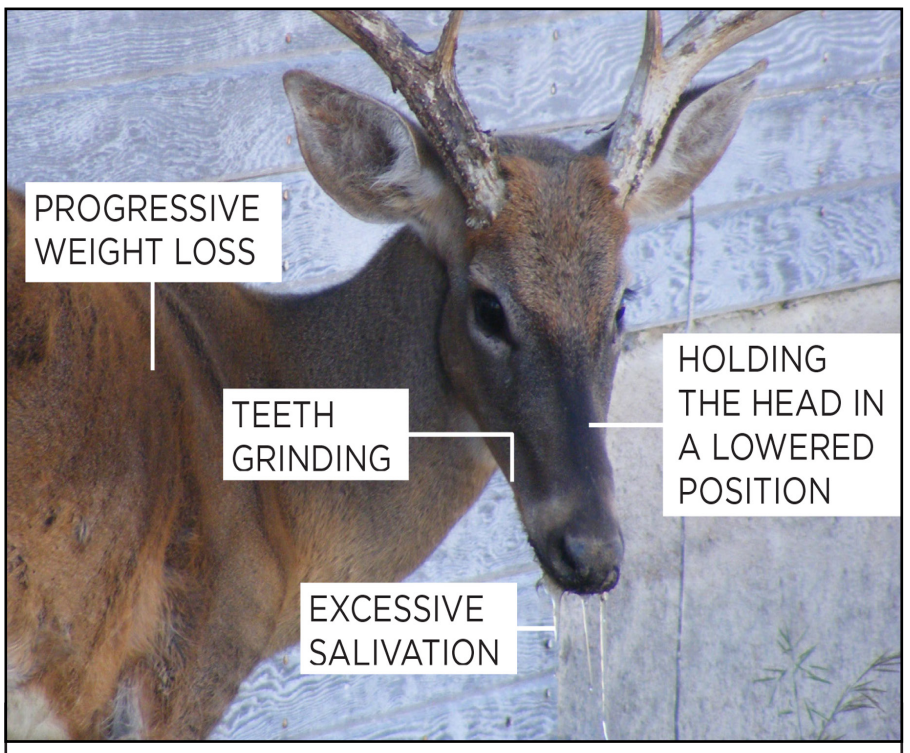
The interns conducted archaeological surveys in areas that had not been previously surveyed, in hopes of identifying new sites. They also conducted interviews with tribal elders regarding the areas and sites.



Cultural Resources Staff Stand with Bureau of Land Management Representatives.

The Nez Perce Tribe Wildlife Division Has Been Notified that Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Has Been Detected in Idaho

Two male/buck mule deer tested positive,
both of which were harvested in October in the Slate Creek drainage near Lucile



Other signs are loss of appetite, listlessness, excessive thirst, increased urination, and drooping ears. (Photo from Noble Research Institute).



Most animals that carry the disease look healthy; it's only in the final stages where they become visibly sick. (Photo from Noble Research Institute).

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Cervid Populations: Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a prion disease that affects deer, elk, reindeer, sika deer, and moose. Symptoms, which may take over a year to develop, include drastic weight loss (wasting), stumbling, listlessness, and other neurologic symptoms. CWD affects animals of all ages; some infected animals may die without ever developing the disease. CWD is fatal to animals and there are no treatments or vaccines. The potential spread of CWD to new areas is perhaps the greatest concern for managers of deer populations. Because of CWD's low prevalence and prolonged latent period makes detections difficult. The prion agent is viable in the environment for years. Infection may occur through contact with a contaminated environment or an infected animal. Infected animals can shed the prion before the onset of clinical signs, sometimes for months.

What is a prion? Prion diseases are a family of rare progressive neurodegenerative disorders that affect both humans and animals. They are distinguished by long incubation periods, characteristic spongiform changes associated with neuronal loss, and a failure to induce inflammatory response. The term "prions" refers to abnormal, pathogenic agents that are transmissible and are able to induce abnormal folding of specific normal cellular proteins called prion proteins that are found most abundantly in the brain. The functions of these normal prion proteins are still not completely understood. The abnormal folding of the prion proteins leads to brain damage and the characteristic signs and symptoms of the disease. Prion diseases rapidly progress and are fatal.

To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans. However, studies suggest CWD poses a risk to non-human primates, such as monkeys, that eat meat from CWD-infected animals or come in contact with brain or bodily fluids from infected deer or elk. These studies raise concerns that there may also be a risk to humans.

Best Management Practices to Minimize the Spread of CWD: Wildlife professionals recognize the risk of continued disease spread through the movement of infected carcasses. The carcass of a CWD-positive cervids (including: elk, mule & white-tailed deer, moose, and caribou) has prions in various tissues, with a high concentration in the brain, spinal cord, lymph nodes, and tonsils. Therefore, moving a CWD-positive carcass to different geographic areas introduces the risk of further CWD transmission. As best practice, harvested cervid carcasses should not be transported across from any state, province, or territory unless all high-risk parts are removed. This still allows for importation of cut/wrapped meat, deboned meat, cleaned skulls or skull cap with no brain material, shed antlers, hides, canine teeth, and finished taxidermy mounts. All removed parts should be properly disposed of to prevent other animals from coming into contact with CWD prions. Following the best practices will reduce the risk of CWD spread:

1. Prohibit the transport of intact cervid carcasses or carcass parts across state boundaries - except boned out meat, clean hide with no head attached, clean skull plate with antlers attached, clean antlers, finished taxidermy specimens, and clean upper canine teeth.

2. Alternatives: Allow importation of quartered carcasses with no spinal column, head, or central nervous system tissue in addition to the permitted items above; Prohibit importation, with certain standard exceptions, of intact or whole carcasses from states that have detected CWD in captive and/or free-ranging cervids; Prohibit importation from specific zones in states where CWD has been detected.

Carcass disposal recommendations: Properly licensed and operated landfills offer one of the most economically feasible options for disposal of carcasses and parts, particularly in high volumes. While disposal via landfill may not eliminate infectious prion, carcass parts disposed of in a landfill would be inaccessible to cervids and may functionally contain the CWD prion. It is important that carcasses are properly covered after disposal in a landfill to prevent scavenging.

Decolonizing Idaho's Road Signs

A new effort will add Indigenous history to historical markers across the state



In mid-October, an empty frame is all that's visible of Historical Marker 302 at the Galena Summit near Sun Valley, Idaho. (Roland Lane/High Country News Photo)

Tony Tekaroniake Evans, High Country News

In September of 1824, a Scottish schoolteacher turned fur trapper made his way to a mountain summit overlooking the awe-inspiring Sawtooth Valley near present-day Sun Valley, Idaho. Historical Marker 302 on Highway 75 at Galena Summit now commemorates the moment when Alexander Ross and his entourage first stood at the spot above the headwaters of the Salmon River. The sign proclaims that Ross "discovered" the summit before spending another month traveling "mostly through unexplored land."

The notion that Ross "discovered" any place that had not already been well traveled by Native Americans strikes Idaho State Historic Preservation Office Deputy Tricia Canaday as absurd. "Of course, Indigenous groups had been traversing that route for millennia," she said. Canaday has taken on the monumental task of working with Idaho's five tribes to revise many of the 290 signs in the states' historical marker system, and possibly add new signs.

The initiative's stated goal, Canaday said, is to rebalance Idaho's roadside history with an Indigenous perspective and thereby create a more culturally sensitive and historically accurate picture of the past. Each state in the U.S. appears to have its own standards and protocols for reviewing highway marker language, she said, and her office is in charge of Idaho's. As a result, Ross may soon be known for having "mapped" or "encountered" Galena Summit, rather than discovering it, Canaday said. That might seem like a small success, but it's just one piece in a wider mosaic that could transform Idaho's roadside history for generations to come.

Leading this effort alongside Canaday are tribal officials like Nolan Brown, an original territories researcher at the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Language and Cultural Preservation Department at the Fort Hall Reservation. The revision of highway markers is now part of his job, which since 2017 has included the creation of new interpretive signs and exhibits around the state related to his community. "Our major purpose is to educate tribal members and the public and build awareness about the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' history and continued presence in all of our original territories," Brown said.

That original territory is vast and includes the land traversed by Ross when he first came through what is now known as Blaine County. Brown's strategic approach is part of the Language and Culture Department's ongoing effort to identify relationships with the Northwestern Band of Shoshone, Shoshone-Paiutes and others, such as the tribes of the Boise Valley. New sign information could include hunting and gathering rights guaranteed by treaties, as well as details about historic sites like Map Rock, a large boulder in the Snake River Canyon near Boise that features elaborate petroglyphs created by the ancestors of the local Shoshone or Paiute nations, as well as the Lemhi Reservation near Salmon, Idaho, which was abandoned during a forced march known as the "Lemhi Trail of Tears" in 1907. The markers could also include information about traditional campsites, homesites, original fisheries, original trails and battle sites.

Brown's staff at the Language and Culture Department addressed the first group of 27 highway markers that the Idaho Transportation Department had proposed for replacement due to their declining condition. The tribes plan to update five of these with completely new narratives. Others simply need revising. "A few signs like those at Lava Hot Springs, the Salmon River and others we are eager to help rewrite," Brown said, adding that he and his staff are enthusiastic about the work and the opportunity to "provide the tribal perspective and history that was previously lacking." The Salmon River sign, Number 292, states that Lewis and Clark "discovered" the river. It makes no mention of the Native people who took salmon for thousands of years on the river, nor of how the Shoshone-Bannock have worked for decades to save endangered Sawtooth sockeye salmon from extinction.

All 290 of Idaho's signs were installed in the 1950s without Native input, often re-

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flecting the terra nullius, or "vacant land" concept held by those who settled in the wake of the Doctrine of Discovery, which had been used for centuries to entitle European Christian immigrants to lands in North America under international law. But even Ross was under no illusion that he was the first person to see the Sawtooth Valley, although for a spell he seems to have hoped he was looking out upon a new Garden of Eden.

"It appeared to us probably that no human being had ever trodden in that path before," he wrote in his memoirs in 1856. "But we were soon undeceived, for we had not been many hours there before my people, going about their horses, found a pheasant (grouse) with a fresh arrow in it and not yet dead. So, at the moment we were indulging in such an idea, the Indians might have been within fifty yards of us!"

The histories of the state's Indigenous nations, long ignored by both state education policies and highway signs, may soon find a place where the rubber hits the road in Idaho, thanks to tribal representatives and historians. The process is only just beginning and could take years, Canaday said. What pieces of history could get displaced in favor of others on the signs will depend on space constraints, Canaday said. "There are strict word counts allowed on each sign," she said. Canaday said the project to revise highway markers, which has received $700,000 in funding, would follow input from the state archaeologist and state historian, as well as the tribes. "We are trying to look critically at the stories we are putting out there," she said. The Shoshone-Paiute, Kootenai and Coeur d'Alene nations have yet to respond to her request for consultation.

Among those Canaday has met with is Nakia Williamson-Cloud, the cultural resources program director for the Nez Perce Tribe. Situated to the north of Shoshone-Bannock territory, the Nez Perce are now based between the Snake and Clearwater rivers, but, as with most if not all tribal nations, they once had far more expansive territories that now compete with modern place names and historical narratives. In early July, Canaday and Williamson-Cloud had a three-hour meeting in Lapwai, on the Nez Perce Reservation, where they sifted through highway marker language and reviewed Williamson-Cloud's initial advice on revisions and historical errors and omissions. As a result, one big change could be the inclusion of Nez Perce or Nimiipuu language on some signs. "Nakia knew the Nez Perce names for all the places up there," Canaday said. Williamson-Cloud reportedly took interest in the Buffalo Pit highway marker, Number 370, near Elk City, which commemorates a hydraulic gold mine operation that tore away a hillside to get at the riches underneath. "Nakia said that stretch of the river has been called 'muddy water' in the Nez Perce language ever since," Canaday said. "We are considering adding that language to the sign because, from our perspective, it is an interesting historical notation to make."

This long-overdue enterprise began with a suggestion from Marsha VanDeGrift, a Boise resident who was picnicking in 2019 with her husband near Historical Marker Number 75, which details the "Ward Massacre." The sign commemorates an 1854 attack on the Alexander Ward party that brought military retaliation and the closure of the Hudson's Bay Company posts at Fort Boise and Fort Hall. It was part of a wider conflict in the region that became known as the Snake War. The Ward Massacre sign states that only two young boys survived the attack and that "eight years of Indian terror followed." VanDeGrift contacted the state offices and found them willing to consider changes. "I didn't want my kids or grandkids to ever read such a one-sided description of an event," VanDeGrift said. Soon, thanks to the work of Canaday, Williamson-Cloud, Brown and others, they may not have to — at least not in Idaho.

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An Olde Fashioned Christmas

(Kamiah)-The Yuletide season is upon us and the Upriver Youth Leadership Council is hard at work to bring you the third annual An Olde Fashioned Christmas on Saturday, December 4th at the Kamiah American Legion Hall The Olde Fashioned Christmas is a family-friendly affair that aims to evoke some of that timeless Yuletide magic in Kamiah. The day will be full of Christmas activities and crafts for all. Scheduled activities include:

• 11:00 am -4:00 pm, Get in the holiday spirit with free fun activities for all ages, all day long! Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, photos with Santa, Olde-fashioned sugar cookie decorating, gingerbread house making, face painting, Santa letter writing, free personalized Santa hats for all youth, holiday crafts and demos starting hourly, and so much more!

• 12:00-4:00 pm, Christmas Carriage rides.

• 4:00 pm, Christmas Cookie Contest entries are due, judging will take place at 5:00, and winners will be announced at 6:00 pm.

• 5:30 pm, Doors Open for the Old-Fashioned Christmas Show.

• 6:00 pm, Old Fashioned Christmas Show, join Upriver Youth Leadership Council for a night of musical and theatrical fun, as they take amazing local talents to the stage for their annual holiday show. The Olde Fashioned Christmas Show will feature local talent from around the Clearwater Valley in a night of singing, performing and dancing to the greatest songs of the season.

A Pie Social will take place during intermission, with locally baked pies being sold by the slice. Santa will have a surprise for all youth in attendance.

• View complete details and schedule on the Upriver Youth Leadership Council's Facebook Page.

So, fire up that heartwarming holiday spirit and bring the whole crew for a visit to the Olde Fashioned Christmas here in Kamiah

Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation Announces 2021 Large Impact Grant Awards

The Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation has approved 10 Large Impact Grants totaling $620,950.00 to area nonprofit agencies to promote health, wellness or disease prevention of persons within a three-state, nine-county area: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis and Nez Perce in Idaho; Asotin, Garfield and Whitman in Washington; and Wallowa in Oregon.

The Foundation's Large Impact Grant season opened June 1 and applications were due July 31. Community Advisors to the Foundation reviewed the Large Impact Grant applications and made grant award recommendations to the Trustee. "We appreciate this opportunity to serve our region and support our not-for-profit partners. Improving health requires a broad view on our community needs, and I am grateful to our Board and to the Grant applicants for their efforts", commented Board of Community Advisors Chairman, Dr. John Rusche.

The Large Impact Grants are intended for requests up to $75,000 and priority is given to applicants that demonstrate a commitment to long-term vision and projects that have a close nexus to improving health, wellness, and help prevent disease in the Foundation Service Area.

Below is the list of organizations that were approved by the Trustee to receive a Large Impact Grant including the amount awarded and what the grant funds will be used for:

- Snake River Community Clinic, $69,500, HEALER project: Integrated Health for the Underserved.
- Community Health Association of Spokane (dba, CHAS Health), $39,000, Patient Voucher Program.
- The Salvation Army, $75,000, Warming Center.
- LC Valley Youth Resource Center Inc., $75,000, Youth Resource Center.
- Upper Clearwater Community Foundation, $75,000, Kamiah Community Pool Renovation,
- WSU Foundation for Elson S Floyd College of Medicine at Washington State University, $75,000, Range Community Clinic Mobile Health Unit.
- Twin County United Way, $30,000, Kindergarten Readiness.
- Garfield County Fire District 1 , $32,000, Cardiac Monitor.
- Lewiston High School Health & Physical Education Department, $75,000, Get Outside Modernizing Outdoor Recreation.
- WSU for NWPB Northwest Public Broadcasting, $75,000, Healthcare Reporting.

Earlier this year, the Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation awarded 67 Small Fast Track grants totaling $499,963, bringing the total awarded during 2021 by the Foundation to over $1,120,000.00. The 2021 Grant Recipients will be recognized at a Virtual Grant Award Celebration on December 8, 2021 at 5 p.m. PST.

The Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation was established in 2017 by Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden as part of the sale of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center by Ascension Health to RCCH Healthcare Partners. The Idaho Attorney General's office established specific guidelines for the grants and the Foundation's Board of Community Advisors reviews and recommends the grants to be made. Those eligible to apply for grants are nonprofit tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) classification from the IRS, or governmental entities, if used exclusively for charitable purposes of the trust. All proposals must be for health, wellness or disease prevention to qualify.

Idaho Trust Bank administers the Foundation as its Trustee. For more information on the Foundation or the grant process, visit the Foundation's website or contact Idaho Trust Bank at 208-664-6448.

NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health would like to welcome Amber Porter to the team! Amber is a Pharmacy Technician who comes to us with years of managerial experience as well as 3 years experience as a Walgreens Pharmacy Technician.
Born and raised in Lewiston, Amber moved back home after spending some time in Boise from 2001 to 2010.
She loves watching cooking shows and practicing her culinary skills.
Pre-pandemic, she loved having people over to test her recipes, and she hopes to be able to do that again. She shares her home with her three cats, Leo, Linus, and Lucy.
Amber had been wanting a change in her life and after hearing that Nimiipuu Health was hiring, she applied the very next day. She feels blessed, honored, and privileged to be working with such amazing staff. She says about her new position, "This is the exact new adventure I was looking for and I hope to be here for many more years to come."
We'd like to wish you a very warm welcome, Amber, we are happy to have you!

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NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health would like to welcome Joshua Henry, our newly hired Fitness Center Monitor!
Josh is a Nimiipuu, born and raised right here in Lapwai. He loves being back at Nimiipuu Health to provide service to the community by assisting others, especially youth, to be the best version of themselves through weight lifting, exercise, and motivation. This helps instill core values and ensure that our facility is doing their part to provide positive lifestyle changes for future generations.
Another motivation for Josh in the Fitness realm is the fight against Diabetes, a disease that has plagued our people for generations. Speaking with respect to this he says, "To break that destructive cycle we must learn how to keep moving our bodies daily, eating our traditional foods, and having the self-discipline to create a schedule to remain active."
Josh is a community member, and a father of five wonderful children. He is currently attending Northwest Indian College as a Senior, with hopes of graduating in the spring with a bachelor's degree in Native Environmental Science.
Josh says of Nimiipuu Health, "The atmosphere is always positive and the employees often see me first on Fridays which I feel it is very important to greet them with a smile and Ta'c meeywi. Also, when they leave the work place, I make it a point to send them home with positive feelings to have great evening. I feel it's very important to start the day and end the day with a good attitude and positive approach. This helps create a better work environment not only for the employees to benefit from, but also the community. With that mind set, I try to reflect on the words of Jackie Moon. "E.L.E" Everybody love Everybody, and life can become such an amazing journey. Qe'ci yew'yew'. "
Welcome to the team Josh, we are so happy to have you!

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Nez Perce Tribe & Idaho National Guard Work Together During COVID-19

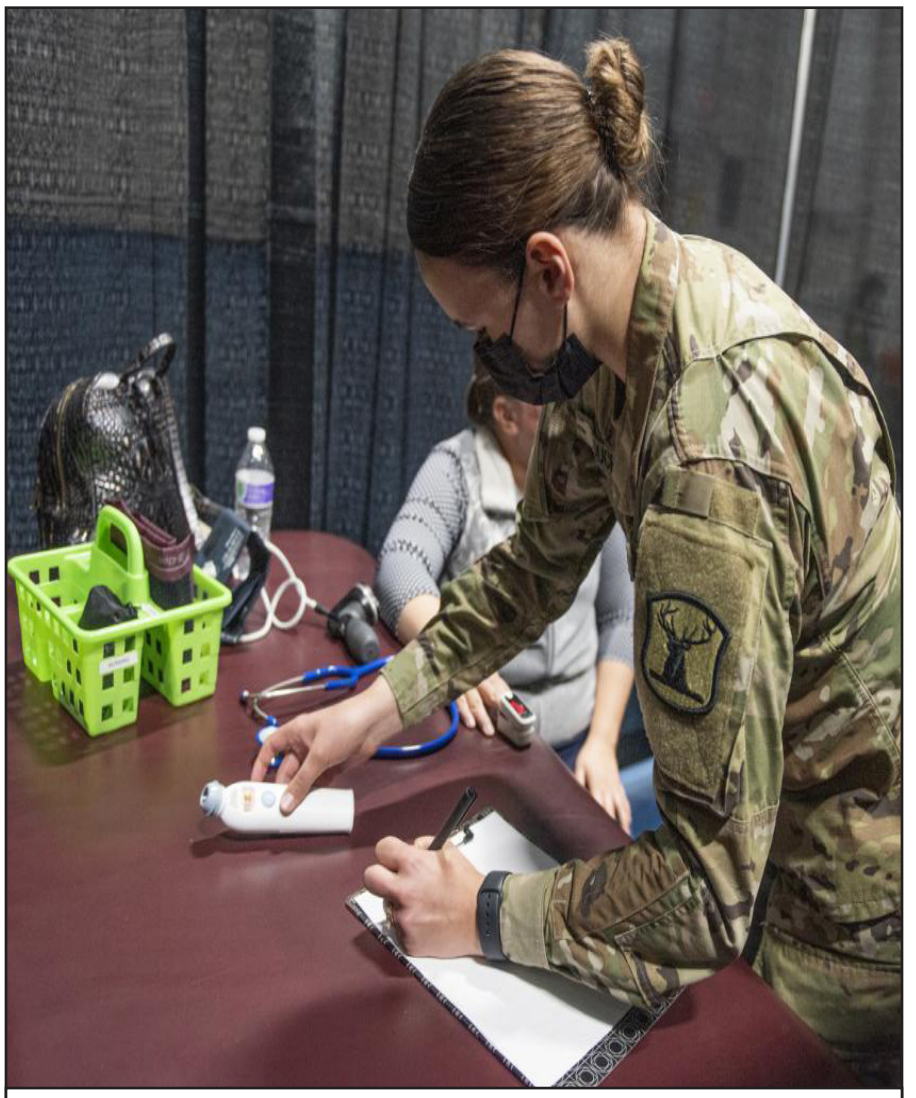
Master Sgt. Becky Vanshur,
Idaho Army National Guard

Nez Perce Reservation, Idaho – Idaho National Guard and Nez Perce dental personnel teamed up Nov. 10 – 13 as part of a larger effort to recover from the summer's surge of COVID-19 cases plaguing northern Idaho.

The Nez Perce Tribe and the Idaho National Guard are working together through a program known as Innovative Readiness Training to help the Nez Perce community's healthcare system recover after becoming backlogged during a community-wide shut down earlier this year. The dental visit was part of a larger medical effort taking place between the tribe and the Idaho National Guard.

"Idaho National Guard members are driven by a sense of purpose," said Maj. Gen. Michael Garshak, the adjutant general of Idaho. "IRT collaboration like this not only enables us to sharpen our military skills, but it also provides great opportunities to make positive impacts to the communities of Idaho and a difference in the lives of our fellow citizens."

The Nez Perce tribe submitted a collaborative IRT application earlier this summer to request assistance in addressing their overwhelmed medical staff resulting from the second wave of COVID-19 cases. The Idaho National Guard responded by sending medical and dental citizen-Soldiers and Airmen performing three missions—a two-part diabetic IRT in June and October, a medical IRT in August and most recently the dental IRT in November, which resulted in dental screenings of nearly 250 Nez Perce school-aged children. Activities also included helping local clinics complete high school sports physicals and preschool Head Start program physical exams before the start of sports season and the school year.



The Nez Perce Tribe and the Idaho National Guard working together through a program known as Innovative Readiness Training.

"Working with their local health care personnel helps us build relationships with the tribes while training our Idaho National Guard medical personnel," said Lt. Col. Tina Williams, an occupational health nurse for the Idaho Army National Guard. "Our mission is to help the Nez Perce community catch up on a backlog of patients while providing Guardsmen relevant training and a unique experience by seeing both adults and children at the Nez Perce clinics."

Idaho National Guard personnel also assisted tribe clinicians at two large COVID-19 vaccination clinics located at Lapwai and Kamiah.

"The National Guard has helped us with several projects throughout the pandemic," said Roxie Kim Hartwig, M.D. at Nimiipuu Health with the Nez Perce Tribe. "One of our mass vaccination events would have been impossible without the Idaho National Guard. The purpose of the diabetic IRT is to help us catch up with care that has been delayed due to the pandemic and provides training for the National Guard medical staff to gain some practical knowledge about our medical application."

Williams said the Nez Perce staff was thankful for the Idaho National Guard's timely assistance with the diabetic clinics, sports physicals and dental exams as the tribe is beginning to see another increase in COVID-19 screenings.

CHIEF JOSEPH FOUNDATION

The Chief Joseph Foundation is a non-profit organization doing its annual fundraiser through **3 ONLINE RAFFLES!** Winners will be drawn on Dec. 21st.

Bronze tier will feature collectables, household and personal items, $5.00 a ticket or 5 for $20.00

Silver tier will feature Nez Perce artists prints and original artwork, $10.00 a ticket for 5 for $40.00

Gold tier will feature beadwork, cornhusk and larger ticket items, $20.00 ticket for 5 for $80.00

All funds raised will help with arena expenses and facility expansion. We thank you for your interest in our raffle. For questions or comments on this raffle please email cjfoundation1991@gmail.com.

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President Biden's Remarks on Tribal Nations Summit

Remarks by President Biden at the Tribal Nations Summit: Thank you, Madam Secretary. And I say to the press, "Excuse my back." (The President turns to the video call screen behind him.) Next time in Washington, okay? I see you all up on the board behind me, and I hope we do this in person. I hope, I hope, I hope. That's my — that's my hope. Thank you.

Good morning. I want to thank you for joining us. This is a big day. I think, as my mother would say, former Senator Dan Inouye is looking down going, "Finally. Finally." I was raised by Dan Inouye in the United States Senate. And to President Fawn Sharp and Chairman Hill of the Oneida Nation, and our President Holsey: I thank you all for what you're doing, and I want to recognize you.

And, Chairman Hill, I thought going — being from Upstate New York, in college, and my deceased wife is from Skaneateles Lake, not far from Oneida, New York — I thought that the Oneida Nation was all in Central New York, but obviously you're up in Wisconsin. Come down and see us in Oneida. (Laughs.)

Anyway, I want to thank you, Madam Secretary, for your remarks. But I also want to thank you, Deb, for being willing to join when I asked you to come along and to serve. And as I said, I was confident, at the time, you would be incredibly important.

When I got to the Senate, Dan Inouye took me under his wing. He helped me understand the simple truth that I had only been vaguely aware of, and that is that Tribal Nations do better when they make their own decisions. That's why some of the votes I took as a young senator are among my proudest: supporting the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Native American Graves Protection and much more.

When I ran for President, it was important for me to continue to make progress. And that's what we've done since I took office. When COVID-19 struck in Indian — it hit Indian Country with devastating consequences. Native Americans contracted the virus at over three times the rate of white Americans, nearly twice the rate of lives lost; twice as many died as a percentage.

But Tribal Nations stepped up. And today, the Native Americans have gone from being a population most harmed by COVID to one of the populations most vaccinated against COVID. That success has a lot to do with Tribal leadership, but it also has to do with the American Rescue Plan, which included over $31 billion — $31 billion for Tribal Nations — the most significant investment in the history of Indian Country. Long overdue.

Now we're taking the next step. Today, I'm signed — and I'll shortly sign — a Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal. Everyone knows we're long overdue to make major investments in infrastructure, but nobody knows that better than Indian Country. Tribal lands have been chronically underfunded for generations.

And so I'm very proud to say that when I sign the bill outside on the South Lawn shortly, the single-largest investment in Tribal infrastructure ever is going to occur: more than $13 billion in direct investments to Indian Country and tens of billions more in grants and future funding opportunities — funding for clean drinking water, high-speed Internet, roads and bridges, environmental cleanups, and so much more.

But we can't stop there. We need Congress to pass my Build Back Better plan as well. Today, 1 in 10 Native American parents have reported having to quit or change their jobs or turn down an opportunity due to a childcare challenge. This bill would save most families thousands of dollars per year in childcare, helping moms and dads rejoin the workforce.

But also, this bill, when it passes, will allow every three- and four-year-old in the nation to attend high-quality preschool, increasing considerably their chances of getting all the way through the first 12 years of primary school and on to college. It includes the most significant investment to tackle the climate crisis in history.

And I might note parenthetically: No group of Americans has created and cared more about preserving what we inherited than the Tribal Nations. And it will be expanding — will — this also will expand health coverage, lower costs for millions of Americans.

You know, we have to continue to stand up for the dignity and sovereignty of Tribal Nations. My dad used the word "dignity" I think more than any other word. He said, "Everyone is entitled to be treated with dignity."

I was proud to reestablish the White House Council on Native American Affairs and to issue a memorandum my first week in office instructing my entire administration to engage in regular, meaningful consultation with Tribal Nations.

I was kidding my wife Jill, who'll be out here shortly: She's visited the Navajo Nation so many times I'm worried she's not going to come home. But, look, I've been proud — I'm proud to, of the — to name Native American leaders in my administration: not only the first Native American Cabinet Secretary — and it won't be the last in history — but more than 50 Native Americans now serving in significant roles in my administration.

We've also taken action to protect Tribal lands: revoking the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline; preserving and protecting their sacred homeland, including Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante. It's part of who we are as a nation. And I'm grateful to the Tribes who led the effort. You know, we also can be proud of that progress, but there's still so much

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Nez Perce Tribe First in Idaho to Receive Tesla's Large-Scale Solar Battery

BOISE, Idaho -- Idaho's first large-scale solar battery from Tesla has been installed by the Nez Perce Tribe.

The Tesla Megapack is about the size of a shipping container and will store energy from solar panels to power the Lapwai Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Josh Powell, CEO of RevoluSun, the company bringing the Tesla Megapack to the Nez Perce, said the battery reduces the tribe's dependence on hydropower dams in the region, which stand in the way of salmon populations.

"So it gives the community a lot more resilience, but it also allows people like the Nez Perce to control their energy where it's being produced where they have lands," Powell explained. "And traditionally, Native American lands... the grid is the weakest on their lands. So it's a natural place to create that support."

The tribe is calling for the removal of four dams on the lower Snake River because they are an impediment to endangered salmon and steelhead populations making their way from the Pacific Ocean to Idaho.

Powell pointed out members of the tribe were part of the operation.

"We actually trained tribal members to do the solar installation," Powell noted. "The first battery was delivered in September of this year, and that's being integrated into the system now."

Powell added some of the changes utilities have proposed for solar could slow its growth in Idaho. For instance, Idaho Power wants to change rates for net metering, the process for compensating people with rooftop solar who contribute excess energy to the electric grid.



The Tesla Gigafactory, where the Megapack was designed, is in Nevada. (Smnt/Wikimedia Commons Photo)

Powell observed there have also been arguments claiming solar is only possible for higher-income people, but it has not been his experience.

"People do it for economy, typically," Powell stressed. "That's certainly what's driving the Nez Perce to do it."



President Biden provides remarks at the Tribal Nations Summit. (NBC News Photo)

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more to do. So, today, I'm announcing five new initiatives.

First, a new initiative involving 17 departments and agencies to protect Tribal treaty rights and the work of the federal government.

Second, a new initiative to increase Tribal participation in the management and stewardship of federal lands. Third, my administration will be the first to work with the Tribes to comprehensively incorporate Tribal — Tribal ecological knowledge into the federal government's scientific approach, helping us fight climate change.

And fourth, taking action to protect the Greater Chaco Landscape in Northwest New Mexico from future oil and gas drilling and leasing.

And fifth, I'm about to sign an executive order, in a moment, addressing the crisis of violence against Native Americans.

Today, I'm directing federal officials to work with Tribal Nations on a strategy to improve public safety and advance justice. This builds on the work we did together in reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act in 2013, when we granted authority to try to exercise jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders who commit violence on Tribal lands. We're going to reauthorize that again. We're going to expand the jurisdiction to include other offenses like sex trafficking, sexual assault, and child abuse.

These efforts — again, to use the word my dad would use much — are a matter of dignity. That's the foundation of our nation-to-nation partnership. That's what this summit is all about.

So, I want to thank everyone who's here for participating, and I look forward to continuing to work together. And now it's my honor to sign an executive order. And a couple of my friends are going to be coming out here, I'm told — Cabinet members. But, you know, here we go.

The title of this legislation is "Improving Public Safety and Criminal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People."

And I'm proud to sign it. It's long overdue. (The executive order is signed.) Thank you all so very much. We're going to make some substantial change in Indian Country, and it's going to continue.

Thank you all. (Applause.) Q Mr. President, are you confident that Build Back Better will pass the House (inaudible)?

The President: You ask me that all the time and I give you the same answer. I've been confident since the day I stepped into office.



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A Parade of Patriotism
Lewiston-Clarkston Valley Honors Vets in Annual Event

Kerri Sandaine,
Lewiston Tribune

The Lewiston-Clarkston Valley supports its veterans.

A 53-year-old Marine who moved to Lewiston in March said the community's patriotism and reverence for veterans is one of the reasons he's happy about leaving western Washington after two decades.

"I love it over here," said Dale U'Ren, as he watched the Veterans Parade on Saturday. "We used to live in Washington, and the difference is night and day. On the west side, no one smiles."

In contrast, the streets of downtown Lewiston were lined with friendly people who turned out to honor the men and women who have served this country. Waving flags and wearing red, white and blue, the crowd showed their appreciation for veterans as 48 entries rolled down Main Street.

"It's fantastic to see the support of veterans here," said Victoria St. Paul, 47, who is married to U'Ren. "My daughter came home from school this week and said you would never see this type of support at her former school in Monroe. At an assembly organized by students, the kids lined up and shook the hands of every veteran who attended."

The family's patriotic roots run deep. St. Paul said her husband passed on a full-ride scholarship to Western Washington University to enlist. When his parents returned from a European vacation, they found a note saying he'd joined the Marines instead.

The parade, which is organized by the Lewis Clark Valley Veterans Council, was cancelled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. It returned in 2021, with mild temperatures, sunshine and the sound of the national anthem playing in the background. Grand Marshal Chuck Whitman presided, decked out in his finest Navy uniform.

"I was very humbled when I was contacted to be the grand marshal," Whitman said. "It's an honor. I was surprised and not expecting this."

On the sidelines, Mark Byrd, a 70-year-old Clarkston resident and Vietnam veteran, held a large flag and wore a felt hat with a beaded headband bearing the Vietnam vet colors. While speaking about the country's heroes, his voice filled with emotion.

"I'm here to honor our veterans — the ones that made it, and the ones who didn't," he said.

Wayne Grubb, a 66-year-old retired mail carrier, said it's important to honor and support the troops. His late father served during the Korean War.

"I want them to know people appreciate what they've done for us, whether they are still in the service or not," the Lewiston man said.

Law enforcement, fire trucks, classic cars, tractors and motorcycles were featured in the parade, along with a marching band from Lewiston and a colorful equestrian drill team. The Nez Perce Tribe was represented, in addition to Walla Walla Community College, several businesses and numerous veterans groups.

Ron Pardue, a 66-year-old Lewiston veteran, recalled his four years in the Navy as the parade moved along.

"I think it's neat they're having a parade for veterans," Pardue said. "I joined to see the world, and my assignment ended up being in San Diego for four years. I was a medical technician and ambulance driver."

Levi Wickward, a 41-year-old Lewiston resident, brought his family to the tribute. The father of eight works in construction and is grateful to be an American.

"I appreciate my freedom and being able to raise my kids how I want," he said. "That's why I'm here."

People of all ages attended the event, including youngsters who eagerly scooped up candy and elderly residents covered in warm blankets. Veterans from every branch of the military were represented in the parade and among the spectators.

An 82-year-old New Jersey native who served in the Army said he was pleased to see the patriotism on display in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley. Frank Salvado, who now lives in Orofino, has no regrets about enlisting when he was a young man and is proud of the people who continue to serve and protect the nation.

"If I could do it again, I would," Salvado said. "I admire all of the veterans."

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A member of the Nez Perce Tribal Veterans tosses some candy to kids watching the Veterans Day Parade in Lewiston. (August Frank/ Lewiston Tribune Photo).



A girl dances down the street in the Veterans Day Parade on Main Street in Lewiston. (August Frank/ Lewiston Tribune Photo).

2021 Fall General Council Report

Despite the negative impacts of the pandemic, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Chairman, Sam Penney is excited about the positive direction the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) is headed in. He expressed his appreciation for the hard work, dedication and commitment of the other eight NPTEC members, stating "the Tribe has a strong team of leaders, and it is a privilege to work with each of them."

The 2021 Fall General Council was led by Allen Slickpoo Jr. who was recently elected as General Council Chairman in September.

EDUCATION: The State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) Program offered the Introduction to Indigenous Pedagogy hybrid class to Kamiah and Lapwai school district partners in June and July. This is a two credit class through Lewis-Clark State College. Currently, there are 25 teachers and administrators from the two schools who have completed the course since spring 2019.

In August, STEP also continued the Family Learning Series targeting parents and relatives of middle school students in Kamiah and Lapwai.

Maméy'asnim Hitéemenwees- Early Childhood Development received notice of award in the amount of $53,573 for April 2021-March 2023 and will receive one-time supplement funding in the amount of $212,977 under the American Rescue Plan. This past summer, they also held a Race to Reading Success which encouraged families to read together. The children would document their hours and at the end the students and parents were entered into a drawing for prizes.

The Nez Perce Higher Education Scholarship Program moved to a new application website through SurveyMonkey Apply. This allows students to set up a personal account, receive notifications, and attach required documents in their student portal. Higher Education is currently processing scholarships for fall 2021.

FINANCE: As reported at the Spring General Council meeting, the Tribe had received three installments under the CARES Act that total $16.6 million that has to be spent by December 31, 2021. This is in addition to additional funding for the BIA, IHS and other grants Nimiipuu Health or the Tribe received under CARES. As of September 30, there was just approximately $350,000 not yet allocated by the NPTEC.

The Accounts Payable group is working in conjunction with the Enrollment Office managing these federal funds. They issued $300 and $1,200 Economic Support checks to all adult tribal members to help with obtaining necessary supplies in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Congress recently adopted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that will provide the Tribe an even bigger allocation than was received under the CARES Act. These funds are dedicated to responding to and planning for the pandemic and its lasting effects. The Tribe received a total of $34.3 million under ARPA, based on both tribal enrollment and employment figures. As of September 30, $5.3 million has been allocated in the form of $1,500 financial assistance payments to all tribal members, leaving approximately $29 million with which the Tribe has to obligate by the end of 2024, and make final expenditures by the end of 2026. NPTEC is waiting on survey results before making final decisions.

FISHERIES: The Snake River Basin's 2021 review for Spring Chinook had another year of poor returns and few harvest opportunities for spring/summer Chinook. Preliminary harvest estimates for 2021 Snake River Basin spring/summer Chinook was 2,956 clipped hatchery fish, 35 unclipped fish (wild and unclipped hatchery fish) and 299 jacks.

There could be poor returns for many steelhead populations as well, but some potentially decent returns for fall Chinook and Coho salmon for this upcoming fall season, according to the Snake River Basin 2021 fall season predictions. More information to come with updated numbers each run.

Salmon are an integral part of the Nez Perce Tribe's culture and are essential to the future existence of the Nez Perce people. The Tribe is actively involved in and committed to using all tools at its disposal, including science, law, and policy to protect and advance Treaty harvest to rebuild salmon runs to healthy, harvestable levels.

The Tribe continues to be actively involved in the U.S. vs Oregon Treaty fishing rights case, and Mike Simpson's Columbia Basin Initiative Legislative Proposal. The legal effort is complemented by the Tribe's work to find legislative solutions to this issue. The Tribe has also substantial success with the recovery of Coho in the Clearwater River Basin and in Northeast Oregon.

HUMAN RESOURCES: Keesha Spencer was selected to fill the Human Resources Health Benefits Technician position and Carey Reuben was selected to fill the Human Resources Office Specialist I position.

Human Resources cross-trained staff in completing Work History Reports and has successfully completed 29 Work History Report requests. They also provided six First Aid/CPR training classes to 73 employees, and began providing New Employee Orientation on a regular basis.

According to the Employee Statistical Report, 62% of employees working for the Nez Perce Tribe are Nez Perce tribal members, with 10% being members of another tribe and 28% being non-Indian. For positions at grade 15 and below, 72% are Nez Perce tribal members, 11% are members of another tribe, and 17% are non-Indian. For positions grade 16 and above 48% are Nez Perce tribal members, 7% are members of another tribe, and 45% are non-Indian.

NEZ PERCE TRIBAL POLICE: The NPTPD is still undergoing construction for their adult 32-bed jail facility. More importantly, a Drug Task Force group has been established by NPTEC that includes Law Enforcement, Nimiipuu Health, Behavioral Health, Law and Justice, Social Services, Students for Success and Communications. The Drug Task Force will be working together to collaborate on how to promote education, rehabilitation and prevention on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation. Lieutenant Dan Taylor is leading the task force.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Chantel Greene, interim Natural Resource Planner, has picked up several of the projects that the late Cassandra Kipp led for the Tribe. This includes the AgLime Feasibility Project, a riding arena for the Horseman's Program, Eco-tourism and many other projects where expertise was solicited to obtain a contractor for research and feasibility. The role of the Planner is to report back to provide a sound recommendation to either move forward with the project or not.

In June, the Tribe hosted a very special event to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the reacquisition of a significant collection of cultural artifacts. The collection, formerly referred to as the Spalding-Allen Collection, was renamed Wetxuuwíitin, meaning "returned home after a period of captivity". The emotional nature of the event also impacted representatives from the Ohio History Connection, whom formally held possession of the items, and the Presbytery Indian Northwest resulting a new connections and relationships the Tribe can build on in the future. "The renaming was a momentous occasion," said Chairman Penney, who added "we have not received payment, but it has been confirmed the Ohio History Connection would like to return the funds back to the Tribe."

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: The Department of Technology (DTS) applied for several grants this year and received $25,000 from the First Nations Institute for 2.5 GHz

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upgrade project. DTS also received $314,989 from the State of Idaho Broadband Funding for FTTH to scatter site home locations along Thunder Hill Road. They also applied for $49,600 to the National Telecommunication and Information Administration for a fiber project between Lapwai and Kamiah, to complete the 2.5 GHz deployment and for a new data/technology facility in Lapwai.

KIYE was included in a national effort for impact funding due to COVID-19 under the American Rescue Plan. KIYE received $225,054 as part of the national effort. KIYE is actively seeking volunteers, contract radio personalities and has been recruiting for a vacant position of Radio Supervisor.

ENTERPRISES: A comprehensive update was given on the status of the Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises from Interim Enterprise Executive Officer, Nikoli Greene, and Enterprise staff. Several people got up to speak and congratulated Mr. Greene on doing a great job, stepping up and taking the huge role of Executive Officer.

The Net income for the Clearwater River Casino, It'se Ye-Ye Casino, Red Wolf Golf Course, Zims Hot Springs, Nez Perce Express, and Qem'es Express were all well above where they were a year ago.

Some concerns about the appearance of employees at the casinos were brought up. Greene assured the council that this is something they have addressed in the recently. They have implemented a new dress code that all employees must wear a blue or black long-sleeved shirt.

Concerns about the Qem'es Express not being open for travelers during nighttime hours was also brought up. Mr. Greene stated they are very short staffed and it is not in the Enterprises best interest to pay employees additional hours at this time.

According the Enterprises staff data, there were 38 recent hires with 73 total separations. Employees at the Clearwarer River Casino consist of 89 Nez Perce tribal members, 34 other tribal members, 12 Nez Perce descendants, and 40 non-Indian employees for a total of 175 employees.

At the It'se Ye-Ye Casino, 17 employees are Nez Perce tribal members, 3 are other tribal members, 1 Nez Perce descendant, and 16 non-Indian employees for a total of 37 employees.

At the Red Wolf Golf Course, 8 employees are Nez Perce tribal members, 2 are other tribal members, 19 non-Indian, for a total of 29 employees.

At the Express stores, 11 are Nez Perce tribal members, 7 other tribal members, 2 Nez Perce descendants, 5 non-Indian employees, for a total of 25 employees.

NIMIIPUU HEALTH: "As you can imagine, healthcare has been a whirlwind for us at Nimiipuu Health," said Executive Director, Roberta José-Bisbee. "Since May 2021, the journey has been amazing, stressful, emotional, and challenging to say the least." Just five months into her appointment as the Executive Director for Nimiipuu Health (NMPH), we entered the COVID-19 pandemic, but José-Bisbee considers it a great honor to serve at NMPH.

Recently, NMPH has had 15 new hires, with 19 separations. 76% of NMPH's employees are permanent regular full-time employees, 5% are permanent regular part-time employees, 9% are temporary employees, and 10% are full-time term appointment employees.

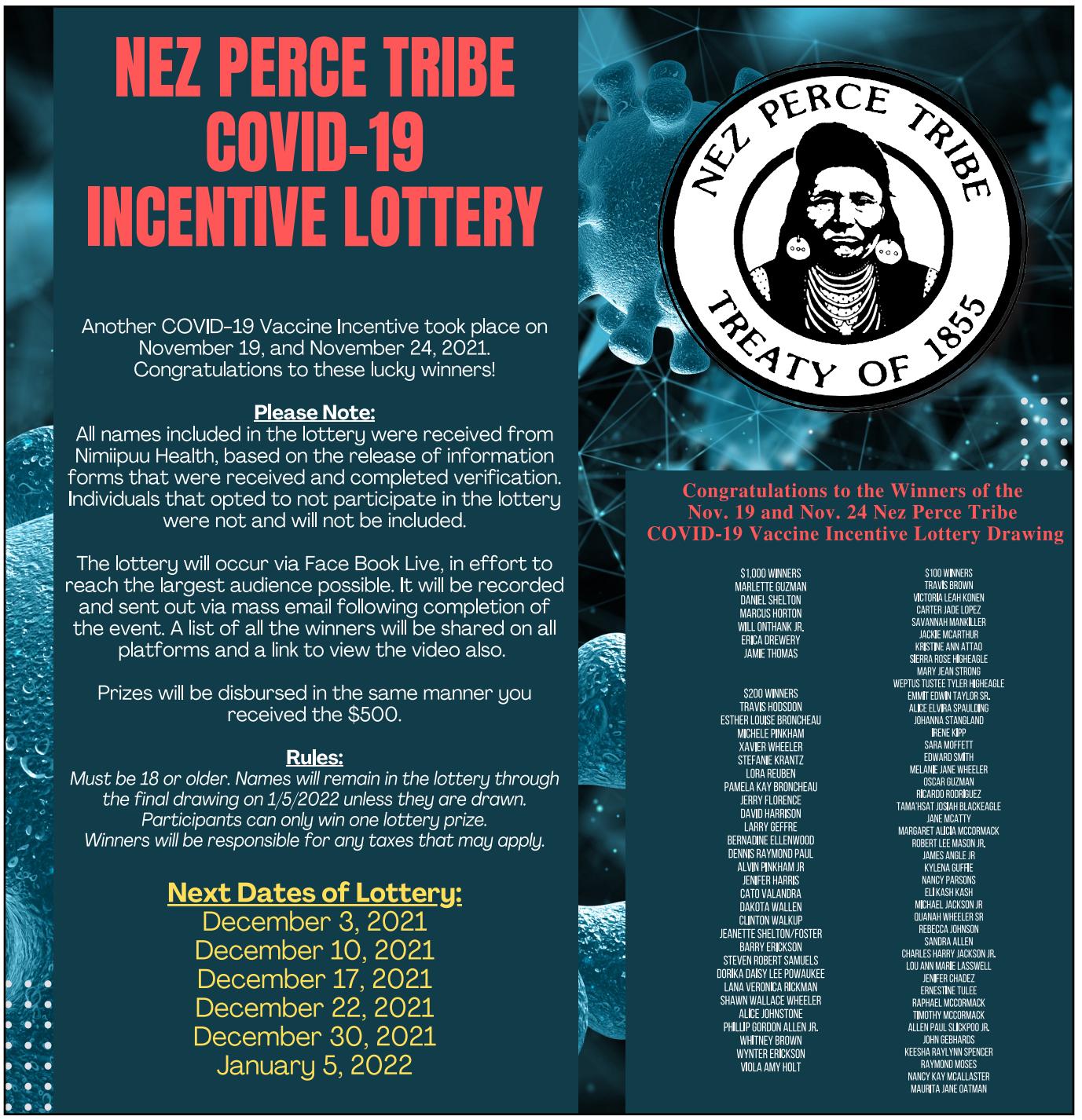
49% of those employees are Nez Perce tribal members, 8% are enrolled in another tribe, and 42% are non-Indian employees. 57% are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe while the other 43% are not affiliated in a federally recognized tribe.

The Medical Department has worked tirelessly during the COVID-19 pandemic. The staff not only in the Medical Department, but NMPH in its entirety, has led the health and safety concerns of the communities through the abyss of the unknown.

NMPH reduced access due to COVID-19 but has never closed their doors to patient care which has remained their highest priority through the entire pandemic. There was only a 4% reduction in patient visits in FY2020.

NMPH has conducted 2,135 COVID-19 tests since January 1, 2021, with 311 positive cases to date. (530 positive cases in 2020). Currently, positivity rate is at 9.09% with 5 active cases. 3,951 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered.

The Medical Department was the first in the region to have COVID-19 PCR testing capability, including the first regional mass COVID-19 testing in both Lapwai and Kamiah. NMPH continues to provide testing for COVID-19, as well as providing all of the available COVID-19 vaccines.



Nez Perce Tribe Requests for Qualifications (RFQ)
Nez Perce Tribal Feasibility Study
Deadline Extended

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 consulting 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: 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 recommendations 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.

Tribal Council and Tribal Staff Meetings: 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.

Deliverables: 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; 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 and 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; qualifications 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 negotiation, 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 December 10, 2021. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted or considered. Proposals and all questions can be sent to Ann McCormack, Nez Perce Tribe Economic Development Planner, at P.O. Box 365, Lapwai ID 83540, email annm@nezperce.org, call 208-621-3710.

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Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune Announcement

Due to everthing that has happened within 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.
All subscriptions will begin January 1st, 2022.
Payments made before January 1, 2022 will begin on this date. If subscribers pay after January 1, 2022, that subscription will begin as soon as payment is received and will renew each year on date of payment, following receipt of payment.
At your convenience, a courtesy reminder will be sent out to renew your subscription one month in advance of the due date.
If you decide to cancel your subscription within the year, a refund will not be granted.
If you would like to continue receiving a hard copy of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune, please subscribe with your name and address, and provide your annual payment of $40 to the Nez Perce Tribe. Hard copies of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune will be mailed out to subscribers like normal.

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email communications@nezperce.org
or call Nez Perce Tribe Communications at 208-621-4808.

New Year's Eve Pow Wow Update

From Pistol Pete to the Nimiipuu Community, it is with a saddened heart, once again we are cancelling the Annual New Year's Eve Pow Wow. Coming from the lead doctor at Nimiipuu Health, and for the safety of the community, it has been advised that there is a chance our positive cases will not be low enough to approve the community gathering of more than 50 people.

I do not want to put the community at risk for catching the COVID-19 virus. With the cancelation of the New Year's Eve Pow Wow, I am considering hosting another Spring Fling Pow Wow this year, as soon as our number improve.
Qe'ciyew'yew'

Upcoming Dates to Remember

B&F Subcommittee
Wednesday, December 1st
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Energy/Climate Change Subcommittee
Wednesday, December 1st
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

12th Annual Nez Perce Tribe S.T.E.M Fair
Thursday, December 2nd
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Payniwaas Community Center (Lapwai)

Girls Basketball @ Potlatch
Thursday, December 2nd
6:00 p.m. (Varsity Only)

Girls Basketball Home Game, Against Cole Valley
Friday, December 3rd
7:30 p.m. (Varsity Only)

Boys Basketball @ St. Maries
Friday, December 3rd
5:00 p.m. (JV) & 7:00 p.m. (Varsity)

HR Subcommittee
Monday, December 6th
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Law & Order Subcommittee
Monday, December 6th
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Natural Resources Subcommittee
Thursday, December 7th
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Land Enterprise Commission
Tuesday, December 7th
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

TERO Commission Meeting
Wednesday, December 8th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fish & Wildlife Meeting
Monday, December 13
5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

NPTEC Meeting
Tuesday, December 14th
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

B&F Subcommittee
Wednesday, December 15th
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ribbon Skirt Workshop: Culture is Prevention Series
Friday - Sunday, December 17th - 19th
4-H House, West Locust Avenue, Lapwai, ID 83501
Friday, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LCSC Christmas Craft Fair

LEWISTON, Idaho – The annual Lewis-Clark State College Craft Fair is back on for this year and will be held December 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at three locations on campus. Earlier this fall, it was announced that the fair had been cancelled for 2021, but the Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College (ASLCSC) and college officials changed course and decided to hold the fair.

The fair is in its 41st year and is sponsored by ASLCSC. The event will be held at the LC State Williams Conference Center, Student Union Building/Center for Student Leadership and the Activity Center Auxiliary Gym, all closely located. The fair is free to attend and open to the public. The college's COVID-19 protocols will be followed for the event. Face coverings are required indoors at all times for the three facilities. This and other protocols may be found on the college's Coronavirus Resource Page.

Anyone interested in having an exhibit to sell crafts or artwork must register online by Nov. 24. The early registration deadline is Nov. 19 and is $50 for a table and two chairs for a direct business sale; $40 for a Lewis-Clark Valley business, organization affiliation, home business or nonprofit organization; and $25 for a college-related club, organization or division. The cost will go up after that date. As in past years, the sale of food or drink items, unless prepackaged, is prohibited.

Space will be assigned by the ASLCSC staff. Set up times are 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on December 3 and 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. on December 4, and take down will be from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on December 4. The fair serves as a fundraiser for graduation festivities and student-related activities at the college.

For more information or special requests, contact the ASLCSC office at either 208-792-2716 or email aslcsc@lcsc.edu.

2nd Disbursement of American Rescue Plan

Nez Perce Tribal Members,

The 2nd Disbursement of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding

- A financial assistance distribution in the amount of $1,500.00 will be provided to each enrolled tribal member.
- Please submit form(s) by December 13th to be included in the initial distribution.
- Initial distribution will be December 21st .
- The ARP financial assistance is non-taxable and you will not be receiving a 1099 for these funds.

Our Nez Perce Tribal Enrollment & Finance Offices are working diligently to make sure this process is done in a timely manner for all Tribal Members.

Please follow ALL instructions on form and submit your form(s) as quickly as possible to assist in their process. Find the fillable form online at https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Rescue-Plan-Application-Form-2nd-Payment.pdf.

Complete form, return to the Nez Perce Tribe Enrollment office or
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P.O.Box 305
Lapwai, Idaho 83540
Contact:
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The Giving Tree 2021

Plans for the Giving Tree 2021 are in progress. This year it is being managed by two senior students - Temeece Penney and Grace Sobotta.

They will be coordinating The Giving Tree as their Senior Project. The Giving Tree is to help students/families with gifts during the Christmas Holiday season.

The Giving Tree program is looking for gift donations and/or monetary donations. There is a list with sizes, ages, gender, etc.if you are interested in buying a gift for a student(s). If you choose, you may provide a monetary donation and we will purchase the gift(s).

We are also accepting donations of hats and gloves to be placed on a tree here at school and then distributed to students. Please drop off your donations at the school or contact Teemece or Grace to pick them up.

Please contact Temeece at temeecep@lapwai.org or Grace at graces@lapwai.org for more information.

You may also contact Jenny Williams, Kiri Brown or Georgia Sobotta at the school at 208-843-2241.

COVID-19 Recommendations

Vaccinated individuals: Fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. Fully vaccinated people should be tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result. If you are asymptomatic, you may return to work

Unvaccinated individuals: Unvaccinated people who have COVID-19 symptoms and have taken part in any activity that puts them at higher risk such as travel, attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded or poorly-ventilated indoor settings need a COVID-19 test.

Vaccinated and Unvaccinated individuals: If you have had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19, you need to test. If you have been asked or referred to get tested by a healthcare provider, or state, tribal, local external, or territorial health department, you need to test. If you have had exposure from a known positive case (confirmed with test) within 6ft., more than 15 minutes without a mask you need to test and quarantine until your test results are available.

If you were COVID-19 positive within the last three months, no need to test if you are symptom free.

Reminders: Employees who feel sick are NOT to come to work and patients who feel sick are NOT to come into the clinic before calling the triage nurse. Please call the triage nurse FIRST to be screened. 208-843-2271, ext. -2851 or call ext-2810, 2814 or 2821 to be placed on the phone triage list. Please be patient. Your call is important to us. NMPH Staff remain very busy and will return your call when able.

Our contact tracers call with important information for you and your family from the following numbers: (208) 790-1842, (208) 790-1840, (208) 790-1839. Please remember these or write them down for future reference, in the event that they try to contact you.

Theresa "Terry" Lyn (Asplund) Taylor, 65, Lewiston, ID



Terry Taylor earned her angel wings Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at the age of 65. She was home in Lewiston surrounded by family. The cause of death was a hemorrhagic stroke.

She was born July 6, 1956, in Lewiston at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center to Roger and Patricia Asplund. She was the oldest of their six children.

Terry attended Our Lady of Lourdes, then Jenifer Junior High School and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1974. After high school, she attended Kinman College in Spokane and got her associate degree in accounting.

Her career began as a bookkeeper for the office of Native American Programs in Lapwai, and following that she started work in the payroll office at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center for 14 years. Terry's last job was as an accountant for Dr. Haas and Dr. Cody at Fairview Dental in Lewiston.

Terry was very athletic, and enjoyed many different sports such as basketball, tennis and softball. She and her sister Chris would play pick-up games at Jenifer Junior High's gym; they would play against the boys who were there. She played on many softball teams and could always be found around the fields, either watching or playing. Once while on vacation in Hawaii, she was approached to play softball as a pickup player with a local team and played. Another love was to be outdoors, and she took advantage of any opportunity to do so. From getting wood, camping, four-wheeling, boating or just going for a drive in the mountains. She loved her family very much and was always making sure that everyone was doing OK and had what they needed. She was quite the seamstress and known to make last-minute alterations to clothing to help. Terry had a very kind heart and a gentle soul.

She is survived by her husband, Rick Taylor; Tracie and Shannon Turner and their two sons, Brody and Tyce, of Chandler, Ariz.; Bobbi and Dumaka Thomas and their three daughters, Jada, Shyla and Je'Mae, of Lompoc, Calif.; Jayme and Tiffany Taylor, of Clarkston, and their three combined daughters, Elicia Hunt, of Phoenix, Emily and husband Sawyer Meacham, of Sarasota, Fla., and Rhiannon Taylor, of Portland, Ore. Terry is also survived by her mother, Patricia, and Fay Garges, of Clarkston, Chris (Brian) Tank, of Clarkston, Shannon (Tom) Blaine, of Boise, Brenda (Randy) Shipman, of Anacortes, Wash., Eric (Debbie) Asplund, of Lewiston, Maureen (Guy) Olson, of Lewiston.

She is also survived by all her in-laws, Frank and Brenda Taylor, Gary and Nena Taylor, Cheri and Mike Sumpter, Gloria and Tim Hart, and Ross Suder, along with countless nieces and nephews, and all of her friends who have been with her along this journey and with her throughout her whole life.

Terry was preceded in death by her father, Roger Asplund; Bernard "Uncle B" Driscoll (great-uncle); Lorena "Ida" Taylor (mother in-law); James "Bug" Taylor (father in-law); Robert Terry Taylor (brother in-law); Lynda Jackson (sister in-law); Herb Jackson (brother in-law); Mary Suder (sister in-law); Larry Gibbs and John Taylor (nephews); and Angel McCormack (niece).

A celebration of life will be held in the early summer of 2022, date/place TBD.

The family would like to thank the nurses and doctors at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (ICU Unit) along with the St. Joseph Family Hospice care team, with a special thanks to her nurse, Kim Richards. They would also like to thank all the friends and family who have provided support and love throughout this process.

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray, you'll never know dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away."

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