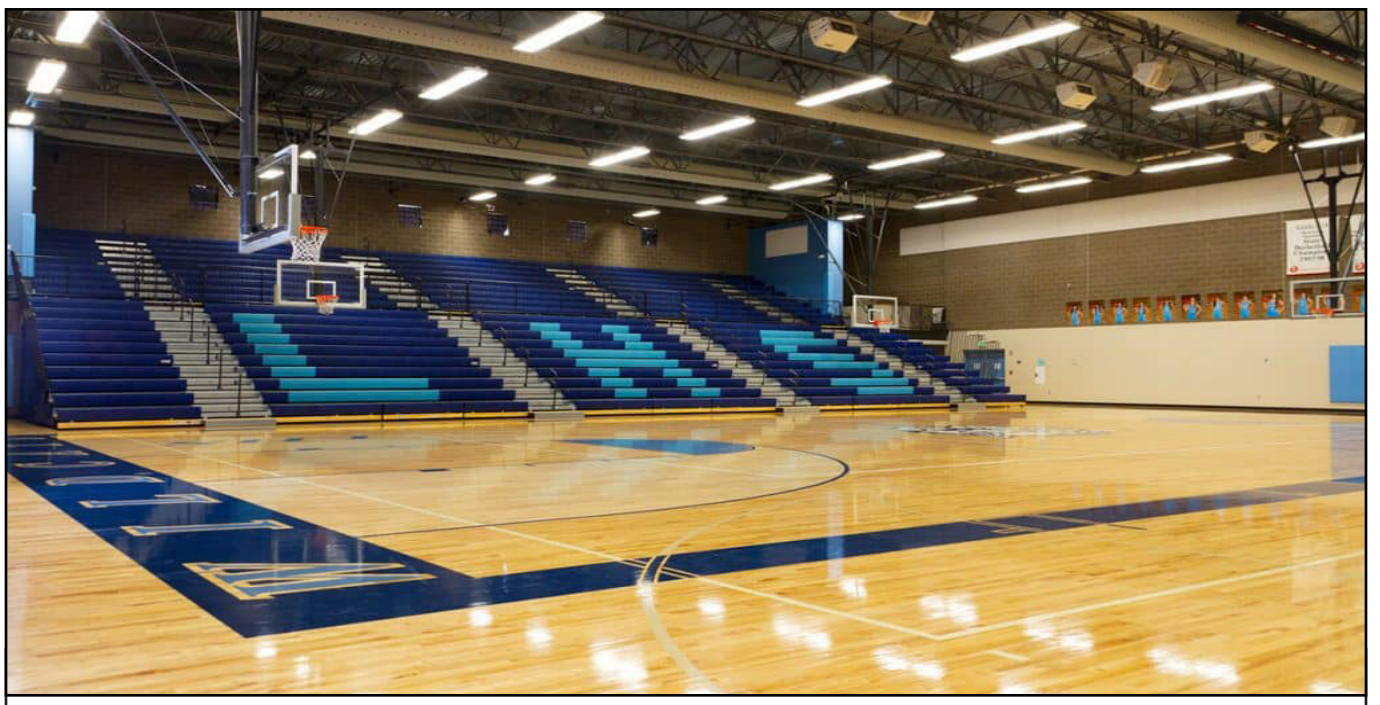
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Both Wildcat Basketball Teams Remain Undefeated



The Lapwai High School gymnasium where the Wildcats play their home games.

The Lapwai Wildcats are off to a great start to the basketball season. Each team proudly represents their program as well as their community.

The girls started their basketball season on November 30 where they hosted Clearwater Valley on the Wildcat court. This season, the girls basketball team lost four seniors, Glory Sobotta, Omari Mitchell, Jordan Shawl, and Ciahna Oatman, and welcomed back Sayq'is Greene. Also on the roster this season are Grace Sobotta, Kahlees Young, Lauren Gould, Soa Moliga, Amaris Mitchell, Jordyn McCormack-Marks, Qubilah Mitchell, and Samara Smith.

The Lapwai girls remain undefeated marching past Clearwater Valley, Potlatch, 2A Cole Valley, Logos of Moscow, Troy and battling to the very end with Prairie, where Moliga put up an inside shot just before the buzzer to avoid overtime and secure a 47-45 Whitepine League victory. Both Lapwai and Prairie were unbeaten when Lapwai came out on top in a clash at home.

The Wildcats (6-0) are on the road for their next three games facing off with Kamiah on December 16, St. Maries on December 18, and Genesee on December 21. December 22 will be the girls' next home game against Pomeroy. The girls basketball team is coached by Ada McCormack-Marks.

The Lapwai boys basketball team (4-0) has been on fire since their first game on December 3. The defending State Champs lost two seniors last year, Jenz Kash Kash and JC Sobotta, and welcomed back Simon Henry and Lydell Mitchell. All five starters also returned for this season; Titus Yearout, AJ Ellenwood, Terrell Ellenwood-Jones, Kross Taylor and Kase Wynott. Also on the roster this season is Ahlius Yearout, Mason Brown, Christian Brown, Christopher Bohnee, Jalisco Miles, and Joseph Payne.

In their season opener, the boys squared off with the 2A defending State Champs, the St. Maries Lumberjacks. The Lumberjacks had the lead early in the game, outscoring the Wildcats 12-4. This would be their only lead of the night as the Wildcats played their game, took the lead and never looked back.

The boys are undefeated breezing past St. Maries, Logos of Moscow, Prairie, and Troy. The boys varsity travels to Coeur d' Alene on December 18 then to Spokane to meet North Central on December 21. The boys are coached by Zachary Eatman.

The boys' and girls' Wildcat teams will both play in the invite only Avista Holiday Tournament in Lewiston on December 28 through the 30. Come support Lapwai athletics in a showcase going against the best teams in the area.

Publisher's Post

There's no denying it, looking back at 2021 we all know this was a hard year filled with a lot more than we ever could've predicted or imagined; even from the year before when COVID-19 was first introduced to us. But, it's also been eye-opening in so many ways for me.

As heavy as it's been, parts have also felt unbelievably necessary. This year I've been tested in new ways. I've learned more about myself than I have in 29 years; my biases, my blindspots, my shortcomings, and where I need to lean in more passionately going forward. I've found more beauty than ever in simply just slowing it down and saying "no," even to tempting, and potentially miraculous, opportunities.

I've decided that nothing is more important than protecting my health and my peace. No amount of money, public recognition, or success could ever replace that. Yes, it's been a hard year especially here towards the end with all the uncertainties and division.

However, that does not mean it's a year I want to forget. In fact, I've found myself yearning to capture more of the simple, quiet moments this year than ever before. I've been journaling and documenting stuff to remember some of the things to be grateful for that 2021 has allowed.

Things I have taken for granted in the past: Bike rides with my family, a weekend spent in the mountains instead of worrying about getting to the office, mornings where I actually slept in past 7:00 a.m., enjoying silly and slow breakfasts with my kids, and the main thing our health! Wow, what an amazing growth I have had this year.

It's always worth addressing what we've learned and what we're grateful for amid the chaos. This year isn't a wash, no matter how bad it was. It has certainly been revealing but perhaps it's exactly what we needed in order to collectively wake up! I don't want to erase or forget the tragedies of what was done to my Nez Perce ancestors, I will never attempt to fit the vast challenges we suffer today into a box. However, this year I was really happy to set aside differences with people that I typically would never associate myself with. I was honored to stand among people who are fighting for the same beliefs and for our rights. The unity was amazing.

What I have learned this year: I learned to put my biased views of races aside while we all unite.

2021 has taught me how to ground myself even when things felt chaotic or uncertain. I couldn't just push through and ignore the stuff I felt was not right or unsafe. I couldn't just quiet the noise. I had to face it and also seek out ways to connect to my peace through it. I've had to continually find peace within the commotion and create routines around self-care to make sure that I was holding space for myself while navigating the unknown.

I learned how to speak to people who were expressing what they were feeling. At work we've had to shift, adapt, and recreate. In the craziness of daily updated information, as the world adjusted and changed, we remained strong, being a primary resource that was accurate and could meet the needs of our people.

I learned that taking a step back and being still is an action in and of itself. Being still is an active decision and is a necessary one at times. I became a student in so many ways this year and sat quietly in order to play my cards right. I questioned things when I felt I needed to and I constantly did my research in order to present and cite my sources of my concerns. 2021 has revealed that I don't always have to take a backseat, I am capable to lead through hard times.

I learned that no amount of money is worth my health, and how to create better boundaries on how my work and life integrate. I defined, and re-defined, success so many times to make sure that my actions were in alignment with what my core mission is as a mother and as someone who will stand up against what I feel is wrong.

I learned the importance of rest and that I'm capable of unplugging. That my health, and my family's health, is most important over literally everything else in the world. I cherish, protect, and preserve my family's health by slowing down, being mindful of the habits and routines that fill our days, and by putting my foot down when matters go against my religious beliefs and my core values.

What I am grateful for this year: I am thankful for my family and friends, for those who stood together during this incredibly trying year of commands. Especially when much of our beliefs were divided, that never changed our bond. I am thankful for my Communications team, our daily meetings, our silly text threads that feel are like a daily cocktail hour with girlfriends lol. I am also appreciative of We The People, my fellow Americans standing and fighting for our rights. Overall, this year I am grateful for unity and not division.

Where we are headed into 2022: After all that's happened this year, all that is for certain is that we're headed into more unknown territory and circumstances. Honestly, the future has always been uncertain, but this year, as things continue to change ever so quickly, I take comfort in knowing that we are not in control of what happens, a higher power is; however, we are in control of how we react.

Above all else, I'm looking forward to a fresh start. While I fully believe each day is a new opportunity to begin again, there's something magical about a new year. I don't know what this new year has in store for us, but I can't wait to take what I've learned with me into 2022 and continue to grow.



NATIVE Act Funding Supports Tribal Tourism



Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) elder Pete Wilson raises a fox fur while sharing legends embedded into the places within his homelands. (USDA photo, Brad Stinson).

LAPWAI, ID- The Nez Perce (Nee-Me-Poo) National Historic Trail (NPNHT), administered by the Northern Region of the USDA Forest Service, has been awarded a $130,000 grant from the Agency's Washington Office through the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act.

Nez Perce Tourism, LLC is partnering with the Forest Service to plan and implement the grant under a Participating Agreement. Projects will advance interpretive efforts including an assessment of the Nez Perce (Nee-ME-Poo) National Historic Trail route and Auto Tour to identify the best places to update and/or install new interpretive signs. Interpretive sign preparation will include recorded interviews and professional photography with tribal elders and members. Tribal artists will work with the Agency to prepare artwork for the signs and will write interpretive messages for the signs that will feature traditional Nez Perce names and the Nez Perce language. Once signs are fabricated, Tribal youth will help install them. And finally, traditional presenters will support the installation of the signs with appropriate ceremonies.

"Updating interpretive signs with Nez Perce language is an important step in asserting the Tribe's presence and history in this area," said Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Samuel Penney. "These places were often named based on their features or attributes, and the names do not come from historical figures, but rather our people were often named after these places."

Project leaders are Sandra Broncheau-McFarland, administrator of the 1,170-mile NPNHT and the 4,161 miles of roads, trails, and routes along the NPNHT Auto Tour Route, and Stacia Morfin, CEO of Nez Perce Tourism, LLC. Broncheau-McFarland has been working with strategic partners for years and recognizes that what is being learned from this project can be applied to other segments of the trail.

"We are so pleased to be working with two tribes on this project, the Nez Perce Tribe, whose homeland is the Forest Service's Northern Region, and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes who traditionally used the area," she said "The two tribes have important history in this region, and this project seeks to support each tribe's need to further document their experiences on this landscape as well as share their heritage and stories with current inhabitants and visitors."

Morfin, whose business in Lewiston, Idaho, shares Nez Perce heritage through interpretive events and excursions created to connect visitors to Nimiipuu culture.

"Now is the time for tribal people to come together. It is important to uphold our inherent responsibility as the original inhabitants of this wéetes (land) and kuus (water)," she added.

Morfin will be working closely with the Nez Perce Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, both tribe's Circle of Elders, the NPNHT, and local forests and additional partners to ensure sacred and undisclosed areas remain protected, while those appropriate for sharing can be interpreted with signage and programs that visitors can experience.

The NATIVE Act was passed by the US Congress in 2016 with the goal of empowering Indian tribes, tribal organizations, tribal business owners and entrepreneurs, and tribal members to benefit from participation in the tourism industry in whatever way works best for each tribe. You can learn more about the NATIVE Act at www.aianta.org/understanding-the-native-act.

Kamiah Fire-Rescue Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for it's New and Improved Facility

Kamiah Fire-Rescue (KFR), operating under a joint-powers agreement between the City of Kamiah and the Kamiah Fire Protection District, has received its 911-Paramedic Response and Paramedic Inter-facility License from the Idaho Bureau of EMS and Preparedness.

This has taken a year to accomplish and is considered a major improvement in emergency medical services (EMS) for the Upper Clearwater Valley of North Central Idaho.

KFR, formerly Kamiah Ambulance, just a year and a half ago was considering the surrendering its EMS license. After a major organization change and system upgrade, it has a full-time chief, six full-time personnel, including four Paramedics, AEMTS, EMTS, and soon, EMRs, and 25 volunteers, who are all cross-trained for fire, EMS, rescue, and other requested services.

It is the only 911 Paramedic level service in three counties: Lewis, Idaho, and Clearwater, all located in the Upper Clearwater Valley. It services primarily respond to the Kamiah, Woodland, Glenwood, Caribel areas, but the ambulance services the east portion of Lewis County, the northern area of Idaho County, and it touches into Clearwater County just south of the Greer Bridge.

Paramedic level services are considered the highest level of emergency medical care in the pre-hospital environment. Area residents, local political leaders, area hospitals and their associated staff and physicians are also extremely exited about this new operational standard for the Upper Clearwater Valley.

It is also the first ambulance organization in the Upper Clearwater Valley to have a compensated Medical Director, Dr. Curtis Sandy. He is an American Board of Emergency Medicine - Emergency Medical Services licensed physician.



Kamiah's Fire-Rescue Emergency vehicles. (Photo from EMS World).

Paramedics are considered the most highly trained pre-hospital provider in the EMS industry. 1,000s of hours are required to become a Paramedic.

On December 8, 2021 at 3:30 p.m., Kamiah Fire-Rescue held a ribbon cutting at 515 Main Street in Kamiah for its new upgrade, in conjunction with support from the City of Kamiah, Kamiah Fire Protection District, and the Kamiah Area Chamber of Commerce. Area residents, the media, local political leaders, other emergency service organizations attended this event.



CONGRATS

Nez Perce Tribe November Employee of the Month

Carolyn Amerman

Senior Citizens Program- Kamiah

"This employee goes above and beyond her regular duties every month. She is a care provider, she fills in as a cook, bus driver and meal delivery all while battling cancer. Carolyn Amerman is well deserving of being named November Employee of the Month." -- NPT Senior Advisory Board; Susie Weaskus, Loretta Islas, Betty Kinser, Allen Slickpoo, Jr., Gloria Johnson



CONGRATS

Nez Perce Tribe May Employee of the Month

Jasmine Higheagle

Social Services

"This nomination has been a long time coming and I have been meaning to put this nomination for quite some time. This employee has done so much for the tribe as an employee and a member. As an employee she has gone above and beyond her duties and has displayed outstanding leadership.

She has made many significant contributions to the tribe and was the driving force for implementing the sober living home for women with the Nez Perce Tribe. This employee is now the coordinator for the home and works very well with her clients. She has also provided many, many outside contributions to the community that has affected our tribe and people. She plays a big role in the Wellbriety movement on our reservation as well as putting in many unpaid hours of her volunteer time. She is very innovative with her work and is always willing to help someone no matter where she is or what she is doing. She completes her work with an upbeat and positive attitude and is more than happy to help her people and tribe. I have been working with her for over a year and I personally know that she puts her heart and soul into her work every day and for this Jasmine Higheagle should be employee of the month."

--Amanda Lopez



CONGRATS

Nez Perce Tribe OctoberEmployee of the Month

Fawn Domebo

úuyit kímti (New Beginnings)

"This employees job performance consistently exceeds expectations for the Nez Perce Tribal community in which she serves. She understands data collection for grant audits & reporting purpose has extended her to examine our data collection techniques as noted by funding sources. She has the unique ability and is always available to advocate with traumatized clients 24/7 from when we receive he first call to when the client is safe from intimate partner violence. Through her time employed as an advocate, self-educating for the safety of those she services i.e, responding to hospital; follow up with victim police reports; resources to clients for sustainability. She was noted making the statement as "I must have been a police officer at one time" jokingly. She has created a relationship with Nez Perce Tribe Law Enforcement, including tribal prosecutor and federal agencies to where she has become a point of contact. She has accessed information for out of state court in providing advocacy services and empowering her clients. Her knowledge of this position surpasses the required level. She is a valuable employee as she has eagerly accepted responsibilities for the success of our program including reaching out to clients with her self-assurances, as they are able to share their stories." -- Karee Picard

Nimiipuu Health Bids Dr. Sansom a Heartfelt Farewell

After nine years serving the Kamiah community working for the Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) Dental Department, Byron P. Sansom, DDS, has officially retired. NMPH was very fortunate to have Dr. Sansom provide services to the community.

Dr. Sansom hails from Chillicothe, Ohio where he was born and raised. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy and flew F-4 Phantom fighter jets off the deck of the USS Midway during the Vietnam War. Switching professions while still in the Navy, he graduated Summa Cum Laude from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He completed a General Practice Residency and a Prosthodontic Residency while in the Navy and retired after 24 years.

He was living in California, working in his own private practice of 24 years, and had been talking of retirement. The patient in his chair at the time, mentioned checking out Kooskia, Idaho of all places. From this, Dr. Sansom flew himself and his wife Patricia to Idaho and drove to Kooskia. They both loved the area and the people. His wife picked a beautiful house and they moved to Idaho.



Colleagues stand with Dr. Sansom at his retirement party.
(Nimiipuu Health Photo)

When Dr. Sansom moved to Idaho he began to miss his work. One day he walked into the NMPH Clinic in Kamiah and said, "Do you guys need a Dentist? I just moved here." The jaws of the clinic staff dropped because they had been in dire need of a Dentist in the Kamiah area for several months. Joanna Hendren, Dental Manager, said, "It was like he dropped out of heaven to help us." Dr. Sansom started working at the clinic three days a week, which quickly turned into five, for nine wonderful years.

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 was Dr. Sansom's last day. The Kamiah Clinic Staff and Dental Department had a luncheon to celebrate him and thank him for his years of service to the community. Dr. Sansom went around the room and shared words of appreciation for each of the Kamiah Staff Members and to Executive Director, Roberta José-Bisbee.

It was apparent that he had a strong connection with the team. He was presented with a heartfelt, customized gift from the Kamiah Clinic staff and a Pendleton blanket by Executive Director José-Bisbee and Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Member and Chair of the Human Resources Sub-Committee, Rachel Edwards. "You provide a calmness, and I appreciate the fact that you are always open and welcoming," José-Bisbee expressed to Dr. Sansom.

Dr. Sansom does have plans for his retirement which include spending time with his wife, their six kids, and eleven grandchildren. Thank you Dr. Sansom. Your presence will be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE'S 2021 COVID FITNESS CHALLENGE WINNERS!
WINNERS CAN STOP BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTION OFFICE
IN THE VETERANS BUILDING 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. TO CLAIM PRIZES.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT PARTICIPATED THIS YEAR, KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

WOMEN'S FAT LOSS
1. DANETA JABETH
2. CLARICE HOLT VILLAVICENCIO
3. ANGEL SOBOTTA
4. CHRISTIE LUSSORO
5. CHANTAL ELLENWOOD

MEN'S FAT LOSS
1. ZACHARY EASTMAN
2. RICKY HERNANDEZ
3. ESTEVAN LOPEZ
4. KENT HILLS
5. JAMES SIMPSON

INCHES LOST
1. GLORIA GARCIA
2. ARIEL KING
3. AMANDA WILHELM
4. EVA HIGHEAGLE-HAYES
5. PAULETTE SMITH

BASELINE DRAWING WINNERS

OTTA MOODY
MARGARITA BULLTAIL
ANTHONY WILLIAMS
MELISSA KING
MITCHELL WILSON
SHAWN SPENCER
THUNDER GARCIA
THEA SKALICKY
TINA ROY
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DAKOTA ZIMMERMAN
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ANGEL HUGS
LUCY HUTCHINS
STARR WALLACE
JERROD RICKMAN
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MEMORY ABE
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THOMAS TALL BULL
KIYANA ELLENWOOD
DAWN LEIGHTON



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Nimiipuu Health would like to congratulate Alianna Cash on her in-house transition!

Alianna (Ali), has recently moved from Dental Reception to our new Administrative Medical Assistant!

Ali joined the Nimiipuu Health team in the fall of 2019 as the dental receptionist. Prior to joining NMPH, she worked in other areas of the healthcare field including as a Patient Care Advocate from 2017-2018, Patient Accounts Representative from 2018-2019, and Intake Coordinator in 2019.

Ali is very excited to take on new responsibilities and learn new skills.

In her off time, she enjoys taking her son on mini adventures.

Ali is very driven, and is currently working on her Master's Degree in Industrial & Organizational Psychology which she hopes to complete by April of next year!

We are very proud to have Ali as a part of the NMPH team, congratulations on your transfer!

Alianna Cash

Administrative Medical Assistant



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Lapwai, ID 83540

Nimiipuu Health

Nimiipuu Health Pharmacy Drive Thru Moves to Main Street

For prescription pick-up, patients can now park in the parallel parking spaces on the Main Street side of NMPH (parking and traffic flow meet standards set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices- MUTCD).

Pharmacy Runner numbers to call once parked: (208) 791-6775 or (208) 790-1841. Please call for your refills in advance before coming to the clinic. Please be mindful of how many refills you have available.

The drug drop box is also back. It is now located near the exit of the front parking lot by the pharmacy modular. This is specifically for expired or unused prescriptions. Liquids, syringes, and needles cannot be placed in the drug drop box. Prescriptions, including controlled substances, over-the counter medicines, and vitamins are accepted. REMINDER: It is not a place to drop off a paper prescription for the pharmacy to fill during work hours.

The rear parking lot is for Behavioral Health Patients- (208) 843-7244, Fitness Center Guests- (208) 843-2271 ext. 2847, Community Health patients/guests (Flu shots, COVID-19 Vaccinations, WIC, Nutrition Appointment, body composition, durable medical equipment, medi-set, transportation, fitness challenge participants) (208) 843-9375, Benefits Coordinator Visits (208) 843-2271 ext. 2871, Medical Staff.

The front parking lot is for Medical appointments, walk-ins, emergency visits, Dental patients, Optometry patients, Contact Tracer Numbers (208) 790-1840 – (208) 790-1842 – (208) 790-1839, Patient Advocate, Andrianna Albert (208) 621-5009.

If you need to be tested for COVID-19, please do not enter the building for the safety of our patients and staff. COVID testing is in the back of the building underneath the ambulance bay. You will need to call to schedule an appointment to test 208-843-2271. Please remain patient. Your health and safety are of the utmost importance to us.



This map shows Lapwai's Nimiipuu Health enterance and exit, parking, and pharmacy pick up. (Nimiipuu Health Photo)

NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health would like to welcome Andrianna Albert to the team as our new Patient Advocate! Andy returns to NMPH with plenty of experience, having worked with us before in several capacities. She was a Transporter, & Community Health Representative, gaining experience through Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) grants. She assisted the Diabetes Program, Pharmacy and Physical Therapy and also worked with elders, educating on Medicare, long-term care, and wills.

She worked 2 years at Opportunities Unlimited, assisting felons, & people with developmental disabilities, & mental health issues to find jobs, housing, and other resources. She was a Research Visitor at Washington State University for a pilot program that aimed to help strengthen families impacted by alcohol and drug addiction. She recently left her position as a Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Assistant at Marimn Health, to return to NMPH.

Andrianna Albert

Patient Advocate



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Continued... Andrianna Albert

Patient Advocate

Andy says of her new position, "First and foremost, I am proud to be employed at Nimiipuu Health once again. This clinic has so much to offer, with more to come. I know the providers and staff care about the patients and I am proud to be part of this team. Second, as a Nez Perce Tribal member and as an Athabascan (Alaskan Native), I am honored to continue to serve tribal members. It is nice to see familiar faces, patients, staff, and the community alike. Third, I feel like I have something to bring to the table. I have always worked in medical-related positions that had aspects of social work. I honestly care for the well-being of others. I aim to create positive changes for patients, staff, and for Nimiipuu Health overall. However, I know that actions speak more than words, so I will continue to go above and beyond for patients and staff and time will tell."

In her off-time, Andy loves spending time with her family and friends. She has two dogs, Niko and Lulu, and she also has a cat, Bella. Coming from a family of artists, (Valerie Albert & Kevin Peters), she loves crafts and fine art. She also loves camping, fishing, and being outdoors & is obsessed with Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and David Bowie. Andy would love to travel and goes to Alaska to visit family as often as she can. A fun fact about Andy is that she grew up in the Lapwai area, and this year was her first time at the Lewiston Roundup.

A quote that Andy likes to live her life by is, "I believe much trouble and blood would be saved if we opened our hearts more."-Chief Joseph.

Welcome back to the NMPH team Andy, we are very happy to have you!

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL
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November 22, 2021

Applications are due to WSAC postmarked by ***March 1, 2022.***

TO: Tribal Council Chairs and Higher Education Directors; Financial Aid Directors; Scholarship Coordinators; and Other Interested Parties

FROM: Ann M. Voyles, Program Associate

SUBJECT: **American Indian Endowed Scholarship Applications**

Applications are available now to apply for the 2022-2023 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. Please forward this announcement to anyone who may be interested in this scholarship.

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) will accept signed and completed applications that are postmarked by ***March 1, 2022.*** Applications must be accompanied with all required attachments.

To download the application and instruction materials, go to https://wsac.wa.gov/american-indian-endowed-scholarship, and click "How do I apply?" (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader software version 11.0 or newer).

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have close social and cultural ties to an American Indian tribe or community in Washington state
- Intend to use his or her education to benefit the American Indian community in this state
- Be enrolled full-time by fall term 2022 at a participating college or university in-state
- Have demonstrated financial need (per FAFSA, as determined by the college financial aid office)
- Be a Washington state resident
- Have not received a total of five years of this scholarship

There is a priority for upper-division and graduate-level students, however, all qualified applicants are considered. **IMPORTANT:** Late or incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

A selection committee composed of representatives from the American Indian community in-state will review and score the applications. The number and value of scholarships awarded are based on the interest earnings available from the endowment. Scholarships generally range from $500 to $2,000 each for the academic year. Finalists are announced in the spring.

Mail the signed application, with required attachments, postmarked by **March 1, 2022**, to:

American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program
Washington Student Achievement Council
PO Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 (use PO Box if mailing US Postal Service delivery)
917 Lakeridge Way SW, Olympia, WA 98502 (use street address if via UPS or FedEx delivery)

Please feel free to call 360.485.1311 or email questions to aies@wsac.wa.gov. My office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. most weekdays, excepting state holidays.

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Armani Bisbee's Senior Project



Nimiipuu Health would like to send a huge heartfelt thank you to Armani Bisbee for the recognition! Armani is a Senior at Lapwai High School. For his senior project, he wanted to thank healthcare workers for their hard work, especially throughout the hardships surrounding the pandemic. With some help from the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Committee, he surprised Nimiipuu Health staff with sweets and each included a written thank you message from him. "We truly appreciate you Armani, thank you!" said Nimiipuu Health employees. To view all the photos, please visit the Nimiipuu Health Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/NimiipuuHealth

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1st Day of Class: January 6, 2022

Culturally-Responsive Teacher of the Year Awards



Kamiah teacher Cheryl Morris (left) with Joyce McFarland, Nez Perce Tribe Education Manager. (Education Photo)



Lapwai teacher Georgia Sobotta stands with her award. (Education Photo)

With the blessing of his family, the Nez Perce Education Department has honored the late Dr. Arthur Taylor Jr. (Nez Perce) by establishing a "Culturally-Responsive Teacher of the Year" award at Kamiah and Lapwai schools in his name in 2015. The award reflects the values and commitment that Dr. Taylor exhibited to advancing the education and cultural knowledge of tribal children and community.

Dr. Taylor graduated from Lapwai High School in 1983. He received his Bachelors of Arts degree in Foreign Languages & Literature from Washington State University. He completed two Master of Art's degrees; one from Gonzaga University in Organizational Leadership and another from Loyola University Chicago in Cultural and Educational Policy Studies. He finished his Doctorate of Education (Ed D) degree from the University of Idaho in 2013. His research was entitled 'Iceyéeye Comes to School: Nimíipuu Cultural Competence & Use of Traditional Nimíipuu 'Iceyéeye Stories to Construct Indigenous Knowledge with Classroom Teachers for Our Children."

He worked with the Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Resources Program and served two consecutive terms on the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC). After leaving NPTEC, Arthur worked at the University of Notre Dame as the Assistant Director for the Multi-cultural Student Programs and Services. His last position was as the Indigenous Affairs Officer at the University of Idaho. Dr. Taylor was a Native American Renaissance Man because he excelled in both traditional knowledge and advanced academic study.

The 2021 "Culturally-Responsive Teachers of the Year" are Cheryl Morris, Kamiah Elementary School, and Georgia Sobotta, Lapwai Middle School. Finding ways to meet the unique educational and cultural needs of all their students is of great importance to both teachers. They were recognized in presentations in their schools in October and November. The teachers received an embroidered Pendleton blanket, a photo plaque, and $200 check to use toward their classroom expenses.

"Both teachers are so deserving of this award," said Alicia Wheeler, Nez Perce STEP Program's Technical Assistance Coach. "I have the privilege of working with these two beautiful souls who have such care and love for our Nez Perce students. Great job ladies and looking forward to continue the work we do for the students!"

Previous Lapwai teachers recognized with this award since 2015 include Dr. D'Lisa Penney, Iris Chimburas, Kelly Hillman, Sheila Hewett, Mary Lynn Walker, and Carleen Baldwin. The previous Kamiah teachers award recipients are Garrett Bretz, Loretta Riener, Ronda Sams, Rich Martin, Taylie Hopkins, and Jody Brown. Each school submits a nomination form at the end of each school year.





Native American Basketball Legend and Activist Jaci McCormack's Incredible Story Set for Feature Film Rise Above

NBA Hall of Famers Lenny Wilkens and Gary Payton, Hollywood icon Danny Glover and civil rights activist Gus Newport join as executive producers



Native American basketball legend and activist Jaci McCormack's incredible story set for nattative feature "Rise Above". (Deadline Photo)

Nez Perce basketball legend and activist Jaci McCormack has teamed up with award-winning writer Erica Tremblay (Yellow Bird, Reservation Dogs) of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation to pen RISE ABOVE, a narrative feature film directed by Dennis Lee (Fireflies in the Garden, Jesus Henry Christ) and inspired by McCormack's extraordinary journey of challenge and triumph, and how her love of basketball protected and elevated her through it all.

Raised near Lewiston, Idaho, on the Nez Perce Reservation, McCormack, a basketball prodigy, had her life turned upside down when a tragic killing rocked her community. McCormack went on to lead the Illinois State Redbirds to an NCAA Tournament Berth, with a legendary game-winning turnaround jumper that was featured on ESPN's "Play of the Day." After college, McCormack founded Rise Above, a non-profit organization that employs health and wellness strategies using sports, culture and music to educate, empower and mentor Native American youth.

"My story demonstrates that while it isn't easy to break barriers, it is possible," McCormack said. "Representation matters when it comes to Native youth, because my story is their story. Through this film and beyond, the work of Rise Above to empower and inspire our future generations will continue."

Filming on Rise Above is scheduled to begin summer of 2022. Most of the production will be shot in and around Indian country with financial support from various Tribes and a commitment to hiring Native cast and crew. Basketball Hall of Fame players Lenny Wilkens and Gary Payton, Hollywood icon Danny Glover, and longtime civil rights activist Gus Newport will executive produce.

"Like Jaci, I grew up with one foot planted in one world, the other foot planted in another," said director Lee. "As an Asian American, I've struggled with uniting these two halves into a whole that's authentic and true to me. Jaci, too, has faced those challenges, but as a Native American who's also one of the best women to play the game of basketball."

"I'm thrilled to have been entrusted by Jaci, Erica and Dennis to produce this very special film," said producer Daniel Ragussis. "We hope it can make an outsized impact not only through the power of its story, but also by the way it's being developed and financed, with direct support from the Native community. It's our goal that this becomes a powerful new model for filmmaking."

About the Rise Above film: Rise Above will be a narrative feature directed by Dennis Lee and written by Erica Tremblay. The film will be produced by Lee's Atomic Features partner Daniel Ragussis (Imperium) and Tremblay. Basketball Hall of Fame players Lenny Wilkens and Gary Payton, Hollywood icon Danny Glover, and longtime civil rights activist Gus Newport will executive produce. A cast has yet to be announced.

Elizabeth A. Bell (Wind River, Yellowstone), a co-founder of Gateway Entertainment, a non-profit dedicated to creating behind-the-camera career opportunities for underserved communities, will also executive produce. Grammy award-winning Portugal. The Man, who also won the Legend Award at the Native American Music Awards and has a long history of activism in support of Indigenous communities, will serve as musical advisors and consultants.

Other executive producers include Chairman Willie Frank III of the Nisqually Indian Tribe; Phil Haugen, member of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Chief Operating Officer of the Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority; Rebecca Miles, member of the Nez Perce Tribe and Operations Director at the Potlatch Fund; and non-profit Rise Above's co-founder Brad Meyers.

About the Rise Above Organization: Native American communities have some of the highest rates of unemployment, poverty, substance abuse and mental illness in the country. Native girls and women complete suicide at three times the rate of the general population. For Native boys and men, it's at twice that rate. Native youth are 35% less likely to enroll in higher education, 46% more likely to experience homelessness, and they face higher rates of diabetes, alcohol, drug use and obesity.

Rise Above, a non-profit founded by Native sports legend and Nez Perce tribal member Jaci McCormack, was created to address these realities and change the course of history, one life at a time, through education, prevention skills, sports clinics, mentorship with tribal leaders and other resources. The organization is in the process of designing a facility in Airway Heights, Wash., a project that will serve the region's Native youth and is funded in partnership with the Kalispel Tribe. Get more information at nativeyouthriseabove.org.

ISU Honors Native American Heritage

By Roselynn Yazzie,
Sho-Ban News

POCATELLO — The Idaho State University Men's Basketball game on November 22 against the University of Missouri-Kansas City was dedicated to Native American Heritage Night. Bengals player Emmit Taylor III was recognized and a halftime show spotlighted tribal dancers and the Ghost Canyon Singers.

Emmit is a 6'4 guard and junior at ISU. He was previously at North Idaho College where he played after graduation from Lapwai High School. He is from the Nez Perce and Yakama tribes.

Despite getting several offers to play after junior college, Emmit chose ISU because it was the best fit for him and close for his family to come watch him.

In his second year playing for ISU he's familiar with his team, even with COVID interrupting last season he says it made them stronger. The team has many returning players, which Emmit says gives them good team chemistry and connection with one another.

Emmit said playing college basketball means everything to him and while he realizes there are not a lot of Native Americans who have the opportunity to play at a college level, he's proof that anyone from the reservation can do it.

"I'd like to inspire a lot more kids that grew up on the reservation to play basketball," he said.

Basketball was an outlet for him to escape the realities of living on the reservation.

He grew up within a basketball-oriented family, as well as his community.

Emmit said it was pretty cool to see ISU hosting Native American Heritage Night. Staying close to his Native culture was influenced by his parents and has helped him through college and basketball by reinforcing his identity.

"I just always know who I am and where I come from and the people that I come from. I always try to remember that. I think its really helped me through the tough times and also the good times of being here," he said.

Emmit is working on his general studies but has future goals to coach and stay around basketball in some type of way. What Emmit loves most about basketball is the relationships one gets from it.

Emmit encourages young athletes to never give up on their dream. He said there will be a lot of tough times but don't give up, as well as keep faith and stay determined.

Although the Bengals lost to the Roos 58 to 74 Emmit said the team has a lot of high expectations for the coming season. Last year they finished fourth overall in the Big Sky Tourney and have since aimed their sights higher.

The ISU Bengals will go on to Colorado Springs to play Air Force on Saturday, November 27.

Emmit's parents, Emmit Taylor Jr. and Rhonda Taylor came to watch him play Monday. His father is from the Nez Perce Reservation. He said he's proud of his son "Mitaat", which means "Three" in the Nez Perce language.

"Ever since he's been a little kid basketball's been his thing. I grew up coaching him when he was little and passed him off to the high school. He's just worked hard ever since he's been little. He got to junior college and worked hard there and did really well and got the opportunity to come to Idaho State and it was just a really good opportunity for him – a school and a program we thought he could really fit into, so that was really a blessing," he said.

He added, it's neat because the Sho-Ban Tribe is so close and can help support him as well. Which they did and cheered Emmit on as he sunk a 3 pointer in the first half.



ISU Bengal Emmit Taylor III with his parents Emmit Jr. and Rhonda Taylor. (Sho-Ban News Photo)

Just before the half time show performance, an ISU announcer said they acknowledge that Idaho State University is located on the traditional territory of the Shoshone-Bannock people and as a public research university it's their responsibility to disseminate accurate histories for regional Indigenous people.

"It is ISU's ongoing commitment to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and to our communities that we'll collaborate on future educational discourse and activities," he said.

ISU Athletics and Native American Student Services welcomed Tyson Shay to announce for the performance.

Shay hyped up the crowd as only he can, telling them they were there to witness something beautiful, something that the Native American people have done for a long time, as they would show the beauty of their song and dance.

Shay introduced ISU athletes Emmit Taylor III and acknowledged Bengal football players Xavier Guillory and Jovan Sowell.

Ghost Canyon sang as the dancers entered the court, showcasing their brightly colored regalia and graceful movement. Many were in awe of the performance and cheered.

Lethaniel Loley, Native American Student Coordinator, is a grad student for Athletic Administration and explained one of his core things was to work with the Athletics Department to create a Native American Heritage Night. He said the event was planned for last year, but due to COVID they had to wait for this year. He said the outcome was nice and people enjoyed it. He was glad to see so many from the Shoshone-Bannock community there to support Native player Emmit Taylor III. He's hoping to see more performances like this organized in the future at ISU.

Ask Dr. Per Cap: Auto-Pay Pros and Cons

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I have all of my bills set to auto-pay. I also use auto-pay for monthly subscriptions for streaming apps and razor blades, but my money wise girlfriend tells me auto-pay is a bad habit. Is that true?

Signed,

Auto-Pay Ray

Dear Ray,

I get it. Auto-pay is handy technology that enables consumers to pay bills on time with automatic withdrawals from a bank account, mobile payment app, or digital wallet. But I understand your girlfriend's concern because out of sight, out of mind isn't always the best practice when managing money.

And there lays the good and the bad with auto-pay.

Auto-pay can certainly save time, effort, and even money if you're someone who still mails payments like me. Hey I admit - I like writing checks and I'm a sucker for Scooby-Doo stamps. However, managing money is not a spectator sport and what might feel like a hassle, repeatedly dealing with bills and transactions, is actually a great way to keep finances on track.
Unfortunately, people who rely on auto-pay run the risk of completely ceasing to pay attention to their bills. The hands off approach can sometimes prevent them from seeing the big financial picture and taking action. Here are some examples.

• Electricity bill is significantly higher in June than last year? Maybe the AC needs servicing or the thermostat is set too low.

• Water bill keeps creeping up two months in a row? There could be a leak somewhere.

• What about that free one month trial to Cheese of the Month Club? Yeah, nobody noticed that high end cheddar the last time you made Indian tacos so cancel the subscription before monthly auto-payments kick in.
Many people today have so many auto and digital payments draining money from their accounts they can't keep track and it ends up costing them more in the long run. Here are a few tips to avoid being that person who flies exclusively on autopilot finance only to find it's a bumpy ride.

• Set up text alerts from your bank to notify you when auto-payments are made. This will remind you when, where, and how much of your money is leaving your accounts.

• Limit the number of auto-pay providers you use. Pick one, such as a bank account or a single payment app, and use it for all of your auto-pays.

• Pay attention to subscriptions that automatically renew and their costs. Many subscriptions, like my daily newspaper, reel you in for a low teaser rate for the first twelve months. After that the subscription automatically renews every month and the rate can increase too.

And lastly – hang on to your money wise girlfriend. She sounds like a keeper!

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Six Simple Steps to Jump Start Retirement Savings

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Most people have good intentions when it comes to investing for retirement. But with immediate financial needs like mortgage or rent payments, student loans, credit card debt and everyday expenses claiming a share of your paycheck, it's easy to let planning for the future fall behind on your list of financial priorities. "When you're younger, the temptation is to defer retirement savings because you won't need the money for another several decades," says Christopher Vale, senior vice president and investment product manager, Preferred and Retirement Solutions at Bank of America. "But by getting started now, you'll make it a lot easier to get to whatever goal you choose for when you retire."

Here are six steps you can take to help you prepare for your future.

Step 1: Treat your retirement savings as a monthly expense: "Take that money off the top of your income, not from what's left at the end of the month," suggests Debra Greenberg, director, Retirement & Personal Wealth Solutions, Bank of America. "You've probably heard this advice before, but it's a strategy that really works." Next, look at your budget to identify areas where you can free up more money to save. Seemingly small savings — like finding a better deal on your cable or cell phone service — can really add up.

Step 2: Get into the 401(k) routine: Enroll in your employer's 401(k) plan as soon as you can to take advantage of the benefits it offers. Your contributions are automatically deducted from your paycheck, making it easier to maintain the discipline of contributing.

Traditional 401(k) contributions are made with pre-tax dollars and are subject to income tax when you withdraw them. In addition, some employers offer Roth 401(k) contributions, which can potentially be advantageous for younger investors. Although Roth 401(k) contributions are made with after-tax income, withdrawals during retirement won't be taxed at the federal level if taken as qualified distributions.1 This may be especially beneficial if you expect your tax rate later in retirement to be higher than your current rate.

Your employer may even match a certain percentage of your 401(k) contributions. If that's the case, try to contribute enough to earn the full match. "An employer match is part of your compensation, so don't leave that money on the table," says Vale.

Step 3: Consider an IRA: If you're contributing the maximum to your 401(k) account and want to save even more, think about investing in a traditional or Roth IRA.

With a Roth IRA, you can contribute after-tax dollars without paying federal tax on your earnings when you withdraw them at retirement, as long as they're taken as a qualified distribution.1 Consult with your tax and/or legal advisor about possible state tax consequences related to Roth contributions.

In the case of a traditional IRA, you may be eligible for a tax deduction now, and the distribution will be subject to income tax when you withdraw the assets later. This can potentially work to your advantage if you're currently in a tax bracket higher than the one you're expecting to occupy during your retirement, when you'll have to pay tax on withdrawals. Ask a tax advisor to help you decide which IRA may be right for you.

Step 4: Build on your successes: Especially when you're starting out, contributing as much of your income as you can toward retirement may make sense, considering that future health care costs and inflation could add up to more than you think. If you



can't contribute much right now, stretch as far as you can and commit to increasing your contribution when you get a raise or pay off a large expense. Even raising it by 1% or 2% can add up. If your employer's 401(k) plan offers an automatic increase feature — which regularly increases your contribution rate over time — consider signing up.

Step 5: Consider keeping all your accounts under the same roof: It can be much easier to keep track of your retirement funds and monitor an overall asset allocation when all of your retirement accounts are in one place. If you've left retirement funds in previous employers' 401(k) plans, you have a number of choices for keeping those assets. You can leave them in your former employer's plan, move the assets to your current employer's plan, roll your assets to a traditional or Roth IRA, convert pre-tax assets to a Roth IRA, or take a cash distribution.

Each choice may offer different investment options and services, fees and expenses, withdrawal options, required minimum distributions and tax treatment. They may also provide different protections from creditors and legal judgments. These are complex choices and should be considered with care. A financial professional can help you understand your options.

Step 6: Avoid taking early withdrawals for non-retirement-related expenses: Of course, investing for retirement isn't your only focus — you may also save for your child's college costs or put away money for emergencies. By balancing retirement planning with those other needs, you can avoid dipping into your retirement accounts — something you really don't want to have to do.

Usually if you're under age 59½ and withdraw retirement account funds, you'll have to pay taxes on any pre-tax assets you withdraw, including earnings on Roth contributions, and, on top of that, a 10% additional federal tax may apply unless an exception applies.2 Ask your tax advisor about the rules for using those funds for education, birth, adoption or the purchase of a home, and be aware of how withdrawing those funds can affect your future retirement income.

Once you've established a retirement savings strategy that also accounts for your other financial priorities, you're on your way. Stick to your plan and monitor it regularly to be sure it continues to align with your goals as they evolve. By the time you retire, you'll be glad you started investing as much as you did as early as you did.

National Ammunition Shortage

The U.S. is in the peak of hunting season, but this year the real hunt is for ammunition. Retailers say they can barely keep their shelves stocked because of shipping delays and increased demand.

Hunters agree that if you don't already have your ammo for the season, it's going to be nearly impossible to find without paying a high price.

Ammunition shortages continue to plague the industry, impacting law enforcement and gun owners. Local store owners say they've been sold out of bullets for over three months.

Nothing is being imported right now. What little is coming through is stuck in the port of Los Angeles. All the stores have sold out, there is little to nothing.

If you are lucky to find ammo, you'll be paying more for it. "I got these on the store shelf for about



63-65 cents a round when this would normally be a low 20 cents a round," said gun enthusiast Chas Bearden.

The demand for guns skyrocketed during the pandemic. The FBI processed over 21 million National Instant Criminal Background Checks (NICS) in 2020. That demand doesn't seem to be letting up anytime soon. The week of Black Friday, the FBI received requests for 687,788 NICS checks.

"Every one of those checks is essentially a purchase of a firearm," said Sam Ball, the Rangemaster at the Honey Island Shooting Range. "It also means that people are buying ammo. It amazes me that people are still spending the money and enjoying the sport."

But guns are useless without bullets. Many people will make their own bullets, but panic buying needs to stop for the supply to bounce back. Buy it when you can, but don't buy any more than you need. Stop the hoarding and make it available for the recreational shooter.

Some stores are limiting the number of boxes people can buy at a time, but many retailers say it will be months before they expect to have a steady supply again.

For those trying to find bullets, it is recommended you look online.

You might find a box or two online, but you'll be paying more than you normally would. Also, there are a lot of scammers out there, so be cautious when buying online.





Officials Recommend Culling 600 to 900 Yellowstone Bison this Winter

By Helena Dore,
Bozeman Daily Chronicle



Bison grazing in snow covered Hayden Valley. "Despite their slow gait, bison are surprisingly fast for animals that weigh more than half a ton," wrote NPS. "In winter, they use their large heads like a plow to push aside snow and find winter food. In the park interior where snows are deep, they winter in thermally influenced areas and around the geyser basins. Bison also move to winter range in the northern part of Yellowstone." (Photo by Jim Peaco / Yellowstone National Park Service)

MISSOULA — Federal, tribal and state officials tentatively agreed Wednesday to cull between 600 and 900 bison from the Yellowstone population this winter, and there is room in the park's brucellosis quarantine program for just under 100 of those animals.

Culled bison will either get shot by hunters as herds leave Yellowstone National Park to find food or they will be rounded up. Most of the captured animals will be sent to slaughter, but about 80 can be entered into the park's quarantine program, which is in the midst of an expansion.

Up to 200 more bison could be captured or hunted in late winter if initial target numbers are met and conditions warrant more removals, officials from agencies involved in bison management decided at a meeting here Wednesday. They debated and wordsmithed for hours before agreeing to set the 200 animal cap.

Officials agreed upon the provisional culling numbers Wednesday, but the operations plan for managing bison through this winter has yet to be signed. Scott Bischke, the meeting's facilitator, said the deadline for partners to sign the plan is December 31. It could be tweaked by that time, he said.

Officials recommended removals be focused near the northern boundary of the park where animals in Yellowstone's central and northern herds intermix. Any extra harvests are meant to address population gains over the past two years.

The park's most recent counts show that Yellowstone's bison numbers are up, sitting at around 5,450 animals. The counts are about on par with 2016, a year when populations were particularly high, according to Yellowstone National Park biologist Chris Geremia.

Last year, no bison were trapped at the park's corrals at the Stephens Creek Capture Facility outside of Gardiner because the animals' annual migration lagged. Migration out of the park is influenced by multiple factors, but wildlife managers said cycling between low and high temperatures likely delayed it last winter.

Interagency officials recommended culling between 500 and 700 animals last winter, but managers fell short of that goal by about 200 animals, said Cam Sholly, superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.

Park experts anticipate that removing 600 to 900 bison from the population over the winter will cause the population to stabilize or decline slightly at about 4,300 to 4,700 animals, according to a status report from the park. After calving, staff anticipate that number will increase to between 5,200 and 5,700 animals.

Partners who set the culling recommendations come from a variety of federal, tribal and state government agencies. They manage bison under the Interagency Bison Management Plan. First established in 2000, the plan aims to conserve the world's last free-roaming bison herd and prevent the animals from transmitting brucellosis to livestock.

Bison aren't tolerated much outside of the park's boundaries in Montana because of the risks that the disease brucellosis poses to cattle. To keep populations steady in the park, some members of the park's herds get removed every year through hunting, slaughter and a quarantine program.

There has never been a documented transmission of brucellosis from bison to livestock in the wild. Elk have spread the disease to livestock.

Wednesday's culling recommendations were announced as Yellowstone National Park works on expanding its Bison Conservation and Transfer Program — a concerted effort by the park, tribes, nonprofits and other partners to divert disease-free bison from slaughter.

Animals that are enrolled in the program enter a quarantine process where they are held in pens and tested repeatedly over a multi-year period. Those that continue to test negative get transferred to a quarantine facility on the Fort Peck Reservation, where a final phase of assurance testing occurs. Then the animals can be shipped to select tribes' cultural herds.

An expansion of quarantine facilities will increase the program's capacity significantly, diverting more bison away from slaughter, park staff say. The InterTribal Buffalo Council is a major partner in the project, and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and Yellowstone Forever raised a combined $500,000 to expand quarantine facilities this year. Construction is already underway.

Striking the right balance between expanding the quarantine program and preserving Tribal bison hunting opportunities was a major discussion point at Wednesday's meeting.

Quincy Ellenwood, representing the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee, raised concerns that expanding the quarantine program might put more red tape on hunting opportunities for tribes and he wished there was more consultation with tribes in the approval process.

Ervin Carlson, president of the InterTribal Buffalo Council, said using quarantine as an alternative to slaughter preserves the genetics of Yellowstone bison, which is critical for cultural herds across the country.

"As the (bison) population gets a little bit bigger every year, I can't help but think about how much the population of cattle increased," Ellenwood said. "I understand that you are looking out for a way of life, but that way of life radically changed my way of life …. Sixty million (bison) once roamed freely in North America."

Four Big Questions About Omicron

By David Leonhardt,
New York Times



Scientists around the world are racing to understand the Omicron variant, and there are some clearer signs than a week ago. Today's newsletter will try to answer four big questions about Omicron, with help from experts. The answers do come with a caveat: There is still a lot of uncertainty about almost every aspect of the variant. As scientists learn more, I'll continue to update you.

1. Contagiousness: Does Omicron spread faster than earlier variants? Yes, in all likelihood. The number of Covid cases is soaring in South Africa, for example. It's still possible that this will be a mirage — and that the world is confusing a more normal surge in cases with the effects of a new variant. (Surges do often happen for mysterious reasons.) But the evidence for faster spread of Omicron seems strong.

"The data out of South Africa suggest that the Omicron variant is spreading more quickly than Delta," Janet Baseman, an epidemiologist at the University of Washington, told me. Dr. Rebecca Wurtz of the University of Minnesota said, "Omicron is more contagious."

A bigger unknown is why it's spreading rapidly, and there are two plausible answers. The first is that Omicron is more contagious in a technical sense — that it spreads more rapidly among people with no immunity than earlier variants did. The second is known as immune evasion; it describes the notion that vaccinated people and those who were previously infected contract Omicron more often than they contracted earlier versions of the virus.

Both explanations could be true, and many scientists think they probably both are. But the facts are not clear, and one of the two explanations may turn out to be much more significant than the other. "Bottom line: Not much doubt that Omicron spreads faster than Delta; we're still not 100 percent sure why," Dr. Robert Wachter of the University of California, San Francisco, told me.

2. Severity: Is Omicron more severe than earlier variants? Probably not. But there is less consensus on this than the first question. Some scientists think it's simply too early to know whether the average person who contracts Omicron becomes sicker than the average person who contracted earlier versions of the Covid virus. "It's all speculation at this point," Dr. Paul Sax of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston told me.

Severe Covid illness often takes a week or more to develop, and the world has been aware of Omicron for less than two weeks. "We may just not have had enough time to see severe disease develop," Dr. Aaron Richterman of the University of Pennsylvania said. The initial studies of Omicron patients have also come disproportionately from South Africa, where the population skews young and many people were previously infected with Delta. Both groups are unlikely to get very sick.

"What is hard to assess right now," Jennifer Nuzzo of Johns Hopkins University said, "is how this will play out if or when older and more vulnerable people become infected."

But other scientists believe that the early signs are clearer and more positive. If anything, they say, Omicron may be milder than previous variants. Hospitalization and death rates in South Africa have not soared even as cases have. Intriguingly, patients are reporting less loss of taste and smell.

Dr. David Dowdy, another Johns Hopkins epidemiologist, told me that he happened to have a close research collaboration with scientists in Tshwane, a South African city at the epicenter of the outbreak. His colleagues there have told him that hospitalizations and oxygen demand are lower than during previous waves. "I think the signs are actually extremely optimistic," he said.

You'll hear some similar messages in these Bloomberg interviews with South African scientists. "It's early days, but I'm less panicked," said Richard Friedland, the chief executive of the country's largest network of private health care providers. "It feels different to me on the ground."

Either way, I think it's a mistake to assume that Omicron is more severe than earlier versions of the virus — as people often do when they hear about a new variant. "Thus far, the signals are a bit encouraging regarding the severity," Dr. Anthony Fauci said this weekend on CNN.

3. Risks to the vaccinated: So are vaccinated people protected or not? The answer depends on the meaning of "protected." Is it protected from any Covid infection — or from severe illness?

The evidence so far suggests that Omicron may be more likely to infect vaccinated people than earlier versions of the virus, as I mentioned above. Yet there is still no sign that Omicron will cause a significant share of vaccinated people to get severe versions of Covid.

"I do think vaccines will hold up, not so much for getting infections but for severe illness," Dr. Eric Topol of Scripps Research told me. Dowdy, of Johns Hopkins, put it this way: "Our immune systems are designed to protect us from getting sick, not from getting any infection whatsoever."

The situation may be similar for unvaccinated people who have had a prior infection — or they may be more vulnerable than the vaccinated to serious Covid. It's not clear.

One worrisome postscript is that even seemingly mild Covid infections can prove deadly for vulnerable people, like the elderly. The flu kills large numbers of elderly people for the same reason.

A second problem is that immunity among the vaccinated and previously infected really does seem to be waning over time. "Our effective vaccination rate is dropping" because of waning immunity, Topol noted.

All of this argues for getting vaccinated, even if you have been infected, and getting boosted, if you're eligible. "People need to be told to get boosted now and not wait the three to four months for a specific Omicron vaccine," Wachter said.

4. Tests: Do Covid tests — including both PCR tests and rapid at-home tests — still work? Yes, based on the signs so far. Assuming that remains true, it will be very helpful. "Omicron's spread will put a much greater premium on rapid testing, as will the new oral drugs," Wachter said.

COVID: How Bad is the Omicron Variant? Q&A on What New Research is Telling Us

By Lisa Krieger,
Bay Area News Group



Charles Chiu, MD, PhD, director of the UCSF-Abbott Viral Diagnostics and Discovery Center, inserts a tray of Universal Transport Medium (UTM) or vials for the collection, transport, maintenance and long term freeze storage of viruses into a Biomatrix sorter that the Chiu Lab will be using, to study the genes of the Coronavirus. (Denverpost Photo)

The new omicron variant is spreading fast. But research is beginning to catch up. An early case was detected in San Francisco and local scientists have quickly started growing the virus in high-security labs at UC San Francisco, UC Berkeley and Stanford. Using cell cultures, they'll soon learn how readily it transmits, whether it can dodge our defenses and outcompete delta. In mice, they'll study whether it produces illness that is severe or mild. "In one or two weeks, we will have a much clearer picture of what this variant is going to do to us," said Dr. Melanie Ott of UC San Francisco's Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology.

Meanwhile, South Africa studies have begun to offer a real-world glimpse of how much risk omicron poses. The extent to which omicron's sudden spread is caused by immune evasion or more contagiousness — or both — is yet unclear. But as the variant expands into 17 U.S. states and at least 45 nations worldwide, here's what we're learning:

Q: Is omicron more or less dangerous than delta? A: A new small study suggests that omicron may cause less severe illness than previous variants like delta. The best indicator of disease severity is the in-hospital death rate. A report this weekend identified 10 omicron-linked hospital deaths at two South African hospitals, representing about 6% of 166 COVID-related admissions. This compared to a 17% death rate at the hospitals among COVID-19 patients during previous waves of infections. However, this time it wasn't just elders who died; four of the deaths were in adults ages 26 to 36.

The same hospital said that the majority of COVID patients did not need extra oxygen, and far fewer were so sick that they were admitted to the ICU. Most discovered they were infected only after being admitted to the hospital for other health reasons. The average hospital stay was only 2.8 days, down from 8.5 days during infection with other variants. Some of these patients were unvaccinated, and there were some vaccinated admissions, as well.

Q: What's the latest guess about how infectious it is? A: In South Africa, about 3 to 3.5 new omicron infections are estimated to stem from a single case. In contrast, the reproductive rate of delta in South Africa and the U.S. was about 1.5. If omicron's reproductive rate continues at around 3, this indicates a much larger threat, in terms of case counts, than delta. The size of the wave depends on the susceptible population.

Q: Will omicron overtake delta? A: In South Africa, omicron has surpassed delta as the dominant strain. But delta was on the wane there, so omicron had an open field to run in. Omicron did not have to push delta out. What we don't know is how well omicron will compete in an environment that's 99.9% delta, such as California.

Q: If it outcompetes delta, and it's milder, isn't that good news? A: It would be great if omicron is always a mild virus. But we don't know that yet. It will take a month or so to learn the virulence of this variant, and whether it will replace delta.

Q: Will my previous infection protect me? A: Perhaps not. South African doctors are seeing an uptick in "reinfections" among people who tested positive for the virus at least 90 days earlier, suggesting that immunity acquired through natural infection may not be fully protective. Omicron is three times more likely to cause reinfection compared to delta, according to a Dec. 2 paper.

Q: Are vaccines protective against infection? A: We just don't know yet. In infected patients in one very small South African study, more than half were considered fully vaccinated, with two shots.

Q: How long will it take to design omicron-specific vaccines? A: Vaccine makers Pfizer and Moderna say they can get one ready within 100 days. Making a new mRNA vaccine will involve generating a new genetic sequence, based on omicron, and encapsulating it in a fatty substance such as a lipid. This past autumn, the vaccine companies have been doing dry runs, practicing all aspects of executing a strain change — the preclinical research, the manufacturing, the clinical testing and the regulatory submissions — so they are ready to respond quickly.

Q: Then will we have to wait for new clinical trials and FDA approval? A: The FDA told the Wall Street Journal that it is already in conversations about streamlining authorization for revamped vaccines. Agency officials have met with vaccine makers and are working to set guidelines for the type of data that will be needed to swiftly evaluate the safety and efficacy of changes to current vaccines.

Q: Should omicron change how we celebrate the holidays? A: It's probably best to avoid international travel. It's far better to fly domestically than take a "long haul" flight to Europe, Asia or Africa. And be careful about where you fly domestically. Don't fly into a hot zone.

Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Nez Perce Tribe is returning back to Stage 3 of Idaho Rebounds. With that being said, our Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Services (NPTVRS), is offering you the current update.

NPTVRS current reminders:

• Due to Covid-19 and its new variants, plus the winter moths being the common cold/flu season, our NPTVRS program is taking the necessary precautions and we want to make sure we protect everyone with proper health and safety protocols.
• NPTVRS will continue to provide services by walk-ins, scheduled appointments and phone calls. However, if you are feeling sick, please call or text us in advance to either complete a meeting over the phone or to reschedule your meeting.
• We still require that you have your temperature checked and wear your mask when entering our NPTVRS office.
• We are still providing gloves and masks for your appointment.
• We also offer an orientation of our NPTVRS program for anyone who thinks they are interested and qualifies for our program, including transition students who are Juniors and Seniors in high school.

NPTVRS news stories:

• During the month of November our NPTVRS staff had a great time networking with the Coeur D' Alene Tribe TVR program on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021. Our NPTVRS staff were privileged to spend time with Lovinia "Beanie" Alexander, and Debbie Jo Williams who are two counselors from the Coeur D' Alene TVR program. Our NPTVRS program is absolutely looking forward to traveling and visiting the Coeur D' Alene TVR program in person soon.
• Our NPTVRS program currently has five brand new CPU'S for our training center. The CPUs are installed with the newest tools of Microsoft office and we encourage those who are participants in the program to stop by and use them to develop resumes, letters and job applications.
• Our NPTVRS program also has openings for any eligible NPTVRS participant who is interested in completing their 16-week apprenticeship carpentry training at the TERO Vocational Training Center that's located in Tulalip, WA. If anyone who meets our NPTVRS qualifications and is interested in the 16-week apprenticeship, please feel free to contact us.
• Our NPTVRS program is still offering efficient assistance to those who qualify for our program with a diagnosed disability that want to sign up for labor work such as flagging, welding, truck driving, solar panels, the 9 pieces of equipment training, and much more within construction work. Our program also offers assistance in other work areas as well. For example, Massage Therapy and Vo-Tech school for those who are interested in that type of employment/workforce trainings. Another area of interest our program offers help in is medical coding and office support development skills through LCSC workforce trainings.
• We also keep close tabs on the recent job openings located within the Lewis-Clark Valley. The NPTVRS program encourages any participant who is currently enrolled in the program to stop by and we can help assist with employment opportunities.
• Our NPTVRS program is freshly into our new fiscal year while in the month of October, and our program seeks your recommendation on cultural activities that we can include for the new fiscal year moving forward.
• Our NPTVRS program also wants to thank our previous counselor Ethel Greene for her wonderful services over the past 3 years. We will absolutely miss her and we wish her well on her new endeavors.

NPTVRS contact info:

• Our new office location is at 271 B, St Lapwai, ID in the Nez Perce Tribe Education building. Please use the Voc. Rehab main entrance, which is located on the side of the building near the softball field.
• Our direct contact line is 208-843-9395 for any further assistance.
• You may also contact us via our NPTVRS Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Nez-Perce-Tribe-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Services-112076830710100. We consistently update our page with important and helpful information for the community, therefore swing on by and give our page a follow, we greatly appreciate the continued support.
• Our NPTVRS program also has our brand-new online Survey Monkey available for the community as well. Please follow the link at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3X6XVTX. We would really appreciate your feedback.
• Our NPTVRS program is also searching for a new NPTVRS specialist position. If you are interested in this employment, please feel free to reach our and contact us.
• Our NPTVRS office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and our staff will be happy to assist you.

TRIBAL RIGHTS EMPLOYMENT OFFICE NEWS

- **New TERO Clients**- fill out skills bank apt, need copies of tribal ID, SSC, DL, state ID, high school diploma, GED
- **TERO Clients-** update your skills bank apt for the 2022 year, add any work history, add your resume, add any certificates to your client file
- **Sign-in Sheet-** New/current TERO Clients need to be **calling** in weekly to sign in, you can **email** us to sign in, if you use **Facebook you can send TERO a message. Or you can stop by the office and sign in on the sheet by our front door**
- **Reminder**-All TERO Clients need to be signing in **WEEKLY** to be set out on upcoming projects. **TERO NEEDS TO HEAR FROM THE CLIENT IF THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR WORK**
- **CIB's**-please check in with the TERO office to make sure you are up to date with all your information. We need to hear from you if phone numbers/addresses/business names/employees or your close to being expired on your CIB application.

Upcoming Training

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To apply

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Amendments to the Nez Perce Tribal Code: Rules of Criminal Procedure

This notice is being posted November 2, 2021, according to the Nez Perce Tribal Code § 1-4-2
to request written comments for the following proposed amendments:
Proposed amendments to the Nez Perce Tribal Code,
TITLE 2 RULES OF PROCEDURES—
specifically, Chapter 2-1 (Rules of Criminal Procedure);

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Criminal Procedures. The Nez Perce Tribe received a CTAS grant to update and revise the Nez Perce Tribal Code. Much work has been done to reorganize and clarify different provisions of the Code. The proposed edits and amendments to Chapter 2-1 have been reviewed with the Law & Order Subcommittee during work sessions and is now ready for public comment. Criminal procedure deals with the set of rules governing the series of proceedings (stages of a criminal case) through which the government enforces substantive criminal law. Please reference the ATTACHED GUIDE during your review.

If you want to review the full version online, go to the Tribal Code webpage at https://nezperce.org/resources/tribal-code/.
Also, hard copies will be available at the NPTEC front office.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD:
The Law and Order & Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee will be accepting written comments on the proposed amendments and reorganization being applied to the Code. Please submit written comments by mail, e-mail, fax, or hand delivery to:

Shirley Allman, Chairman, Law & Order Subcommittee
P. O. Box 305, Lapwai, Idaho 83540
E-mail to nptec@nezperce.org • Fax to (208) 843-7354
Hand Deliver to the NPTEC offices in Lapwai.

The DEADLINE for receipt and consideration of such comments is
February 2, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

To see the full proposed amendment, visit:
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Proposed-amendments-to-Ch.-2-1.pdf
Review guide at:
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Review-Guide_.pdf
Review Chapter 2-1 CURRENT Rules of Criminal Procedure:
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Current-copy-of-Ch.-2-1.pdf

Amendments to the Nez Perce Tribal Code: Domestic Violence

This notice is being posted November 3, 2021, according to the Nez Perce Tribal Code § 1-4-2 to request written comments for the following proposed amendments: TITLE 7—specifically: CH. 7-1 TO 7-4 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Nez Perce Tribe received a CTAS grant to update and revise the Nez Perce Tribal Code. Much work has been done to reorganize and clarify different provisions of the Code. The updates and clarifications to Domestic Violence (Title 7) has been reviewed with the Law & Order Subcommittee during work sessions and is now ready for public comment. Please reference the ATTACHED GUIDE during your review. If you want to review the full version online, go to the Tribal Code webpage at https://nezperce.org/resources/tribal-code/. Also, hard copies will be available at the NPTEC front office.

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The DEADLINE for receipt and consideration of such comments is
February 3, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

To see the full proposed amendment, visit:
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Proposed-Amendments-to-Title-7-Ch.-7-1-to-7-4.pdf
Review guide at:
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Review-Guide.pdf
Review Chapter 2-1 CURRENT Rules of Criminal Procedure:
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Current-copy-of-Title-7-Ch.-7-1-to-7-4.pdf

FINAL NOTICE

To the loyal readers of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune, Thank you for your continued support of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune. While we understand there are several news sources available, we greatly appreciate that you choose to read our content. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there were two months in 2020 where we did not publish an issue. For this reason, it was decided to waive all subscription fees for 2021. Now that we are coming to the end of the year, subscribers can anticipate the arrival of subscription renewal notices, along with a few changes.

In light of everything over the last two years, we are experiencing an increase in printing and mailing costs. In an attempt to cut down on paper waste and cover these increased printing costs, the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune will begin collecting an annual subscription fee from all subscribers with the exception of hard copies remaining free of charge for enrolled Nez Perce elders 65 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 just $40 per year.

This letter is effective as of 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 that date, 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. Online fillable subscription forms can be found at:
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Subscription-Form-Printable-Hard-Copy-FINAL-2022.pdf

To subscribe to the online version at no cost:
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Call: Nez Perce Tribe Communications at 208-621-4808

If you should have any questions, please contact Chantal C. Ellenwood at chantale@nezperce.org, 208-621-4807

Hard Copy Purchase Options:
By card: Call the Nez Perce Tribe's Finance Department at 208-621-3838.
In person: Visit Nez Perce Tribe Communications (located in the Executive Direction office), at 120 Bever Grade Rd, Lapwai, ID 83540.
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Lapwai, ID 83540

Additional resources:
View archives and the latest Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune publications: https://nptweekly.org/nimiipuu-tribal-tribune
Dont forget to "Like" Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune on Facebook:
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Lapwai Boys & Girls Club Announcement

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Nez Perce Tribe
2021 Youth of the Month
December

The following Boys & Girls Clubs members were selected as our "Youth of the Month" in the individual program areas. These youth consistently show positive role model qualities and great club leadership abilities. They always do extra to help make the Boys & Girls Clubs "The Positive Place for Kids"! Thanks to Lapwai Valley Foods for sponsoring our Lapwai Youth of the Month program.

Youth of the Month for the Different Program Areas are:

Service: Nicqoi Everett

Leadership: Justin Rickman

Gamesroom: Tiana Wheeler

Athlete: Tyrone White Temple

Education/Computers: Heetawin Sobotta

Arts & Crafts: Timana Littlefish

Teen Center: Sicily Treetop

Staff: Natasha Calkins

The staff at the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Nez Perce Tribe wanted to give praise to the Teens and Keystone Program here at the Club. Earlier this year the Keystone Club decided to do a community service project to give the club kids a Thanksgiving meal during the Holiday week. The teen members worked on making flyers to let the community know that they could donate food for their great cause. The members also did a spectacular job making and serving the Thanksgiving meal to the kids Wednesday, November, 24th.



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
Email form:
enrollment@nezperce.org
Mail form:
Nez Perce Tribe
Attn: Enrollment Office
P.O.Box 305
Lapwai, Idaho 83540
Contact:
Phone:(208)621-3678
Fax: (208) 843-7354

The Giving Tree 2021

The 2021 Giving Tree is 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.

Nez Perce National Historical Park

Nez Perce National Historical Park will host two movie matinees in December that were filmed in the area and use local natives. Breakheart Pass will be shown on Saturday, December 11 and Pillars of the Sky will show on Saturday, December 18. Show times for both films will be at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM in the visitor center auditorium. These events are free, and seating is limited to 40 people.

Breakheart Pass is a fast-paced western set in the frontier era. The movie takes place on a train moving through the Camas Prairie highlighting the trestle bridges that cross the canyons. Charles Bronson plays a prisoner fighting for his life and the lives of everyone else on the train. The movie was made in 1975 and is 1 hour and 35 minutes long.

Pillars of the Sky is a western filmed on the Palouse. After getting settled on the reservation, Native Americans move to battle when the cavalry build a bridge and intend to open a road across the reservation. Filmed in 1956 and directed by George Marshall.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the visitor center auditorium capacity will be kept to a maximum of 40 people. Masks are required in the building.

Toys for Tots

Corey Greene's Toys for Tots Senior Project

Christmas is a time of giving, my LHS Senior Project creates an opportunity for all of us to give back to those in need.

Christmas gifts are for Lapwai students K-8th grade.

I invite you to pick up a Christmas ornament at the Páyniwaas Community Center.

Ornaments are strung behind the Christmas tree.
Each ornament consists of: "girl" or "boy" and grade.
Gifts can dropped off at the Páyniwaas office.

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.

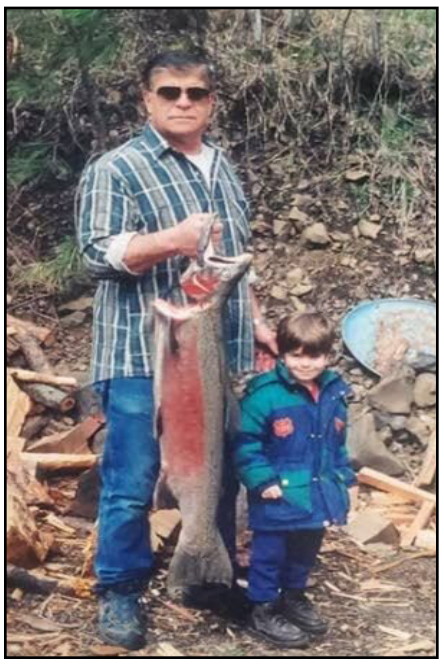
Vaccinated and Unvaccinated individuals: If you have had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19, you need to test. If you have been asked or referred to get tested by a healthcare provider, or state, tribal, local external, 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.

Kenneth Jones Sr., 85, Pullman, WA



Kenneth Jones Sr., age 85, passed away Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at the loving community of Bishops Senior Living Place from natural causes.

He was born Jan. 30, 1936, in Lapwai to John Jones and Amelia Tellier. He was always the hardest worker known, starting on the railroad after the eighth grade. At his 18th year, he joined the U.S. Navy and served for four years, which included the Korean War. From there he wore multiple hats, from being an electrician to a plumber, serving on the Nez Perce counsel and much more. Ken always fought hard for protecting what he loved the most, which is the great outdoors and Native American rights with the Nez Perce tribe. There was never a missed opportunity for him to make many memories hunting or fishing with family members.

He is survived by his sons, Kenneth Jr. and Robert "Bob," and daughters, Tracy, Cara, Rita, Cindy, Crystal and Tiffany.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 at Fosters Funeral Home, 216 Project Drive, St. Ignatius, Mont., 59865. Wake continues at St. Ignatius community center with rosary at 8 p.m. Friday night. Closing will take place starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. The Honor Guard will be present at the service along with the 7 Drums Native American drumming at closing.



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Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees Kamiah 208-935-2888, Fax 935-2882
Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees Lapwai 208-843-7330, Fax 843-7383
McCall Fisheries Field Office 208-634-5290
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Nez Perce County Dispatch 208-799-3131
Nez Perce Express 208-746-6225
Nez Perce Tribal Hatchery 208-621-3508
Nez Perce Tribe National Historical Park 208-843-7001, Fax 843-7003
Nimiipuu Community Development Fund 208-621-3729, Fax 621-3748
Nimiipuu Health Kamiah 208-935-0733, Fax 935-1005
Nimiipuu Health Lapwai 208-843-2253
NMPH Community Health 208-843-9375
NMPH Behavioral Health 208-843-7244
NMPH Human Resources 208-621-4950
NMPH Optometry 208-621-4965
NMPH Patient Advocate 208-621-5009
NMPH Pharmacy 208-621-4963
NPT Housing Kamiah 208-935-2144, Fax 935-5167
NPT Housing Lapwai 208-843-2229, Fax 843-2973
NPT Transportation Program 208-621-3682
NPTEC 208-843-7342 Fax 843-7354
NPTEC Support Staff 843-2253 Fax 843-7354
Office of Legal Council 208-843-7355, Fax 843-7377
Orofino Fisheries Field Office 208-476-7417
Páyniwaas Café 208-790-6358
Páyniwaas Center 208-843-7360, Fax 843-7354
Probation 208-621-3518
Production Division 208-621-4634, Fax 208-843-2351
Prosecutor 208-843-7361, Fax 843-5083
Qemes Cafe (Kamiah) 208-935-7873
Red Wolf Golf Club 509-758-2547
Research Division 208-621-3556
Senior Citizens 208-843-7311, Fax 843-7410
Social Services 208-843-2463, Fax 843-7364
Students For Success Kamiah 208-935-4109, Fax 935-4120
Students For Success Lapwai 208-843-7303, Fax 843-7387
TANF 208-843-2464, Fax 843-7137
TERO Kamiah 208-935-4703, Fax 935-4120
TERO Lapwai 208-843-7363, Fax 843-7365
Tewéepuu Center 208-476-7407, Fax 476-5578
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Tribal Police Law Enforcement Lapwai 208-843-7141, Fax 843-5337
U of I Extension 208-791-4087
Úuyit Kimti (New Beginnings) 208-621-4778
Veterans Program 208-621-4738
Vocational Rehabilitation Kamiah 208-621-4817, Fax 935-0540
Vocational Rehabilitation Lapwai 208-843-9395, Fax 843-9396
Water Resources 208-843-7368, Fax 843-7371
Watershed Division 208-621-3525, Fax 843-9192
Wéeyes Center 208-935-2525, Fax 935-4100
Wildlife-Lapwai 208-843-2162, Fax 843-2427
Wireless Department 208-621-3590
Zims Hot Springs 208-347-2686

Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—Dec. 2021

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- Respect and take care of the earth.

KEEP CALM AND RECYCLE

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

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Good News for the End of the Year—

Office Paper (OP) Recycling is Back !!

See Jon during office collections to get your office signed up for OP recycling bags. We can take white office paper in the white bags and magazines, catalogs, newspaper and colored paper in the green bags! NO CHIPBOARD (lightweight carboard).

Mixed Paper

GREEN BAG —->

-colored paper
-magazines
-catalogs
-newspaper

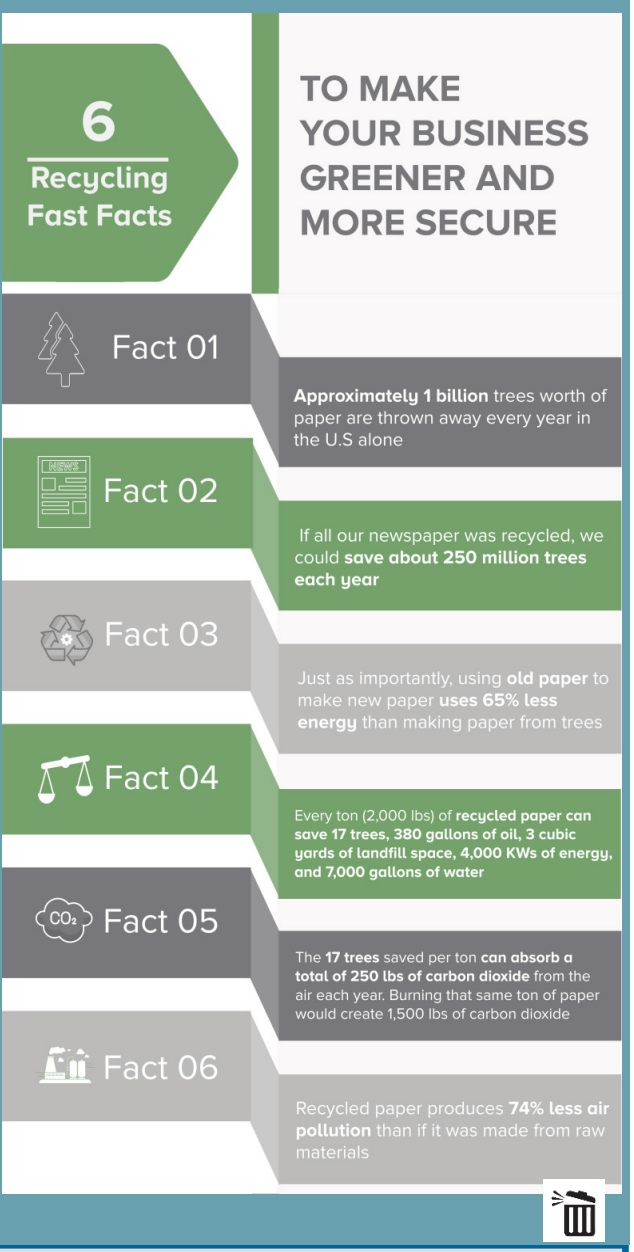


Office Paper

WHITE BAG <—-

- white paper only

“Talkin’ Trash”



In the Spotlight

Let’s Set the Record Straight— Pizza Boxes are Recyclable!



Simply remove leftover pizza and place the box in the recycling bin. About 3 billion pizza boxes are used in the U.S. each year – that’s about 600,000 tons of cardboard that could be collected for recycling.



Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling

December 2, 16 & 30

Páyniwaas Parking Lot , 11 am—1 pm

Office Collections

December 9 & 23

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