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Lapwai Girls Win District Tournament; On to State as First Seed

The Wildcats faced the Knights of Moscow in the Idaho Class 1A Division I district tournament opening game. Sayq’is Greene registered 17 points, while Jordyn McCormack-Marks added another 15, and Soa Moliga notched 14 for a 67-37 blowout.

Next, Lapwai met Clearwater Valley in a semifinal-round matchup, where the Wildcats were within reach of their ninth consecutive girls basketball district title. Lapwai defeated the Rams 60-24 and held the visiting Rams to single-digit point outputs in all four quarters while nine Wildcats contributed to points on the board.

Greene totaled a team-high 16 points for Lapwai, while Moliga and Samara Smith each scored eight. Grace Sobotta provided six points of her own and nine assists.

At the Lewiston High School, Lapwai faced their familiar foe, the Prairie Pirates in the district finale.

Lapwai and Prairie might have split their regular-season meetings, but the postseason is where the Wildcat girls shine the brightest.

The Wildcats (18-3) and Pirates (16-4) each won on their home courts during the regular season, but Lapwai never trailed in the championship game. The Lewiston gymnasium was rocking with cheers and warhoops.



Lapwai’s Sayq’is Greene lifts the trophy high as the team celebrates their 67-51 victory over Prairie in the 1ADI district title game. (Lewiston Tribune Photo)

Lapwai started the game absolutely on fire with quick 3-pointers by Greene, Sobotta, Smith and Lauren Gould. The Wildcats hit five 3s from outside and took a 21-14 lead early in the first quarter. Lapwai continued to extend their lead and was up by 14 at the half.

Prairie never gave up and certainly had no intentions to hand Lapwai the district title. The Pirates attempted to battle and work the ball into the paint but were unable to come within reach of the Wildcats lead. Lapwai continued to knock down their 3s and caused several turnovers for their frustrated opponents, which led to fast-break points for the Wildcats.

The chaotic atmosphere and Lapwai’s tough defense knocked Prairie out of rhythm in the second half as Lapwai was no stranger to the big stage. The Wildcats won their ninth consecutive Whitepine League Division I championship, storming past the Pirates, 67-51. The game was both thrilling and well played for the team and Lapwai fans alike.

McCormack-Marks and Sobotta each had 15 points, while Greene added 13 for the Wildcats.

The Lapwai girls have won a state trophy in each of the previous fifteen seasons and currently hold the most girls basketball state titles in Idaho history, with ten in any sports classification.

Lapwai claimed their ninth straight Idaho District Basketball Championship and have qualified for their 22nd straight trip to the Idaho State Tournament, the longest active streak in Idaho girls basketball. Lapwai finished as the Max Preps No. 1 ranked Class 1ADI team in Idaho, and have earned the top seed in the Idaho State Tournament.

Both schools will advance to State with solid seeds, Lapwai as No. 1 seed and Prairie the No. 3 seed when the tournament tips off Thursday at noon, at the Columbia High School in Nampa, against Liberty Charter.

District Championship Records:
LAPWAI (18-3)
Grace Sobotta 5 0-0 15, Jordyn McCormack-Marks 7 0-1 15, Ama George 0 0-0 0, Soa Moliga 1 1-1 3, Lauren Gould 1 1-2 6, Jayden Leighton 0 0-0 0, Kahlees Young 0 2-4 2, Qubilah Mitchell 3 0-0 6, Amaris Mitchell 0 0-0 0, Samara Smith 2 2-4 7, Sayq’is Greene 4 3-6 13. Totals 24 9-18 67.
PRAIRIE-COTTONWOOD (16-4)
Lexi Schumacher 0 0-0 0, Kristin Wemhoff 4 4-6 12, Olivia Klapprich 0 0-0 0, Delanie Lockett 1 0-0 2, Ali Rehder 0 4-4 4, Josie Remacle 1 2-2 4, Tara Schlader 7 7-10 22, Laney Forsmann 3 0-0 7. Totals 16 17-22 51.
Lapwai 21 16 14 16—67
Prairie 14 9 12 16—51
3-point goals — Sabotta 5, Greene 2, McCormack-Marks, Smith, Gould, Forsmann.

Publisher's Post

This year's celebration of Black History Month approaches after recent major injustices. Americans remain bitterly divided as deep-seated fears and hatreds become apparently visible to the masses. The problem of race sits at the heart of it all and we are bearing witness to the social injustice that continues to cast a dark cloud over this nation.

Black History Month has always sought to achieve two things simultaneously: strengthen and support African Americans, and offer an invitation for others to learn and embrace this population that has significantly contributed and added value to this Nation.

Black history is American history yet, just as with Tribal Nations, details of the past are withheld and/or modified to paint a "less disturbing" picture. School boards are banning books that they say make children feel uncomfortable or introduce values that conflict their view of decency. Some states have passed laws that restrict how teachers can talk about the history of racism in their classrooms. Access to the ballot box is again being impacted. Erasure is returning in many fronts. That means, the historical truths of African American lives and sacrifices are under threat now, more than ever. History can be rewritten just by not speaking it.



Art by Sarah Ayaqi Whalen-Lunn @inkstitcher on IG

Some Americans demand for a national history that validates the country's greatness and virtue. They want a history that confirms their innocence and makes for a pleasant read. There seems to be a belief that Black history and Indigenous history, darkens their refined version of conception. The real misconception here is that you can change history, but the history is already written. Modification of the events that have already occurred is not possible. Horrendous acts happened, and sadly continue to happen.

To build a great and virtuous Nation, we do not keep the skeletons in the closet. We pull them out and say this happened, it was wrong, how can we be/do better?

Black History Month matters more than the current national malaise. We must tell the true American story and remember the journey of African Americans in this country. We still need to recognize and speak the names of those leaders and advocates that fought for what we have today. We must always recognize and pay tribute to the creations and labor of those that wanted to better our lives. We must be willing to be the student and accept that we don't, and can't, know everything however the opportunity is always here to learn and better ourselves.

We have to wake up and keep telling the stories, continue listening to the elders, record conversations, write them down; because one day those opportunities will be gone and the only lasting history could be what we last remember hearing.

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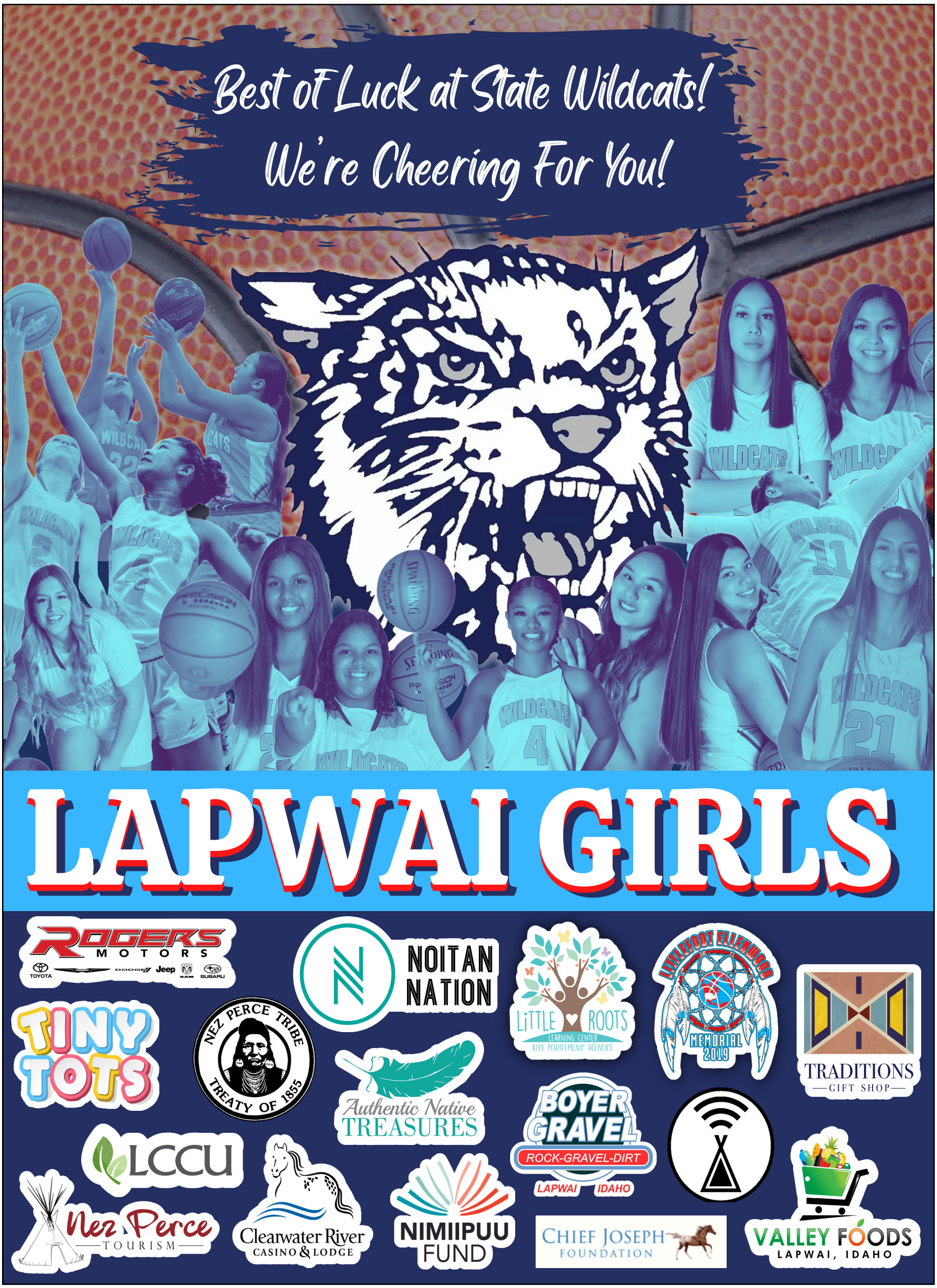
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Registration Opens for LC State Women's Leadership Conference

Lewiston, Idaho – Registration is now open for the 5th annual Lewis-Clark State College Women's Leadership Conference, which will take place virtually on March 4, 2022.

The conference, which runs 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. has the theme "Celebrating 50 Years of Title IX: Where We've Been and Where We're Going." The conference is open to all individuals, regardless of sex.

The conference features speakers and breakout sessions throughout the morning, along with its annual awards. Registration for the conference is free for all students (K-12 and higher education) and $20 for everyone else. Students will need to email Amy Canfield, a history professor in the LC State Social Sciences Division, at aecanfield@lcsc.edu to receive their free registration while all others can register online.

This year's conference is centered on how changes in society and law have provided women new opportunities in leadership, career and their lives in general. The conference will look at how women have responded to increased leadership responsibilities and how changes in education have shifted expectations and removed some barriers.

The keynote speaker for the event is Erin Agidius, who is the director of the Office of Civil Rights and Investigations at the University of Idaho. She will discuss the practice nature of Title IX legislation and how it has provided women opportunities. She will also discuss how schools have or have not implemented gender-equity in education and sport.

The opening speaker for the event is Dr. D'Lisa Penney, the principal at Lapwai Middle/Senior High School. She will discuss her experiences as a K-12 administrator and teacher on how leadership opportunities play out for girls in middle school and high school. Her talk will center on how education, specifically gender equity in education, has given her female students the tools they need to become empowered and what new lessons we can learn from this generation.

The closing speaker is Aida Rezaeik, research and development lead engineer for Danfoss Turbocor. She is from Tehran, Iran, and will discuss, from a global perspective, her experiences in Iran and earning her doctorate in mechanical engineering without a law like Title IX to help with gender inequities in education.

There will be breakout sessions during the event, including one called "13 Things Mentally Strong Women Don't Do: Own Your Power, Channel Your Confidence, and Find Your Authentic Voice for Meaning and Joy," a book by Amy Morin. Those planning to participate in that book club-type breakout session are asked to read the book prior to the conference. Other breakout sessions include Laughter Yoga, perform at your full potential and feed your soul, intentional leadership in our natural ecosystem, self-care and mindful self-compassion, Title IX Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, and 100-plus women who care at the confluence.

Nominations for the three awards remain open through February 14, 2022. The award categories include an LC State staff/faculty member, a community member, and a Rising Women's Leadership Award given to an LC State student who is a role model to fellow students. The three winners will be announced during the conference.

For LC State campus nominations, in addition to the above mentioned criteria, the nomination must address how the nominee demonstrates a commitment to the mission of Lewis-Clark State College and higher education.

Nominations should be emailed to Canfield. A committee will review the nominations and choose the winners.

<u>The nominations should reflect someone who:</u>

- Exemplifies leadership in their field of expertise
- Serves as a role model and mentors
- Is respected by their peers
- Gives back to the community or their profession through their time and talent
- Advocates for positive change to help close the leadership gap and create a more equitable society for all





LC State Schedules Events for Black History Experience in February



Lewiston, Idaho – A variety of events including discussions, film reviews and yoga are scheduled as part of the activities during Black History Experience in February at Lewis-Clark State College.

All events are sponsored by the college's Humanities Division and are free and open to the public. The college's COVID-19 protocols will be followed for all in-person events. Face coverings are required indoors. This and other protocols may be found on the college's Coronavirus Resource Page.

The online events will be streamed on the Humanities Division's YouTube page.

Dianne Bondy, a celebrated yoga teacher, author and activist, will kick off events with an online discussion about "The Path to Equity, Wellness & Action" on Feb. 3 at 4:30 p.m. She is a master yoga teacher and the author of the international best selling book "Yoga for Everyone." She also will discuss "Yoga for All" at noon on Feb. 4 both online and at the Center for Teaching & Learning in the LC State library.

The film "Good Hair" will be shown on Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Teleconference Communications Classroom (TCC) in the LC State library. LC State senior Jada Wyms will serve as the host and discussion moderator. There will be door prizes for LC State students. Good Hair is a 2009 documentary film starring and narrated by comedian Chris Rock. The film focuses on the issue of how African-American women have perceived their har and historically styled it.

LC State alum Mikailah Thompson will discuss "Reclamation & Representation in Rural Communities" online on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Thompson is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe and graduated from LC State in May 2020 with a degree in business and communication and minors in Nez Perce Language, Leadership, and Marketing. She currently resides in Alexandria, Va., where she is the owner of Beadwork by Mikailah and co-hosts the podcast "Quantum Theory."

A showing and discussion of the film "The Girls in the Band" is set for Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in TCC room in the LC State library. The 2011 documentary film looks at the untold stories of female jazz and big band instrumentalists, and their journeys from the late 1930s to present day.

Programming for Black History Month is made possible by the Rosehill Estate and the LC State Humanities Division.

For more information on the college's Black History Experience, contact the Humanities Division at humanities@lcsc.edu, Marlow Daly-Galeano at hmdalygaleano@lcsc.edu, Sarah Graham at sjgraham@lcsc.edu, or Amy Minervini at alminervini@lcsc.edu. Daly-Galeano, Graham and Minervini are all on the faculty for the Humanities Division.

LC State Launches New Cybersecurity Management Degree

With the Idaho State Board of Education's recent approval, Lewis-Clark State College will begin offering a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity management, starting in the fall 2022 semester.

The college already offers a 10-credit certificate in cybersecurity.

According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) report from October last year, the demand for cybersecurity jobs will grow by as much as 31 percent over the next decade, which is much higher than the average expected growth for all occupations. The median pay for an information security analyst in 2020 was a little more than $100,000 a year, according to the BLS.

The degree and certificate will be available fully online and uses a combination of computer programming, business management and cybersecurity classes. The degree focuses on industry needs and skills, while preparing students for high-demand careers in the field.

Students will learn a variety of concepts dealing with cybersecurity, including the basics of the computer side of security, business laws, and human relations. Students will see how those areas work together to create a secure, safe, and legal computer environment in today's business world.

Students are able to use the Security Operations Center (SOC) on the LC State campus to apply their knowledge. There are two SOCs for students to use, including one on main campus and one at the Schweitzer Career & Technical Education Center. LC State's SOCs are connected through the IRON network to SOCs at each of the eight Idaho institutions of higher education as well as the Idaho National Laboratory.

Students can complete the entire degree at LC State or they can enter the program for the final two years with an existing associate degree in cybersecurity or a closely related field, such as information assurance, networking or information technology. The degree path is also available to transfer students from two-year colleges that LC State has articulation agreements with.

The program will be part of the offerings from the Business & Computer Science Division at LC State.

For more information on the program, visit its website or email business@lcsc.edu.



Lapwai Honors 11 on Senior Night; Awards Announced at Half Time



February 4, 2022- The undefeated Wildcats recognized eleven seniors on Senior Night in Lapwai against the Genesee Bulldogs.

Titus Yearout, Kross Taylor, AJ Ellenwood, Lydell Mitchell, Simon Henry, Christian Brown, Jonathan Broncheau, Timothy VanWoerkom, Armani Bisbee, Arreis Bisbee, and the late Michael Anthony Bisbee III., also known as BB.

A heartfelt recognition for the seniors was held before the varsity game. Lapwai came out explosive and scored on their every possession of the entire first quarter, missing only one basket that was followed with a tip in by Ellenwood.

Jaci McCormack and Ruthie Bolton of the Rise Above organization presented multiple awards at halftime. Lapwai Coach Zachary Eastman was nominated for Coach of the Year, Yearout was named Player of the Year, Ellenwood was given the High Character Award, and the Wildcat boys basketball team was named Team of the Year.

Lapwai beat Genesee 93-34, and advanced to 19-0 overall and 13-0 in league.

LAPWAI (19-0, 13-0) Terrell Ellenwood-Jones 0 0-0 0, Titus Yearout 10 2-2 24, Kross Taylor 11 1-1 28, AJ Ellenwood 4 0-0 9, Kase Wynott 2 0-0 4, Simon Henry 1 1-4 3, Chris Brown 3 1-1 7, Lydell Mitchell 5 0-0 12, Tim VanWoerkom 1 0-0 3, Jonathan Broncheau 1 0-0 3. Totals 38 5-8 93.

GENESEE (4-11 2-11) Cameron Meyer 3 0-0 9, Derek Zenner 2 0-0 5, Sam Stewart 0 0-0 0, Jacob Krick 0 0-0 0, Jack Johnson 5 0-0 10, Derek Burt 3 0-0 6, S. Vestel 1 0-0 2, J. Ketcheson 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 0-0 34. Genesee 4 8 11 11—34 Lapwai 32 21 27 13—93 3-point goals — Meyer 3, Zenner, Taylor 5, Yearout 2, Mitchell 2, Ellenwood, VanWoerkom, Broncheau.



Wheeler Signs with University of Montana Western

By Andrew Ottoson,
Clearwater Progress

KAMIAH, ID- Kamiah's Kendrick Wheeler bounced back from injury to start at quarterback for the football Kubs last fall, and he took another big step forward on February 9, 2022 when he signed to play football on scholarship to University of Montana Western. His high school head coach, Nels Kludt, told a crowd of gathered Kubs and Wheeler family members that UMW is about to find out how good a person and player those around Kamiah know him to be.

"It's a four year college, and I can't wait," Wheeler said. He pencils as a defensive back or outside linebacker. "I'll red-shirt my freshman year and put on the weight and help my knee get stronger."

He said he plans to study environmental science, fisheries and wildlife, "because I heard they have got pretty good wildlife classes over there, and good professors. So it seems like a good place for me. There's a bunch of tribal fisheries opportunities, and I had an internship for that my sophomore year. I just fell in love with it, and I want to have that as my future career. I think it's awesome."



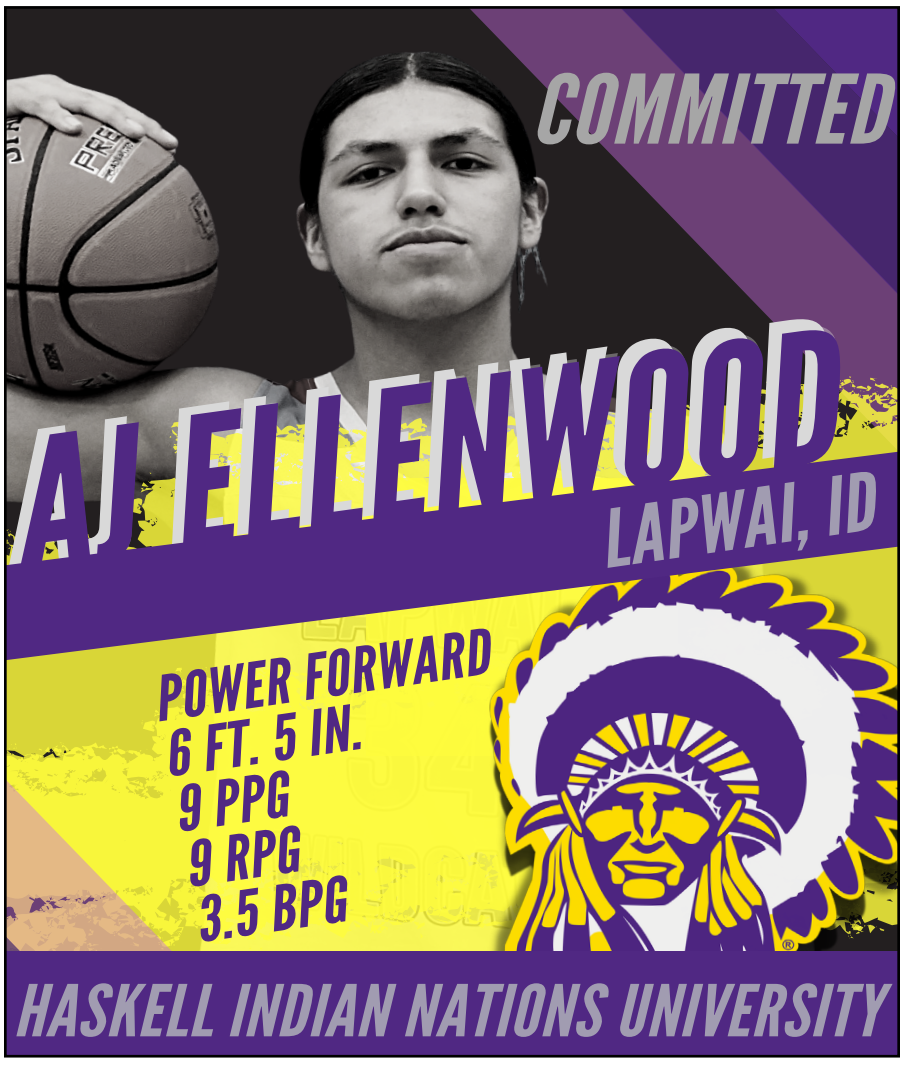
Wheeler talked about the family and coaches who helped him along the way, saying, "First of all, my mom has helped me since the beginning from transferring out from my old school, Lapwai, to Kamiah. ... I just wanted to come back here and finish the last two years out here. The coaches helped me understand the game more and helped me prepare for going on the next level. I also want to thank my family members who helped me back when I was a little kid. They taught me how to keep my responsibilities and be respectful."

He said one of his proudest high school football moments was returning to the starting quarterback position against Potlatch. "After not playing the whole season, I finally got to start at quarterback again and just being out there playing with my teammates was awesome."

He also touted the broader Kamiah community.

"I just want to thank the community of Kamiah for always pushing me to be the good student and good athlete, and to go to college. The school here is fantastic. The program here really helped me improve," he added. "It really helped me as a person."





NOAA Announces New Members of the Agency's Leadership Team

By Scott Smullen,
noaa.gov



Zachary Penney, Ph.D. serves as a Senior Advisor to the NOAA Administrator, with a focus on NOAA Fisheries and tribal engagement. (Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Photo).

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has announced key members of the agency's leadership who will work to tackle climate change, promote equity throughout the agency, build up the coastal economy, develop a new generation of environmental satellites, manage ocean fisheries and endangered wildlife and improve public resilience to extreme weather and climate events.

"Extraordinary times call for exceptional people, and this team is who we need to advance climate science, grow the blue economy and build a climate-ready nation," said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad, Ph.D. "This team knows how to combine their expertise in environmental science and policy with a commitment to scientific integrity, inclusion and equity as we work together to ensure science informs the important decisions being made from the individual to global level."

NOAA's political appointees to date are the most diverse in the agency's history, with 50% identifying as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous or people of color) and 85% as women. The appointees are listed below in alphabetical order:

Lori Arguelles serves as the Director of Strategic Communications where she oversees external affairs, media relations, and strategic communication. She previously held this position for NOAA during the Clinton Administration from 1994 to 1999. Lori brings decades of nonprofit leadership experience to the team having served as Founding President and CEO of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, President and CEO of the Alice Ferguson Foundation for Environmental Education, Director of Policy Engagement for COMPASS Science Communications, Director of Corporate Communications for Girl Scouts of the USA, and Director of Communications for Sojourners. She began her career as a radio journalist and also served as a press secretary on Capitol Hill. Lori earned her B.A. in broadcast journalism and political science from Northern Arizona University and her M.A. in public communication from American University.

Perry Finney Brody serves as a Senior Advisor to the NOAA Administrator, with a focus on satellites and space policy issues. Prior to joining NOAA, Perry worked on Capitol Hill for 26 years, serving as a Chief of Staff for almost two decades and handling national security, space and science portfolios. Most recently, she served as Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel to Congressman Filemon Vela, where she led his efforts to foster the growing commercial space industry in South Texas. Before those roles, Perry began her government service in legislative affairs at NOAA, focusing on the National Weather Service and the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, as well as the Department of Commerce's then Office of Space Commercialization. Perry is from Birmingham, Alabama, and earned both her J.D. and B.A. in Communications from Vanderbilt University.

Vankita Brown, Ph.D. joins the Office of the Under Secretary on a detail from the National Weather Service (NWS) and serves as a Senior Advisor for Equity. Vankita is responsible for providing strategic advice and direction to enable NOAA to align, integrate and extend its diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility efforts. Vankita was responsible for leading the societal impacts component of NWS Service Assessments, and providing advice on evaluation approaches and methods for NWS products and services. Her research focuses on risk communication to vulnerable populations, specifically examining cultural nuances that influence perception and behavioral response to weather events. She currently co-chairs the NOAA Diversity and Inclusion Management Advisory Council, and the Diversity and Professional Advancement Working Group. Vankita is a research fellow with the Center for Advanced Public Safety at the University of Alabama. She has a Ph.D. in Mass Communication and Media Studies from Howard University, an M.S. in Media Communication from Webster University and a B.S. in Mass Communication from Southern Illinois University.

Miro Korenha serves as a Senior Advisor and Speechwriter to the NOAA Administrator. She most recently served as the co-founder/publisher of the environmental media company Our Daily Planet, produc-

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ing a daily morning email that was widely read by policymakers, NGO leaders and industry groups. Miro began her career working at the World Resources Institute's corporate partnerships division, before joining the Pew Charitable Trusts' newly formed Philanthropic Partnership Group. From there she worked at American Chemistry Council, where she helped shape the direction of their Value Chain Outreach division to better engage consumers and downstream partners on the sustainability benefits of chemistry. Miro received her bachelor's degree in Economics from U.C. Santa Barbara.

Kelly Kryc, Ph.D. serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries and also as NOAA's lead on Arctic policy. Kelly was most recently a senior fellow for energy and environment at the Center for American Progress and director of ocean policy at the New England Aquarium in Boston. Kelly has more than two decades of experience working at the interface of science and policy including former roles with the Senate Committee for Energy and Natural Resources, the U.S. Department of State, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the U.S. Department of the Interior. Kelly holds a Ph.D. in earth science from Boston University, an M.S. in Oceanography from the University of Rhode Island and a B.S. in geology and as an independent scholar in marine science from Middlebury College.

Shali Mohleji, Ph.D. serves as a Senior Advisor to the NOAA Administrator, with a focus on the National Weather Service and disasters, including the climate resilience interagency working groups on drought, wildfire and extreme heat. Most recently, she served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy focusing on AI resources, climate services and the S&T workforce of the future. She served as a senior advisor under NOAA Administrator Kathy Sullivan during the Obama Administration and then went on to IBM where she led on AI and data sharing policy as well as tech responsibility. Shali holds a B.A. in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia, an M.S. degree in Atmospheric Sciences from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research at the University of Colorado.

Makeda Okolo serves as the Director of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs (OLIA). Makeda has previously served in senior positions in OLIA, NOAA's National Ocean Service, NOAA's Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for Operations and most recently was on detail to the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Before joining NOAA, she spent 11 years on Capitol Hill in the Office of Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen (VI). Makeda is from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and holds a B.A. in Environmental Studies from American University and a dual M.S./M.P.P. (in Conservation Biology/Sustainable Development and Environmental Policy) from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Zachary Penney, Ph.D. serves as a Senior Advisor to the NOAA Administrator, with a focus on NOAA Fisheries and tribal engagement. Zach joins NOAA from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in Portland, Oregon, where he served as Fishery Science Department Manager. Zach is Nimiipuu, a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, and has devoted his professional career to supporting tribal fisheries and treaty rights in the Columbia River basin and elsewhere. Prior to Zach's role at Commission, he served as a legislative fellow for Representative Jared Huffman (CA-2). Zach holds a Ph.D. in Natural Resources from the University of Idaho, an M.S. in Earth and Ocean Sciences from the University of Victoria and a B.S. in Fisheries from Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska.

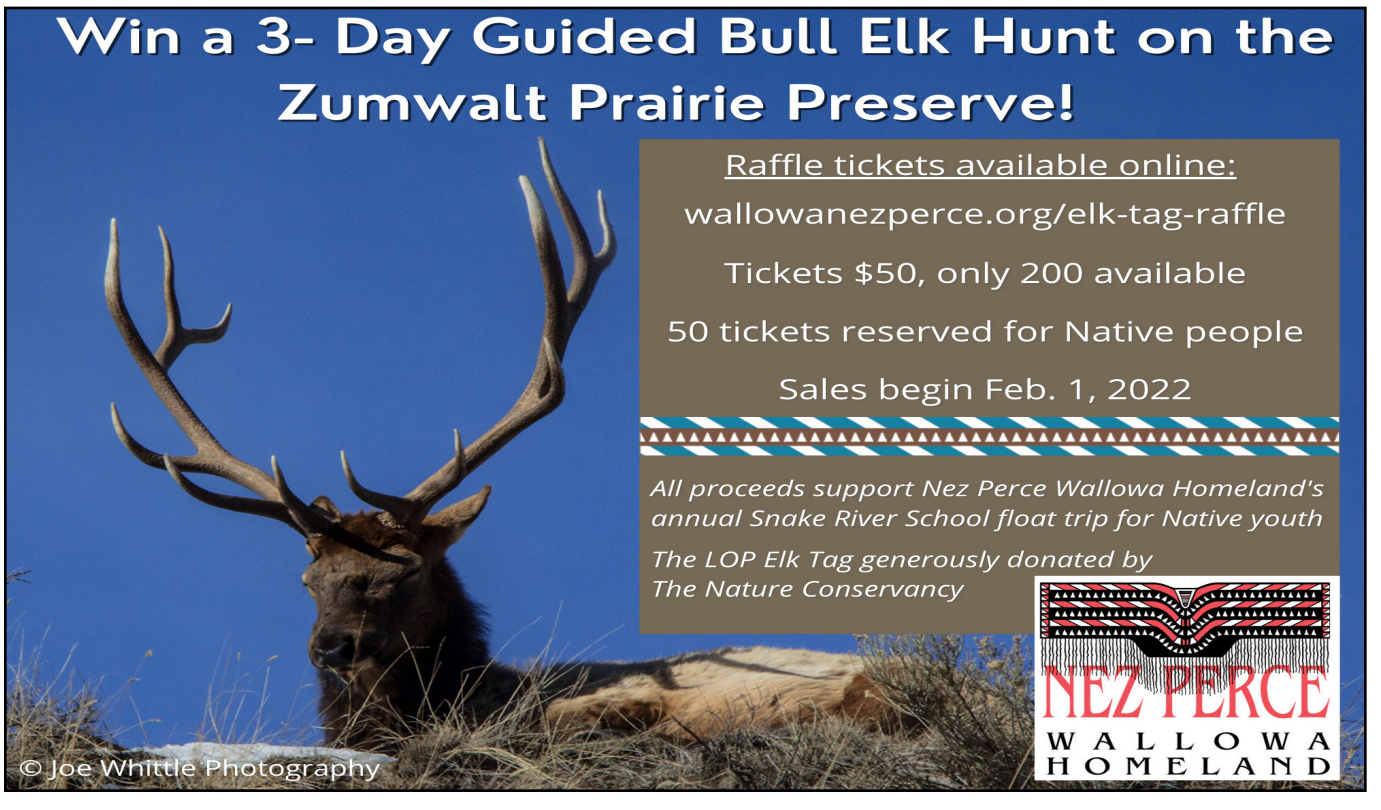
Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland Recipient of Zumwalt Prairie Hunting Tag Donation

The Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland (NPWH) is pleased to announce that they are a recipient of a Zumwalt Prairie Bull Elk Landowner Preference Hunting Tag donated by The Nature Conservancy.

NPWH will be selling raffle tickets for the Bull Elk tag and a 3-day guided hunt starting Feb. 1st, 2022. Raffle tickets will be sold for $50 per ticket, with only 200 tickets to be sold. In order to ensure opportunity for Native people to participate in the raffle, 50 tickets will be reserved for Native people only until Mar. 1st. Tickets are available online at www.wallowanezperce.org/elk-tag-raffle. The raffle will close no later than Mar. 27th and the winner will be announced live (date and time TBD).

Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich relationships among Wallowa Band Nez Perce descendants and the contemporary inhabitants of Wallowa, to create a physical place to preserve and celebrate Native culture, and to tell the Nez Perce story in Wallowa. Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will support NPWH's annual Snake River School float trip, a multi-day outing for Native youth to learn STEM and TEK from tribal instructors while connecting with their ancestral homeland by boat.

For questions/info about the Zumwalt Prairie Bull Elk Tag Raffle fundraiser, contact Sara Averbeck at sara@wallowanezperce.org.



Winter Olympics Feature Three Indigenous Women

By Miles Morrisseau,
Indian Country Today

When the flame is lit on the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing, another round in one of the greatest rivalries in the history of sports will begin. There has never been a competition dominated by two countries in all of winter sports quite like women's hockey.

Since it was introduced as an Olympic sport in 1998, only "The Star-Spangled Banner" or "O Canada" has played after the gold medal was handed out. Without National Hockey League players represented in the men's competition at this year's games, there will be an even greater spotlight directed at the women's game.

This year, there are three Indigenous women on the two teams, and when the gold medal is handed out on Feb. 16, it may be one of them who made the play that determined who would be singing the national anthem and who would be singing the blues.

Canada holds the edge, with four of the last six Olympic gold medals, but Team USA is the defending Olympic champion. Both teams are built for battle with a mixture of seasoned veterans and youngbloods who have proven they deserve to be there but have yet to compete under the worldwide gaze of Olympic competition.

Abby Roque is the breakaway star of the U.S. team. The Ojibway from Wahnapitae First Nation grew up in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and is one of four athletes featured on the Olympic preview cover of Sports Illustrated. Her achievement as the first Indigenous player on Team USA is being acknowledged, but also brings expectations along with the attention.

She'll be facing two Indigenous women on the Canadian team – Jocelyne Larocque and Jamie Lee Rattray, both of the Métis Nation.

All three players bring an edge to their game that one puck head in Canada called "truculence," which is defined as "aggressively self-assertive." They have all broken the glass ceiling and played tough against young men who were allowed to hit them back. They have all led their universities to national championships and now carry the hopes of their countries to achieve the highest honor in their game – Olympic gold.

They'll face off in their undisputed rivalry on Feb. 7, when Canada and the U.S. meet in the pre-medal round. It is that competition that Larocque anticipates.

"Any time we get to play the U.S., even if it's an exhibition rivalry game, or if it's an Olympic gold medal game or World Championship gold medal game, it honestly doesn't even matter - just any time we get to play against each other … it's incredibly high-paced," she told Indian Country Today. "There's so much passion for our countries. It's just, like, intense…. My favorite part of playing is playing in those games. So I feel incredibly honored to be able to be a part of those games because they're an insane amount of fun."

Canada has one other Indigenous athlete at the games. Liam Gill, 18, from the Liidlii Kue First Nation, will be competing in snowboarding.

Abby Roque, getting physical: Roque was born for this moment. She grew up immersed in the game as her father Jim had a nearly 40-year career as a NCAA hockey coach and is now a pro scout with the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League. Her backyard was an ice rink from the time she could walk.

Soon, she was playing the game she grew up to love and was competing against the best players male and female. When she got to the high school level, she was determined to play in the boys division where hitting was allowed.



U.S. hockey player Abby Roque, Ojibway from Wahnapitae First Nation. Roque is one of three Indigenous women playing in the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

"My teammates took a little too good care of me the first two years, going after anybody who hit me," Roque told Sports Illustrated. "And then by my senior year, I think they gave up on me. They were like, 'You're tougher than a lot of us,' because I ended up being the person either starting something or going to defend the freshman boys."

Roque's gritty style, size and speed are what she will be bringing to Team USA. She is 5-foot-7 and 180 pounds, and she is known to swing the biggest, longest stick in the women's game. She finished her NCAA career with 170 points and 139 minutes in the penalty box.

Make no mistake, the game is physical. It is a game of speed and skill, but is also about imposing your will upon the other team. Players attack and defend with sticks of graphite, fiberglass and wood, with razor-sharp blades on their feet and body armor made from Kevlar. Yes, hitting is illegal but that doesn't mean that players won't make a hit and pay their two minutes in the penalty box.

Roque made her national team debut at the appropriately named Rivalry Series. The cross-border series between Canada and the U.S. has essentially served as a tune-up for the main attraction – the Olympics competition.

Jocelyne Larocque, 'tough as shoe leather': North of the border, Larocque continues her historical career relatively unnoticed.

"Jocelyne Larocque is the most underrated hockey player in Canada, male or female," said Scott Taylor, editor of Game On who co-wrote the book," A History of Excellence – The Untold Story of Manitoba's Indigenous Sport," and has covered several Olympics.

Larocque is listed at 5-foot-6 and 139 pounds on the Elite Prospects website, but Taylor says she plays bigger.

"She's not known for being a tough hockey player, but she's as tough as shoe leather," he said. "She can take a hit. She can give a hit. But I go back to the play that got Canada that overtime, win last month, where she took out two players, got the puck, made the pass. Yeah, I think more than anything else is her intelligence."

She grew up in Ste. Anne, Manitoba, loving hockey and, much like Roque, playing against the boys and dreaming of the NHL. Ste. Anne is a one of the few dozen communities referred to as the parishes that make up the

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Métis settlements in southern Manitoba along with the main Red River Settlement.

Larocque is one of Canada's most decorated international athletes, winning four silver medals with Team Canada at International Ice Hockey Federation's World Championship and two gold including the recent 2021 tournament.

This will be her third Olympics. She played in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, when Canada defeated the U.S. to win gold. She competed again in the 2018 Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, where Canada lost to the U.S. to take silver.

It is that silver medal from the 2018 Olympics that is perhaps most remembered. After Canada's loss to the U.S., Larocque removed her silver medal and held it in her hands with her head down. She was immediately vilified on social media as well as mainstream Canadian media as a sore loser.

"If I could do it differently, I wouldn't do that. But I'm also somebody that believes that through our entire lives, we have to live and learn," she told Indian Country Today by phone from Team Canada's practice facility in Calgary, Alberta. "So, you know, if I could redo it, I definitely would. But you can't in life; all that you can do is learn and be better."

She wears that silver with pride these days. "I'm incredibly proud of that silver medal because I know how much I worked for it. I know how much my teammates worked for it," she said. "I mean, in an Olympic year, we're together for seven months, every day. So you know, those teammates become your family. And, you know, in that moment, I felt I most definitely didn't feel shame. I just felt like, honestly, just so much sadness. That's just, like being so close and you're just sad. But honestly, I don't feel sad anymore."

Jamie Lee Rattray, 'an energy player': Canada has a second Indigenous player making her Olympic debut in Beijing. Rattray grew up in Kanata just outside the Canadian capital of Ottawa. Listed as 5-foot-6 and 172 pounds, she also plays a physical game.

"A hard-nosed player," Taylor said. "I would say the equivalent of a power forward. Good in front of the net. Takes a lickin' and keeps on ticking … She will be an energy player. She's really good. She's really fast."

Like her teammate, Rattray had a stellar NCAA career that culminated in her senior year, when she led Clarkson University to its first national championship in 2014 and was chosen as the tournament's most outstanding player. She also led the nation in scoring with 66 points in 41 games and was given the Patty Kazmaier Award as best player in NCAA women's hockey.

Rattray goes by the nickname JLR, as well as Ratty.

"As an athlete, all you're trying to do is take it one day at a time," she told Sportsnet 590 the Fan recently. "And I think that's the biggest thing I've learned over my career. And you know, as you get older, you can't control a lot of it. All you can control is your attitude and your effort. And I think that's one thing that our team is very good at.

"I'm looking forward to this next little bit with this team, " she said. "Everyone should be excited for the Olympics. I think it's one of the biggest, coolest things in the world to watch."

Eyes on the gold: The three hockey players and the Canadian snowboarder are believed to be the only Indigenous athletes in the Winter Olympics, which kick off in Beijing with opening ceremonies on Feb. 4 and will run through Feb. 20.

Women's hockey teams will be on the ice even before the opening ceremonies begin, however. The Canada team is out first, with a game set for Feb. 2 against Switzerland. Canada will then play Finland on Feb. 4 and Russia on Feb. 6 before facing the U.S. on Feb. 7.

The U.S. team will begin with a game against Finland on Feb. 3, then face Russia on Feb. 5 and Switzerland on Feb. 6 before taking on the Canadians.

Both teams are ready, said Taylor, who spoke recently with Larocque and with Team Canada's goalie, Kristen Campell.

"They both said the same thing," Taylor said. "The rest of the world is getting better, but sometimes it's difficult to really get up. And since it's the Olympics, it'll be different than a world championship. They'll get up and beat those teams, I think, quite handily.

"But all they are is a preliminary for the United States game. I mean, it's just the United States and Canada, and every game is intense."

ICT writer Dan Ninham contributed to this report. This story has been updated to include an additional Indigenous athlete who will be participating in the Winter Olympics in Beijing. Liam Gill, 18, from the Liidlii Kue First Nation, was added to the roster for Canada for snowboarding.



Canadian hockey player Jocelyne Larocque, the Métis Nation. Larocque is one of three Indigenous women playing in the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.



Canadian hockey player, Jamie Lee Rattray the Métis Nation. Rattray is one of three Indigenous women playing in the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

NPTEC Meets with State Legislators in Boise



NPTEC met with Gov. Brad Little to discuss issues important to the Tribe. (L to R:) Ryan Oatman, Shirley Allman, Shannon Wheeler, Gov. Brad Little, Samuel Penney, Rachel Edwards, Quincy Ellenwood.



NPTEC signed a new five year MOU with Idaho National Guard.

As a governing body, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) strives to collaborate and partner with other local, state and federal governments. Creating these working relationships fosters better communication and understanding of one another. Through the duration of the pandemic, the NPTEC has maintained these conversations, though most conversations have been conducted virtually over the last two years. While virtual meetings are the way of today and allow for safely continuing conversations, the impacts of not having these face-to-face conversations has been apparent.

With a better grasp and understanding of COVID-19 today, the NPTEC felt comfortable and prepared to resume their annual meetings this year. On February 7, 2022 seven of the nine NPTEC members travelled to the Idaho State Capitol in Boise to spend the day voicing concerns and addressing the needs of the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe).

The morning began with meeting Governor Brad Little. The NPTEC expressed their appreciation for the Governor's regular communication with the Tribe and the notable increased interest, compared to previous administrations.

The first topic of conversation was the housing issue, which is not only a concern in Indian Country but across the Nation. Affordable housing has become a thing of the past and additional work needs to be done quickly to address this ongoing problem.

There was also discussion on the opioid crisis and other drug issues in the state. Governor Little shared that he had recently requested additional funding toward building behavioral health recovery facilities that would better address the needs of youth battling addiction.

Governor Little requested an update on the Aht'wy Interchange Project near the Clearwater River Casino. The NPTEC informed him that the project was on schedule but that we will be monitoring the cost of the project because of increased cost of materials and labor. Governor Little mentioned his observation of the same issues with other projects he had been watching, such as the broadband expansion effort.

Through the rest of the day, similar conversations were held with various legislators. The NPTEC also met with the House Minority leadership, House Majority leadership, Idaho Conservation League, Department of Health and Welfare, Department of Commerce, and the Senate Majority and Minority leadership.

While meeting with the House Minority leadership, there was a lengthy conversation surrounding education. The NPTEC expressed a serious need for a new building for the Nez Perce Tribe's Head Start program and the work toward making this a reality. The House Minority leadership was excited to hear about Nez Perce language being taught in the classroom and the need to expand true history on the Tribe in all schools. Discussion also took place on better informing educators of the culture and history of the Nez Perce tribes and other tribes in the region.

It was mentioned that there used to be a summer program for educators on the history and culture of Tribes. NPTEC noted the work of the Tribe's Education Program, taking teachers to the war commemorations. There

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Thank you lobbyist, Tim Olson for all of your hard work and dedication over the last ten years.



Thank you staff for all of your work coordinating this event. (L to R:) Marie Baheza, Vestal Smith, and Marsan Lawyer.

A Year Later, Northwest Tribes Remain United with Rep. Simpson to Restore the Lower Snake River and Salmon throughout the Columbia Basin

Lapwai, Idaho- Today, Tribal Nations of the Northwest gathered virtually to reflect and reaffirm unity in supporting Idaho Representative Mike Simpson's Columbia Basin Initiative (CBI). Since the CBI's release in February 2021, Northwest tribes have advanced key elements: restoring the lower Snake River by breaching the four dams, reintroducing salmon in the Upper Columbia and Upper Snake Basins, making a significant new investment in fish and wildlife restoration throughout the Basin and funding priority salmon actions as part of a comprehensive plan to create a brighter future for the entire Columbia Basin. The CBI also addressees the impacts of dam breaching and the need for mitigating those impacts on agriculture, energy, transportation and business sectors.

Tribal efforts have spanned across the country; supporting resolutions were adopted by Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the National Congress of American Indians. Individually, many Tribes have hit the pavement in their local communities to provide direct advocacy as well. Support for a durable solution for salmon recovery continues to grow, and efforts continue on behalf of the rivers, salmon, orca and all the resources that depend on them.

For Tribal Nations, their covenant to protect and speak on behalf of these threatened species remains unwavering.

"I can tell you that people are impressed that the Tribes in the Pacific Northwest are unified and trying to save the salmon; whatever it takes," Congressman Simpson remarked.

Today's meeting was attended by Northwest Tribal Nations, staff, tribal organizations, Rep. Simpson and his staff.



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is much desire to expand on this effort throughout Idaho.

There was a brief explanation provided about efforts to increase funding for emergency medical services in rural areas in order to expand availability. The NPTEC voiced their concerns in this regard and added the need for transportation services to other appointments, such as dialysis.

The House Minority leadership also expressed concern for another issue that is likely to be put back on the table regarding voting and prohibiting an individual from delivering another person's ballot, regardless of circumstances.

In addition to the already mentioned topics, during discussion with the House Majority leadership the NPTEC also briefly discussed the Tribe's hemp project. The House Majority leadership showed interest in the process and development of products.

The Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) maintained a virtual meeting with NPTEC. This did provide opportunity for Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) Executive Director, Roberta José-Bisbee to participate, as well as the Tribe's Law and Order Executive Officer, Kenton Beckstead. José-Bisbee led the discussion and touched on the need for a facility for chronically ill patients and the challenges currently faced without one. There was of course discussion regarding the pandemic and need for post evaluation of success and failures in response to the pandemic. DHW commended NMPH and the Tribe for their leadership and action, particularly during the beginning stages of the pandemic. They requested details on those efforts so they might be better prepared in the future.

The Tribe next met with the Idaho Department of Commerce to discuss opportunities for collaboration on economic opportunities, diversification of the economy and growing employment and business in the region. The Tribe also discussed broadband buildout and concerns about obstacles to an efficient rollout of this program in this region.

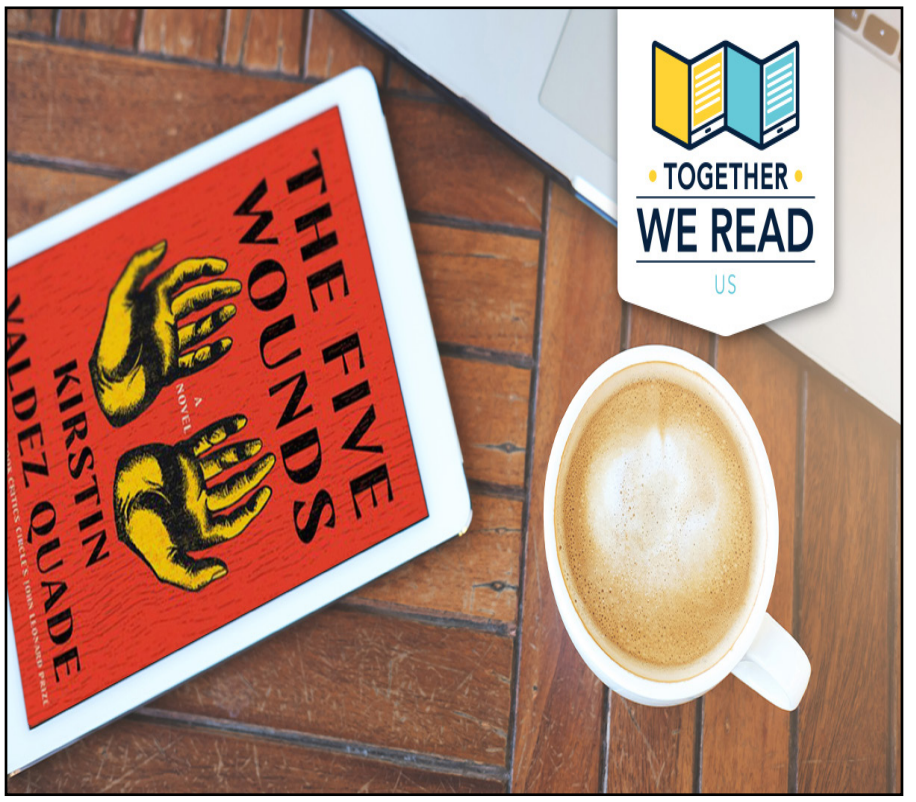
The final meeting was a joint meeting with leadership for both the majority and minority parties in the Senate. Substantive discussions were held to address tribal concerns over law enforcement collaboration in the region, as well as opportunities for collaboration on economic opportunities and education.

Unfortunately, the day did not provide enough hours to meet with everyone. However, the Tribe's 25th Annual Legislative Reception allowed for conversations to continue, particularly with those whose schedules hadn't allowed for direct meetings earlier in the day. Senator Carl Crabtree made a special request to say hello to his good friend Nancy Broncheau. Additionally, the Tribe officially renewed their Memorandum of Understanding with the Idaho National Guard, acknowledging the continued working relationship.

The day would not have been possible without the efforts and coordination from staff and the Tribe's lobbyist, Tim Olson. Olson continues to nudge legislators and advocate on behalf of the Tribe throughout the year. 2022 marks Olson's tenth year as the Tribe's lobbyist and the Tribe would like to acknowledge Olson and all his contributions over the last ten years.

The conversations do not stop here. Several items will be followed up on and the NPTEC will continue to advocate for the benefit and needs of the Tribe. Even in midst of differing opinions between the Tribe and state officials, the focus remains on what we can agree upon and the continued work toward a better tomorrow.

Together We Read



From February 7 to 21, Prairie River Library District patrons can enjoy author Kirstin Valdez Quade's 2021 First Novel Prize-winning book, The Five Wounds, as an ebook and audiobook. Readers can access the digital book for free with no waitlists or holds by downloading the Libby app or visiting http://valnet.overdrive.com, and then participate in an online discussion.

Readers in Craigmont, Culdesac, Kamiah, Kooskia, Lapwai, Nezperce, Peck and Winchester need only a valid Valnet card to get started. This free program is facilitated by OverDrive, the leading digital reading platform for ebooks, audiobooks and magazines and creator of the award-winning Libby app. The Together We Read: US digital book club connects readers through thousands of U.S. public libraries and colleges with the same ebook for two weeks.

The Five Wounds takes place during Holy Week in the small town of Las Penas, New Mexico, and thirty-three-year-old unemployed Amadeo Padilla has been given the part of Jesus in the Good Friday procession. He is preparing feverishly for this role when his fifteen-year-old daughter Angel shows up pregnant on his doorstep and disrupts his plans for personal redemption. With weeks to go until her due date, tough, ebullient Angel has fled her mother's house, setting her life on a startling new path.

The Five Wounds spans the baby's first year as five generations of the Padilla family converge: Amadeo's mother, Yolanda, reeling from a recent discovery; Angel's mother, Marissa, whom Angel isn't speaking to; and disapproving Tíve, Yolanda's uncle and keeper of the family's history.

The ebook and audiobook can be read on all major computers and devices, including iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets and Chromebook™ without waitlists or holds. Through Libby, readers can also "send to Kindle®". The title will automatically expire at the end of the lending period, and there are no late fees.

Call your local library for assistance using the Libby app or downloading The Five Wounds. Prairie River Library District headquarters in Lapwai, 208-843-7254, is open Monday -Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and provide contact info for any other branch. Locations are also listed at prld.org.

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Lapwai's First "Rise Above" Youth Basketball Clinic; More Clinics to Come

On February 4th, 2022 the University of Idaho Extension Program for the Nez Perce Tribe Reservation partnered with the non-profit Rise Above organization. Over 150 youth participated in a basketball clinic held at the Lapwai Elementary in Lapwai, ID.

Each participant was greeted, welcomed and given a basketball at registration. During the clinics, each youth will receive a Rise Above t-shirt as well.

The clinic was originated to inspire Indigenous youth to stay healthy and active. It was founded by Jaci McCormack through her experiences with sports, which she calls her "saving grace".

McCormack is an Illinois State University women's basketball legend and grew up in Lapwai on the Nez Perce reservation. She said basketball is where she always goes to find peace.

"When things got stressful in my life, I just went and played basketball. When I was having a rough day, I just went and shot hoops," she said.

She said the organization she co-founded, Rise Above, takes a lot from those experience to connecting Native Children with the education and wellness services they need to be successful.

The Rise Above clinics work with tribes across the region, connect children with suicide prevention resources and programs, healthy relationships, and drug prevention workshops to build resilience to the issues that are prevalent in Native communities.

This clinic included the inspiring athletes Ruthie Bolton, former Olympian, and will feature other Olympians, NBA and WNBA players in the upcoming clinics.

The Rise Above clinics will continue to take place on the Nez Perce reservation once a month. For questions and more information please contact Danielle Scott, University of Idaho Extension Educator-Nez Perce Tribe, at (208) 791-4087, dnscott@uidaho.edu

Stay up to date on the Rise Above clinics by following the Rise Above Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/riseaboveinc.



Youth participants watch as Rise Above clinic director, Donald Watts, provides demonstration & instruction for a drill they would all take part in.



Upcoming Training

Join us for a free Youth Mental Health First Aid training on February 25, 2022.
Learn how to recognize and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among youth. This training is great for school staff, youth group leaders, juvenile probation officers, coaches, parents, and anyone else who interacts with children and adolescents.
To register, complete this form:
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Boys & Girls Club of the Nez Perce Tribe

Youth Awards Night!
We would like to say congratulations to all award recipients, amazing job Club members and staff.
All Youth of the Year candidates did an amazing job, the competition was down to wire.

The following are the award recipients:
Congratulations to our 2021 Organizational Youth of the Year winner Sicily Treetop!
Good luck at the Idaho state competition.
Boy of the Year Darwin Littlefish
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Top Youth of the Month winners Nicqoi Everett, Karissa McFarland, Mika Moliga, and Raya Montelongo
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Nimiipuu Health Update

Nimiipuu Health Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)
(formerly known as Contract Health Service)

Have you received a bill for medical or dental services?
Please submit the bill to the PRC office.
Bills can be dropped off at the Lapwai and Kamiah Nimiipuu Health Clinics, faxed to the PRC office 208-843-2687, or e-mailed to chereel@nimiipuu.org.

Did you go the emergency room?
You must report the emergency room visit to PRC within 72 hours (3 days) by contacting any PRC staff member or calling the PRC HOTLINE: 208-621-4955.

When leaving a message please be sure to provide the patient's name and date of birth, the name of the facility where the care was provided, the date and purpose of the visit.

Don't know if you are PRC eligible?
Contact a Patient Care Coordinator (PCC) at the Lapwai or Kamiah Nimiipuu Health Clinics they can assist you.



Request for Qualifications

Request for Qualifications by Nez Perce Tribe for Idaho Connect Community Navigator- Nez Perce Tribe Spoke Small Business Development Program Director. Funded by SBA Idaho Connect Community Navigator Grant and Nez Perce Tribe

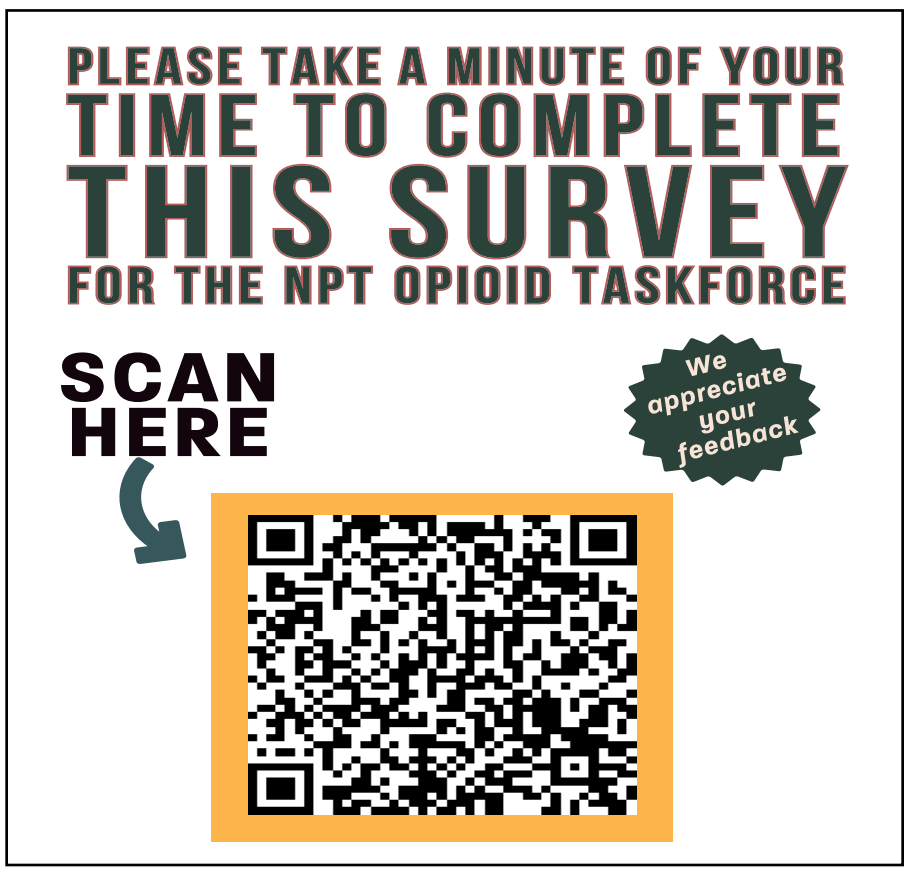
Deadline: 4:00pm, February 16, 2022, or until filled.
RFQ Schedule
RFQ Issued: January 25, 2022
Final Date to Apply: February 16, 2022
Applicants Interviews Completed: February 18, 2022
Applicant Selected: February 22, 2022

Nez Perce Tribe Small Business Development Program Director

The Nez Perce Tribe is currently seeking a full-time contractual position (35-40 hours a week), earning $ 45,000 to $ 50,000 a year DOE, at a rate of $ 20-28 an hour DOE, to serve as the Nez Perce Tribe Small Business Development Project Director that will be under the Economic Development Planning office. The position is funded by the Idaho Connect Community Navigator Grant and the Nez Perce Tribe to direct the Small Business Development program. The director will work with future and current small business owners in underserved rural communities with critical services and assistance programs for development of all businesses, be they emerging or mature business owners. The program will conduct direct outreach, with loan recommendations, providing technical assistance to specific focus groups to amplify communications via earned and paid media. And the program will collect client's data with required metric collections outlined in the performance management section and furnish such information to the primary "Hub", Navigator Central, for additional analysis and reporting in a timely manner.

Direct questions about the RFQ and send proposals to:
Project Manager Ann McCormack,
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Upcoming Meetings

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Nez Perce Language Youth Zoom
Tuesdays & Thursdays
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Budget & Finance Subcommittee
1st & 3rd Wednesday
8:30 a.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Energy / Climate Change Subcommittee
1st & 3rd Wednesday
2:00 p.m.
NPTEC Chambers

TERO Commission Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 2nd
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Boards & Commissions Building
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Human Resources Sub Committee
1st & 3rd Monday
8:30 a.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Law & Order Sub Committee
1st & 3rd Monday
2:00 p.m.
NPTEC Chambers

Regular NPTEC Meeting
2nd Tuesday
8:00 a.m.
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Special NPTEC Meeting
4th Tuesday
9:00 a.m.
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Land Enterprise Commission
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Please Note:
All meetings are subject to change
depending on holidays & unforseen circumstances.

Visit the Nez Perce Tribe Newsletter
to submit and view upcoming events
https://nptweekly.org/community-calendar

Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilation Services

NPTVRS current reminders: Due to Covid-19 and its new variants, plus the winter months 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 in advance to either complete a meeting over the phone or to reschedule your meeting. Face masks and temperature checks are still required. NPTVRS also offers an orientation of the NPTVRS program for anyone who thinks they are interested and qualifies for the NPTVRS program, including transition students who are Juniors and Seniors in high school.

NPTVRS news stories: NPTVRS wants to inform of two new trainings we'll help within the next couple of months. The first training is 'Introduction to Microsoft Word' where you'll learn how to use Microsoft Word 2016 and more. This is a free class and they will take place on February 15th, 2022- March 17th, 2022 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. The second training is 'Mind-Body Skills Group: Self-Care Tools for Resiliency and Well-Being' where you'll learn ways to relive stress, boost immune health, increase self-awareness and cultivate balance. The online meeting dates will take place on Tuesdays during March 1st,8th, 15th, 22nd, April 12th,19th, 26th and May 10th of 2022. The start times will take place at 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. AK time zone via Zoom with no cost for attending. Overall, the NPVRS staff is fully committed to helping participants become successful in whatever employment and work force trainings they desire.

The 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.

The NPTVRS program also has openings for any eligible NPTVRS participant with a medical diagnosed disability who are interested in completing their 16-week apprenticeship carpentry training. Other areas of interest also include; Twin Rivers Therapeutic Massage Academy LLC, Small Business Development, Accounting Fundamentals, Truck Driving, Welding, etc. If anyone who meets the NPTVRS qualifications are interested in these areas of employment and work force training options, please feel free to contact NPTVRS with any questions and suggestions for other areas of interests you may have.

NPTVRS also keeps close tabs on the recent job openings located within the Lewis-Clark Valley and any Vo-tech options located at Lewis-Clark State College. The NPTVRS program encourages any participant who is currently enrolled in the program to stop by for assistance with employment and work force training opportunities.

NPTVRS contact info: NPTVRS new office location is at 271 B Street 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. NPTVRS 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.

The NPTVRS program also has brand-new online Survey Monkey available for the community as well. Please follow the link at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5RDMSPB. The NPTVRS program would really appreciate your feedback.

The 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. NPTVRS office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and our staff will be happy to assist you.



NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health would like to officially welcome Julianne Big Man to the team as our Dental Receptionist!

Julianne recently changed roles, moving here from the from the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises, where she worked as a Security Officer.

In her spare time, Julianne likes to bake and visit the park with her daughter and niece. She loves drinking chai tea and has two dogs, Mini me, and Moose and a cat named Socks.

Words of wisdom that Julianne likes to live her life by are, "You must tell yourself that no matter how hard life is now, or how hard life is going to get, I'm going to make it through."

Welcome Julianne! We are pleased to have you as a valued member of our team!



Employment Opportunities

Nez Perce Tribe
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/February-7-2022-NPT.pdf
Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2-7-2022-NPTE.pdf
Nimiipuu Health
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/02072022-NMPH.pdf

Lost Key Escape Room

Lost Key Escape Room
When: Feb. 19th, 2022
Where: Lost Key Escape Room,
Lewiston, Idaho
Who: Teens 13-18

You only have 60 minutes! Two or more people work together to discover clues, unravel puzzles and solve mysteries to find the Room's hidden objective. Since each mind is unique, make the most of everyone's diverse problem-solving skills to successfully escape the Room..Teens will have 60 minutes to discover the way out of the Room's scenario!

This is a FREE trip for 13 teens to work together to unlock the clues. Snacks will be provided! You won't want to miss this trip, it's going to be FUN! UYLC van leaves the Kamiah Teen Center @ 12:00pm. Email Bailey at uylcbailey@gmail.com or call 208-743-0392 to get signed up or for any questions.

DIY Glass Etching

DIY Glass Etching
When: Feb. 24th, 2022
Where: Kamiah Fire Station
Who: Families

UYLC and UYLC Recovery are joining together for a free glass etching night! All are welcome to join although 14 and under need an adult to accompany them.

To Register stop by the Teen Center,
call 208-743-0392, or email Amber at
uylcrecovery@gmail.com

Family Bowling

Family Bowling
When: Feb. 18th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Tamarack lanes, or Roscoe's Bar and Grill.
406 Main Street, Kamiah, Idaho.

Families, of all ages! UYLC and UYLC Recovery will be coming together and will be hosting a family bowling night!

This is for families to come have fun and enjoy some free bowling. The bowling will be paid for, but snacks and drinks will not. 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information contact
Amber at uylcrecovery@gmail.com
or Bailey at uylcbailey@gmail.com.

NIMIIPUU HEALTH

Nimiipuu Health has recently hired on a new team member! Jamie LeFavour is our new Dental Assistant, and we'd like introduce her to the community!
Jamie started working in the dental field in 2004 at Wilkinson Orthodontics. For the past three years she would accompany Dr. Wilkinson to assist him in the Lapwai Clinic on Ortho days. After 17 years of orthodontic experience, Jamie is very excited to expand her knowledge of the dental field into general dentistry.
Having grown up in the Lewis-Clark Valley, Jamie graduated from Lewiston High School in 1999. She is married and has four amazing kids, 3 dogs, 2 cats and a hamster. Her family loves to get away and be outdoors camping, boating, and spending time together. She loves to travel with her husband anywhere warm and tropical, and they also enjoy road trips on the Harley through the beautiful Pacific Northwest.
Welcome Jamie, we are very pleased to have you on board with us!

Jamie LeFavour
Dental Assistant

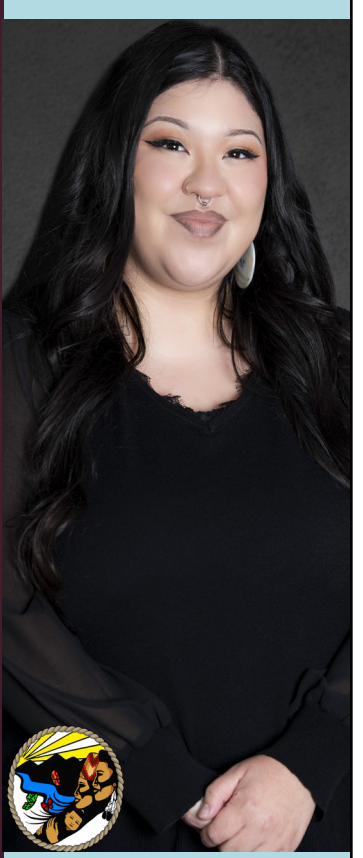


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Nimiipuu Health is pleased to announce the transfer of Kiara Smith from Environmental Services Technician (EVS) to Medical Records! Kiara was hired as a Medical Records Technician I, and we are very happy Nimiipuu Health was able to retain her.
Kiara's prior experience includes EVS as mentioned and working for AmeriCorps VISTA and Ulta Beauty.
Expressing her ambition for this new venture, Kiara shared that she is excited to learn skills to further her professional development.
In her free time, Kiara loves to travel. She has a passion for music and she really enjoys spending time with her family and friends.
Congratulations Kiara, we are happy to keep you on staff as a valued member of our team.

Kiara Smith
Medical Records Technician I



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Evelyn Rose Higheagle, 71, Lapwai, ID



"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her: 'Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all.' Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Acclaim her for the work of her hands, and let her deeds praise her at the city gates." Proverbs 31:28-31

On Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, Evelyn Rose Higheagle, 71, of Lapwai, went home to be with her God and beloved husband, Tony, in heaven. The lasting impact of her life is forever imprinted in the hearts and minds of her children, grandchildren, family, friends and former students.

She was born Evelyn Rose Jefferson (Penney) to James Jefferson Sr. and Jane Penney on March 2, 1950, in Tacoma. She was proud of her Lummi and Nez Perce tribal heritages. She comes from a huge family that consists of 11 half-siblings from her father, three half-siblings from her mother, and two full siblings, Gregory and Sally. Her aunt and uncle, Charles and Jane Williams, helped raise Evie in Tacoma.

She spent many summers in Lapwai with her uncle and aunt, Earl and Blanche Gould, until she moved permanently to live with them in eighth grade. They also raised Albert, Michael and Zandra Barros; Sheryl Jacques; Robert Kipp; and Adam, Doris and Blanchette Villivicencio.

She attended the Lapwai School District, where she met her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Anthony Higheagle Sr. They graduated together in 1968. They have five children, Tami, Anthony Jr, the late Juan Crawford, Eva, and Dominic. They also have 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In 1972, Evie was encouraged by an elder to apply for a position with the Lapwai School District and this started her career in education. She began as a teacher's aide who attended evening classes at Lewis-Clark State College to work toward her degree in education. At the same time, she faithfully supported and raised her family with Tony. She completed her degree in 1978.

Evie's calm and patient demeanor helped in her new positions in the JOM, Title I and Title IV programs that targeted remedial assistance for students with learning disabilities. In 1987, she began teaching kindergarten. Later, she also taught first and third grades. Because of medical reasons, Evie retired in 2003 after working for 31 years at the Lapwai School District.

Evie's dedication to teaching did not stop after retirement. She continued sharing her teaching techniques with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Evie is recognized in the community by her former students and acknowledged as Mrs. Higheagle. She enjoyed gathering for lunch every month with the Lapwai Retired Teachers Group.

Evie had a strong Christian faith. She was baptized three times. Nancy Halfmoon and Esther McAtty baptized her at the Spalding Presbyterian Church, Earl and Blanche Gould baptized her at Second Presbyterian Church, and her husband Tony and his family welcomed her into the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a person who provided positive input and encouragement to all who crossed her path. Evie would always stop to pray for anyone she knew was in need, including many she connected with on Facebook. She loved to listen to Native American ministry and inspirational music.

Her family is very proud of her and all her accomplishments. In 2021, she was named the Nez Perce Tribe's Female Elder of the Year. People often sought her wisdom and guidance, because she was a great listener and could give others confidence with her calm, patient and thoughtful ways.

One of her favorite pastimes was watching her children and grandchildren play sports. She was an avid Lapwai Wildcats fan who also supported the Clarkston Bantams when her granddaughter, Sierra, played basketball there. Evie played on various adult softball teams and she also coached youth softball teams. Tony and Evie were part of the Bud Light Soccer Club and Lapwai Booster Club.

She enjoyed living her tribal culture and passing on knowledge to others. Evie was very active in tribal politics in elected positions with the Nez Perce General Council Amendments and Elections committees. Giving back to the community was important to her, so she often supported individuals or groups raising money.

The home of Tony and Evie Higheagle was always open to all people and was filled with laughter and love. They were second parents to many of their nieces, nephews and friends of their children. Their devotion to each other was always apparent and inspirational. Many people who encountered them in their home and community have a lasting example of their love for all people.

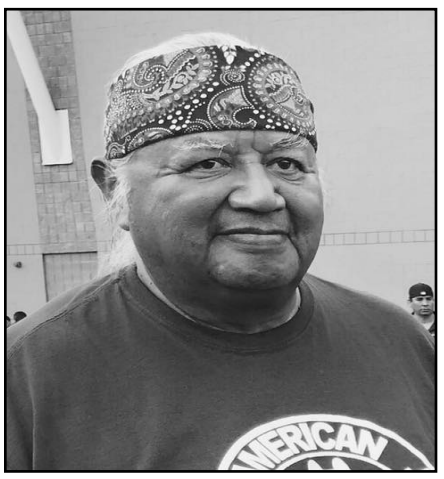
Evelyn is survived by her daughter Tami (Jeff) Dixon, their children Spencer, Miranda, Deion and Jayda. and grandchildren Mylez, Haley, Zoey and Liam, of Bothell, Wash.; son Anthony (Billie) Higheagle Jr. and their children Halisa, Gabriel, Valea, Julia and Coby, of Olympia, and grandchild Tonia; daughter Eva Higheagle and her children Fianna, Winter, Micaiah and Farrell, of Lapwai; son Mike Hayes, of Spokane; son Dominic (Jessica) Higheagle and their children Sierra and Nico, and grandchildren Easton and Teyonni, of Lapwai; her brothers John Jefferson, of Bellingham, and Gordon Higheagle Sr. and Kevin Ellenwood Sr., of Lapwai; sisters Sally Springs, of Peoria, Ariz., and her daughter Sadie Smith and granddaughters Megan, Millie, Teresa Williams, Vicky Jefferson, and Sandra Jefferson, of Bellingham, Wash., Gaylin Billy, of Harrah, Wash., Jackie Jefferson, of Lynwood, Wash., Verona Jefferson, of California, and Carol Wheeler, Sandra Higheagle and Rosa Yearout of Lapwai; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony Higheagle Sr.; her son Juan Crawford Higheagle; her parents, James Jefferson Sr. and Jane Penney; her grandson Malique Higheagle; and her siblings Jeannette Sturgeon, James Jefferson Sr., Gregory Jefferson, Wesley Jefferson, Harrison Kipp, Billie Kipp, Lottie Jane Kipp, Gregory Penney and Michael Barros.

A celebration of life for Evelyn will be held at 10 a.m. today at the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai. The family will lead a rosary. The Mass for Christian Burial will start at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mark Uhlenkott of All Saints Catholic Church in Lewiston. This will be followed by a memorial service lead by the family.

Memorial donations in Evelyn's name can be made to the Lapwai School District for scholarships for Lapwai students. Vassar-Rawls Funeral Home in Lewiston is in charge of arrangements.

Arthur (Art) McConville, 77, Pendleton, OR



Arthur (Art) "Koy-a-ma" James McConville Jr., 77, was called home by our Creator on Friday, February 4th, 2022. Art was born to Arthur James McConville Sr. and Emma Kash Kash on June 16, 1944, in Pendleton, Oregon. Art was a caring haama, tota, and family man.

He was a proud descendant of the Cayuse and Nez Perce People and citizen of the Confederated Umatilla Tribes. He was a very active member of the community, involved with many organizations and movements. He served as the Chairman of the American Indian Movement's Portland Chapter. He was a hard worker and loved working for his fellow Nixyaawii and Nimiipuu people. Art was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was a simple, humble and modest man; the kind of person who would give you the most important gift - his time. He would be there to help you when needed, no questions asked. If you knew Art, you knew his humor and his creative mind for problem solving whatever he was involved with. He was a complex human being with a beautiful heart. He would do whatever he could to help the young people, and enjoyed watching his grandkids grow up, beadworking and sharing stories from his many adventures, spiritual teachings, or life lessons he's learned along the way.

Art's early beginnings were difficult and he had his own battles with the darkness in life, but Art's curiosity about the world and people led him to learn from his experiences and challenges, shaping his view of the world and inspiring in him a passion for fighting injustice and helping others. He lived a long and fulfilled life, giving him time to develop his many talents and spend his retirement years traveling and doing his important work in many places. He was a learner and a teacher, he volunteered for his community often. Over the years, he worked in Wildland Fire, Forest Management, Alcohol and Drug Programs, Indian Child Welfare, and for many years in media and curriculum development for the Culture and Heritage Program for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He was proud to be of both the Shaker and Washat faith. He worked in Youth Prevention Services for CTUIR, managed the Wildhorse Resort and Casino's Child Entertainment Center for many years and later served as the Umatilla Tribe's Veterans Coordinator. He is well known for his work bringing spiritual teachings and ceremony into Oregon's prisons.

He would always talk about how much he loved to spend time and learn from all his aunties, uncles and elders from Nimipuu, Nixyaawii, and Warm Springs. One of his greatest accomplishments was his sobriety, and his path of ceremony and spirituality. His time at Standing Rock was one of those important times in his life. He was always encouraging and supporting others along their own journey. He always wanted to be of service to others in any way he could, and he truly made a difference in many lives. He was in ceremony up until the very end and he will continue to live on in all our hearts, spirits, and in dreamtime. Just remember to ask yourself, "What would Art do?" and you'll be alright.

He spent much of his free time with the elders and youngest members of the tribal community, and socializing on "Indian Twitter" aka Facebook. Art was a great man and friend to many. He truly enjoyed traveling, visiting friends and family, attending pow wows, ceremonies, shaker meetings, hanging at the casino, and attending other tribal functions. He also loved attending the Nixyaawii Golden Eagle sporting events.

Art had a big family. He is survived by his children, Shana, Alx, Paris, Sterling, Kim, Rusty, Jerry Allen, and Aimee. His grandsons, Maurice, Maddox, Joshua, Christian, and La Peka. His granddaughters, Juelz, Soleda, Terri, Phoebe, and Artis. His sisters, Judy Johnson and Laura Lee McConville. His niece, Julie Ann Johnson. His nephews, Jon McConville and Sterling Sampson. And numerous great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved grandfathers, James McConville and James Kash Kash, Andrew Allen, and great grandmothers Julia Kash Kash and Mary Wilson Mox Mox McConville, Lucy Kash Kash, his parents, Arthur James McConville Sr, Emma Kash Kash McConville, Ayats, Vivian Aust, Anita Webb Taylor, Billie Joe Bagley, Annette Lucero, his brother, Herschel McConville, sisters, Mary Lou McConville and Ruth McConville. His two sons, Art McConville III, and Norman McConville. His nephew, Raymond McConville.

The funeral services were held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 7th, at the Nixyaawii Longhouse, and officiated by Armand Minthorn. The burial was officiated by Robert Taylor with support from the American Indian Movement at the Nez Perce Tribal Cemetery in Lapwai, ID. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements. To support Art's family; Venmo: @shanaradford; CashApp: $shaeradford; Paypal: @shanaradford; or mail cards or check to: 42 Umatilla Loop, Pendleton OR 97801.

Free Notices:

Submit free death notices, announcements, obituaries, and memorials in the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune

Email content to communications@nezperce.org
For questions/more information call 208-621-4807

Franklin (Spanks) Bear, 48, Oklahoma City, OK



Franklin Tyrone Bear, also known as "Spanks," a true warrior, had gone on to join his Creator on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022, in Oklahoma City, Okla., with his wife by his side.

Frank was born Dec. 14, 1973, in Orofino to Michael Bear and Marcella Bailey. Frank was a proud enrolled Nez Perce Tribal Member and also carried Cree blood of the Red Pheasant Band of Saskatchewan, Canada. No matter where he was, he was proud to share who he was as a true blue Ni-Mii-Puu. As an adult, Frank found Lapwai and Broken Arrow, Okla., to be his true home and as we would lovingly call it Idahome and Oklahome.

As a child, Frank attended First Indian Presbyterian Church and Second Indian Presbyterian Church and was a part of many different communities growing up. He attended schools in Sitka, Alaska, Red Pheasant, Canada, Kooskia, Kamiah and Lapwai and was proud to be a Kub and a Wildcat. This is where Frank was involved in many sports such as Baby Wildcat football, junior high track and high school football and basketball. He was also involved in the Upward Bound Program. Frank graduated with the Lapwai Class of 1994 (Ninety Fo, Fo Sho) and later attended Lewis-Clark State College and Haskell University.

As a kid, Frank loved the cowboy life, mutton busted and loved riding his very own horse, Dunbar. Also, his favorite things to do were to ride his dirt bike, shoot his BB gun, put on comedy skits, rock out to heavy metal, hang with all of his friends and family, and especially be out on all day on adventures, which usually involved hunting, fishing and just being in those good medicine spots. As an adult these loves did not change. You would often find him being out all day enjoying good medicine spots and hunting and fishing with many different cruising buddies, young and old. He mainly loved to go to those No Tell Em' Ridges, especially nephews and nieces who he considered his own kids. You could also be sure that if you had any interaction with him you would have a new name.

When it came to this die-hard Denver Bronco, Chicago Bull, Ohio State Buckeye and Broken Arrow Tiger Fan, it seemed that there is nothing that he could not do. He was employed in the Nez Perce Tribe fisheries program, engine crew boss, wildland fire fighter, sawyer, delivering wood to elders, Native Lands West, McFarland Enterprises, Enterprise with Richard Guzman, Nez Perce Tribe Salmon Corps, Triple R mill and the Clearwater River Casino. With his huge heart he also volunteered at the Nez Perce Tribe Early Headstart Program, the Nez Perce Tribe Children's Home and in all of his kids classrooms where he was known as the infamous Uncle Spanks. You could also rely on Frank to help anyone in need, especially elders. He was also an honorary Boys & Girls Club of America Native Services team member.

Frank is preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Joanna Bear, Eileen (David) Shepherd and James Davis, daughter Tyone Bear, uncle Wendell Davis and uncle Richard Bear including many other uncles and aunties. He is survived by his wife Anna Bear, father Micheal Bear, mother Marcella (Henry) Bailey, his second parents Vic and Sandy Holt, sisters Deanna (Albert) Penney, Katie (Bo) Wilson, Wilissa (Devon) Walker, brothers Vernon Holt, Erik Holt, Virgil Holt Jr., James (Feather) Holt, Lewis (Wenona) Holt, his sons Peyton Bear, Tyus Bear and Bryden Bear, and all his nieces and nephews who he considered his own: Alyssa Holt, Davis Bear, Sandrine (Zach) Penney, Fletcher (Hattie) Penney, Michael Bear, Albert Penney Jr., Marcileen Penney and many many more.

The memorial will take place at 6 p.m. Friday at the Pi-Nii-Waus Community Center in Lapwai. The celebration of life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wa-A'Yas Community Center in Kamiah. Burial will take place at No Kidd Lane Cemetery with a dinner to follow at the Wa-A'Yas.

Donations can be made to the P1FCU Account of Anna Bear.



2022 Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Candidates

The following is a list of Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Candidates. These are NOT certified Candidates.
Certification will be completed by March 1st and posted again.

Seat 1	Seat 2	Seat 3
* Elizabeth Arthur-Attao Nigele Wilson-Williamson	* Shannon F. Wheeler	* Arthur M. Broncheau James R. Spencer Mary Jane Miles

**denotes the incumbent*

Updated List: https://nezperce.org/government/general-council/
For further information or if you have any questions, please contact General Council Election Judges by email at electionjudges@nezperce.org.

Certified Indian Businesses

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Nez Perce Tourism, LLC
Phone: 208-790-8873
Web Site: nezpercetourism.com
Tiny Tots Learning Center
Phone: 208-935-8587
Tribal Headway Construction LLC
Phone: 208-935-8959
Tribal Risk and Insurance Solutions
Phone: 800-274-1379
Web Site: www.trisllc.com
Verge
Phone: 208-790-0022
Email: onthevergesince1855.com
White Shield, Inc.
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WW Transport LLC.
Phone: 208-962-5926

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Bio-Control 208-843-9374, Fax 843-9373
Career Center Lapwai 208-843-7316, Fax 843-7387
Child Protection Services 208-843-7302, Fax 843-9401
Child Support Enforcement 208-843-7362, Fax 843-7388
Clearwater River Casino 208-746-0723, Fax 746-5715
Commodity Foods Kamiah 208-935-4115, Fax 935-4125
Commodity Foods Lapwai 208-843-7305, Fax 843-7401
Communications 208-621-4808
Conservation Enforcement 208-843-7143, Fax 208-843-7148
Construction Office 208-621-4871
Court Kamiah 208-935-2525
Cultural Language Lapwai 208-843-7402, Fax 843-7308
Cultural Language Kamiah/Orofino 208-935-2525
Cultural Resources 208-843-7313, Fax 843-7419
Day Labor Program 208-621-3673
Distance Learning Center Kamiah 208-935-4106, Fax 935-4126
Distance Learning Center Lapwai 208-843-7336
Dworshak Fish Hatchery 208-476-4591, Fax 476-3252
Economic Development 208-621-3710
Education Department 208-621-4610
Enrollment Clerk 208-621-3678
Enterprise Executive Office 208-843-7407, Fax 743-3291
ERWM 208-843-7375, Fax 843-7378
Executive Direction 208-843-7324, Fax 843-7343
Finance 208-843-7317, Fax 208-843-7319
Financial Assistance 208-621-4665
Fire Management 208-843-2827, Fax 843-2834
Fish & Wildlife Commission 208-843-9376, Fax 843-7381
Fisheries Administration 208-843-7320
Fisheries Enforcement 208-843-7143, Fax 843-7148
Forestry 208-843-7328, Fax 843-7329
Gaming Commission 208-621-2254, Fax 743-3291
Harvest Division 208-621-4634, Fax 208-843-7322
Housekeeping Lapwai 208-843-7415, Fax 843-7379
Housekeeping Kamiah 208-621-3628
Human Resources 208-843-7332, Fax 208-843-7414
Information Systems 208-843-7307, Fax 843-7309
It'se Ye-Ye Casino 208-935-7955
Joseph Fisheries Field Office 541-432-2500
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Kooskia Fish Hatchery 208-926-4272, Fax 926-4574
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Land Services 208-843-7392, Fax 843-7391
Lapwai Boys & Girls Club 208-843-9371, Fax 843-9370
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McCall Fisheries Field Office 208-634-5290
Natural Resources 208-843-7400, Fax 843-7418
Nez Perce Camas Express 208-924-6992
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
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