



### Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Candidate Platform & Primary Election Results

NEZ PERCE TRIBE  
TREATY OF 1855

2022  
NPTEC  
CANDIDATES

GENERAL ELECTION MAY 7, 2022

NPTEC Candidates Left to Right: (Seat 1) Incumbent Elizabeth Arthur-Attao, Nigele Wilson-Williamson; (Seat 2) Incumbent Shannon Wheeler, Mary Tall Bull; (Seat 3) Mary Jane Miles, Nikesa Aubertin.

The 2022 Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Candidate Primary Speaking Platform was held in person and streamed online via Facebook Live. The event took place on March 23 at the Clearwater River Casino Event Center where each candidate was provided the opportunity explain why they were running for NPTEC. Tribal members would be voting just ten days later in the primary election for Seat 3. Seats 1 and 2 concluded with just two candidates each and would be going

straight to the general election. George Moody moderated the event and Bill Picard opened the event with some words for the candidates, followed by a prayer. "I'd like to just speak to the candidates and just remind them what they are running for, where they're going to be and what their duties are," Picard started. As a former NPTEC member himself, Picard stated he would seek advice from the people. He encouraged the current and future NPTEC members to do the

same. "Everything that comes to you, take time to pray about it, think about it, ask questions, find out what has happened in the past and should you do it again? Sometimes you're going to have to stand all alone instead of walk with the crowd," said Picard. "You have to do what's right, and just know that the million dollar decisions you are going to make will affect the future generations." Each candidate was given the chance to introduce themselves then had seven minutes to talk about their reasons for running.

**Elizabeth Arthur-Attao**, incumbent, is 68 years old and proud of it. Arthur-Attao has served two terms on the NPTEC. "It has definitely been a challenge, an

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### Celilo Miles Lands Victoria's Secret Love Campaign

Nez Perce Tribal member, Celilo Miles, recently made headlines for being selected to participate in the Victoria's Secret Love Cloud campaign. She called the Love Cloud opportunity a blessing. "This wasn't about my size, my color, my ethnicity; it was about my character, and that felt nice," said Miles.

As someone who doesn't feel she fits into the typical mold; Miles being half white, half Nez Perce, a wildland firefighter and a fashion model is excited for this new opportunity. Love Cloud is Victoria's Secret's attempt to break its typical trend and focus on highlighting a more diverse campaign.

The campaign's focus on diversity was evident to Miles when she was asked to bring some of her firefighting gear. They showcased Miles as an individual and not just a model. "It felt good to be my actual self and not a made-up person," said Miles. Now 27, Miles was a young teenager when she started modeling and early on she was told to lose weight. Being a thin model is a notion that is evolving, and Miles embraces the transition.

"I really like the person I am today compared to who I was three or four years ago," she said. "Seeing that shift in

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## Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—April 2022

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### First “Mixed Load” Shipment in March!



The Recycling Program loaded and shipped their fourth freight truck of materials to market in March. Past shipments have all been corrugated cardboard shipped directly to mills in Oregon and Washington. This was our first “mixed load” shipment with 35 bales of material: 20 bales PET #1 and #2, two bales of colored HPDE, four bales of aluminum cans, and five cardboard, all going to a recycling broker in Utah. Prices are stabilizing somewhat although fuel costs for freight have increased greatly since Russia invaded Ukraine. Our staff sort and bale more than 6,000 pounds of materials per month.



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- Plastic bags and film - #2 & #4
- Car batteries



### Lapwai Recycling Schedule

#### Community Recycling

April 7 & 21

Páyniwaas Parking Lot , 11 am—1 pm

#### Office Collections

April 14 & 28

EARTH DAY 2022

# INVEST IN OUR PLANET

Lapwai Earth Day Celebration—Week Long Event April 17-23, 2022

Wendy Thomas Announced as Tribal Early Learning Liaison

The Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) is excited to introduce Wendy Thomas, OTR's new Tribal Early Learning Liaison. "We are honored to have Wendy join our team and look forward to her leadership in this position," said Tleena Ives, Director of Tribal Relations. Thomas' respected role includes facilitating the Indian Policy for Early Learning (IPEL) and assisting with increased collaboration between tribes and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) in improving support for early learning services in tribal communities.

" 'inim wen'íikt wées Ta-Ma-We-Ta-Lote titóqatimki kaa 'inim soyapotimki wées Wendy Thomas. My Nez Perce name is Ta-Ma-We-Ta-Lote which means, Delivering the law by water, and my English name is Wendy Thomas. I am excited to serve as the Early Learning Tribal Liaison with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, Office of Tribal Relations," said Thomas.

Thomas is an enrolled Nez Perce Tribal member and is also Navajo (Dine). Thomas is originally from the Nez Perce reservation in Lapwai, Idaho and now resides in Spokane, Washington with her family.



Wendy Thomas, Office of Tribal Relations new Tribal Early Learning Liaison. (Photo courtesy of Wendy Thomas)

Thomas has four children, Azavier, Aniya, Zaidyn and Zaio.

She was previously employed with DCYF, Region 1, as a Child and Family Welfare Ser-

vices Supervisor for the North Spokane office. Prior to her work with Washington State, Thomas was employed with the Kalispel Tribe as the Social

Services Director. Additionally, Thomas has several years of Early Childhood Education with the Nez Perce Tribe as the Early Childhood Education Director overseeing Tribal Early Head Start, Head Start and CCDF programs. Thomas has also previously served as an Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ER-SEA) Consultant to assist with Head Start federal reviews.

Outside of her office, Thomas is committed to being a parent, and practicing self-care. She is a two time Half-Ironman which means she swims 1.2 miles, bikes 56 miles and runs 13.1 miles for fun. In her spare time, she practices learning her traditional Nez Perce language and she also enjoys sewing.

"I am excited to be a part of the Tribal Relations team," said Thomas. "As a Head Start graduate and parent, I have and always will be, an advocate for children and families. I look forward to working with, and building collaborative relationships with the twenty-nine Washington State Tribes and other tribally affiliated and urban Indian populations regarding our most precious gifts, our children."

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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honor and a privilege to serve. I have been a voice for the people and I carry through my commitment to you, in being that strong voice, even if it means a lone voices and a firm voice at the NPTEC table."

Throughout Arthur-Attao's consecutive two-terms, she has served as NPTEC Secretary for one year then continually held positions of Treasurer and Assistant secretary-Treasurer; Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions on respected sub-committees; Budget & Finance, Land Enterprise, and Law and Order. Arthur-Attao currently sits on the Human Resource Subcommittee and has sat in on meetings for Natural Resources and Climate Change & Energy. As a NPTEC liaison to Housing, Enterprises, senior advisory boards and gaming; Arthur-Attao attends regular board meetings. She stated that she remains informed and educated on the Tribe's respective programs such as financial activity, audits, strategic plans, and many key program businesses.

**Nigle Williams-Williamson** expressed his concern for two specific age groups; "There are two groups the Nimiipuu should always protect, the elders and the children. The reason we protect our elders is because they're the ones that teach us our traditions, and help us with our language to carry on our culture. The reason why we protect our children is because they will be the ones that continue on our cultures and traditions," he said. "Growing up, I was always taught that we take care of our elders and our children. That will be a big priority of mine getting onto NPTEC."

Williams-Williamson envisions a place for both age groups to be happy, and to have a place to live with no worries. "My personal leadership stance is to listen to our tribal members, those who have concerns and especially our elders," he said. "As a tribe we are moving forward in a great direction.

We are moving at a very fast pace and it's amazing to think about how far we've already come. Just imagine what we could provide for our children and elders, all that we could maintain and grow. All I ask for is the opportunity to serve my people. The opportunity to help foster our growth, and to help move us into the future."

**Erik Holt** was also running on Seat 1 and during the platform announced that he would be withdrawing his name. Holt stated that this was a personal decision, "I am sorry to those who wanted to see me run for council, I have a strong heart for my people, I have a good mind, I know what's happening in the Tribe but I want to help in another way. I believe in our fish and wildlife, I believe in our hunting, I believe in our treaty."

"So I know tonight when I leave, I leave with a good mind and a good heart knowing that I spoke to you myself." Holt exited the platform but not before he acknowledged each candidate, wishing them the best of luck.

**Shannon Wheeler**, incumbent, was 25 when he first had elders and other tribal members telling him to run for council, however at the time Wheeler didn't feel he was quite ready though he appreciated the vote of confidence. "When I turned 51 I decided to run, based on reason where I felt our tribe could advance."

Wheeler believes a form of inequality has been placed on the Nez Perce people and the culture. "Our people and our resources have been devalued. Deer, elk, and moose have been replaced by cows, our salmon have been taken away, a buckskin shirt is now a cotton shirt. A lot of the different things that represented who we are as people have been taken away from us and therefore, have attempted to take away our spirit, our culture and our language. Those are the things that we can place value back into, and we're the only people that can do it for ourselves. No one is going to

gives us anything to exercise who we are." said Wheeler. "Those are the things that make us who we are, those are the things in our treaty that were discussed by our people who thought these were important for us and intended for us by our ancestors who were at the treaty grounds. It's truly important to create that balance and that value, everyone within our Tribe has a purpose and everyone within our Tribe is valuable. We're all the same, we're all Nimiipuu, we're all The People. We need to place it back into ourselves, the value of who we are."

**Mary Tall Bull** believes that it is an honor and a privilege to be on the tribal council. She stated it's not something to take for granted and when the elected leaders are representing the Nez Perce Tribe, against the state of Idaho, the federal government and against other tribes, the Nez Perce need to fight for the rights that will continue on for the future of the children

and grandchildren. She began her platform by talking about employment opportunities and tribal preference. "We've had a tribal resolution in place since 1986 which says that the Nez Perce tribe will allow a non-Indian to serve in a management position but they must train somebody to take their place. That has been how many years ago, and I still see the same soyáapo managers making that \$40 and \$50 dollars an hour. We need to start having our own people in the leadership positions," said Tall Bull.

She also addressed the importance of protecting the Nez Perce people. "We need to start putting out more for our people, we always have people in need, the Nez Perce shouldn't be known for not taking care of their own. That's why as leaders, we are elected, to take care of the people," said Tall Bull. "We need help with the alcohol and drug pro-

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gram. Our people that go away to treatment return and have nowhere to go, they come right back to it all, the reason they had to leave in the first place. I want our people to have a safe house to go to where they don't have to go to the places where the alcohol and drugs are still going on, they need to go somewhere to move on with their life. We need to provide those services, we can't sit back and expect them to come to us, we need to go to them," concluded Tall Bull.

**Arthur Broncheau**, incumbent, followed and started his platform with education and life experiences; he believes in all education. "The people that sit at the table should go out and ask questions. They should be more people-to-people, talking to one another, shaking hands, we lost some of that by the modern technologies," said Broncheau. "I want to sit on this council to continue working for the people. I serve on the delegate to the Columbia river treaty, housing on the Columbia, law enforcement that pertains to

our water and fishing, and our treaty rights. When I sit at that table I represent the Nez Perce Tribe to the best of my ability."

Broncheau is currently the Liaison to TERO as well as the liaison to the Senior Citizens Committee, in which Broncheau stated he would like to see a facility in place that takes care of the elders. He would also like to see the Nez Perce Tribe harvesting and operating their own marijuana and hemp as it serves as medicinal alternates and would generate revenue for the people.

**James R. Spencer's** desire is to serve the people. "I see the things that have been going on, there's a lot of work to be done. There are resources within the tribe, we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on every year, but those resources go unused or are grossly underutilized," said Spencer. "With more inner department communications those resources could be used in many different departments to address mental health issues, our children's home, so it no longer has that revolving door. We have the resources to give them the

skills and the means to cope with difficult situations. Those same resources could be used to address the substance abuse problems. These are the things that I want to bring to the table to help the people."

As a hobby Spencer is a horologist, he makes clocks and watches. "I have studied the flow of power and through all my experiences I have studied all the different organizations and how they flow and I want to bring that to help our tribe," he said. "We should also be addressing our enrollment. I want to work with the people and our federal partners to straighten out all these issues where the government is creating laws and policies to circumvent the trust obligations they made to our people."

**Mary Jane Miles**, a previous NPTEC member, began her platform speaking on supporting the things that mean the most to us. "Family and community. I have always advocated against age discrimination. I have always advocated for education and for our language. My heart is with the elder issues we are facing," she said. Miles stated that she helped start the day labor program and has always thought the Tribe needed some kind of program that fit the particular needs of the elders and those who are not working full-time jobs.

**Nikesa Aubertin** addressed her visions for the Tribe and her strengths from her prior experiences. "My candidacy brings a voice for our membership. Though I am considered young, I am confident in my abilities to lead our Tribe, alongside the committee towards the future. It is time for our tribe to move forward in the outmost positive manner. I will be the leader who can listen with the intent to better understand issues before finding solutions that will benefit our people," Aubertin said. "There are various reasons why I am running for the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee, which includes advocating for our tribal members living

off the reservation, as well as those residing on the reservation, increasing our tribal membership, and leading our tribe into a modern-day business approach," she added.

On April 2, the NPTEC Primary Election took place for Seat 3. Voting polls were open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Lapwai, Orofino and Kamiah. The Nez Perce Tribe went live via Facebook for the ballot count.

Miles led the polls with 105 votes followed by Aubertin's 77 votes, while incumbent Broncheau had 55 votes and Spencer had 53. Miles and Aubertin will advance to the General Election for seat 3. Incumbent Arthur-Attao and Wilson-Williamson will run for seat 1. Incumbent Wheeler and Tall Bull run for seat 2. The General Election will take place Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. in Kamiah at the Wéeyes Community Center; in Orofino at Tewéepuu Community Center; and in Lapwai at the Páyniwaas Community Center.

General Election absentee ballots will be accepted. The request for absentee ballots will need to be submitted by May 03, 2022 no later than 4:30 p.m. For Tribal Members residing out of state, please submit your request as soon as possible to ensure the election judges have enough time to mail ballots with plenty of time for voters to return the them.

Absentee ballots can be submitted by mail, or dropped off at any of the three Nez Perce Tribe Official Drop Boxes: Wéeyes Community Center in Kamiah, Tewéepuu Community Center in Orofino, or the Boards and Commissions Building in Lapwai.

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attitudes about beauty industrywide is satisfying. It's great that the modeling industry and these brands are changing."

Sharing her backstory is something she's more than happy to do, including educating people about her tribe and the issues facing Indigenous people. "I think a lot of people forget that there's tribes in the United States, and we're fighting for our treaty rights," she said. "It never stops."

Miles is currently studying communications at Arizona State University and plans to transfer to the University of Idaho this upcoming semester where she will continue working toward her degree. She will also continue her seasonal job this summer, fighting wildfires for the Nez Perce Tribe which has been another passion near and dear to her heart.

Miles took the time to answer a few of our questions regarding her journey.

**Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune (in bold) 1. Please introduce your family. Your parents, grandparents, siblings, great-grandparents, etc.** Celilo Miles answers: I am the second child of Aaron and Julie Miles. Older sister Selina

Miles and two younger brothers AJ Miles, and James Miles. Brother-in-law Riston Bullock. Nephews RJ and AJ Miles. Cousins include the Guzman's, Miles', and Bailey's. Maternal great-grandparents Charles and Charlene Bailey, Hugh Boreson and Shirley Courser. Maternal Grandparents James Bailey and Victoria Bailey. Paternal great-grandparents David Miles Sr. and Beatrice Oatman-Miles, Glenn Wasson and Norma Parsons Wasson. Paternal grandparents David Miles and Diane Mallickan.

**2. When did you take interest in modeling?** I became interested in modeling in my early teenage years.

**3. How did you become a model?** I went to a scouting event at the age of 12 in Moscow, ID and a second event at 13 years old in Seattle. Officially signed with an agency at 14 years old.

**4. What is something interesting about yourself that not many people know about?** When I first moved to NYC I was living on a cot-bunk bed with about 12 roommates. Moved to an apartment with 5 of them. We were a comical bunch. I was modeling and working at a steakhouse part-time, one was a

paper salesman (door to door), another was a barber/tax preparer, a photographer, teacher/barista, and lastly an actor.

**5. What does a model's schedule look like? (How many hours are you working, traveling, interviewing, etc.)** Fashion week is the busiest time for models in NYC. You spend several weeks prior to the fashion shows going to casting and go-sees. Many times, its several castings in a day all over the city. Having comp cards, portfolio, and a pair of heels is a must during castings for fashion week. After fashion week my agency at the time would send me to castings and jobs. A schedule for a model is not permanent and the hours vary depending on what clients or jobs your agent sends you to. Many shoots or jobs start early in the morning and can go all day. Other times you are on set for a couple of hours with a staggered call-time. There is also a lot of down time when you don't get castings or direct bookings.

**6. What is one professional goal you had as a child? Did you meet that goal?** One professional goal I had as a child was to move to NYC and sign with the biggest agency in the city. I had been working on that goal since I was fourteen and it finally came about at the age of 23. I met my goal but had no desire to be alone in the city after losing my brother and NYC becoming a hot bed for covid.

**7. What is a current professional goal of yours?** My goal as of now is to finish my education and acquire a bachelor's. I am studying Communications. I am also hoping to move up in the fire world and take on more responsibility. I enjoy working with my sister and brother Riston Bullock.

**8. What was one of your strengths/best quality that made your stand-out amongst other models?** My best quality was my quirky personality and being relatable. For models in this era looks aren't a big factor anymore. Modeling is more about your story and experiences. Be-

coming a model is now more inclusive which is a great for marginalized people and women. Not everyone will like you in the industry, but that's just life. Best advice is to love yourself and never settle for labels based on the opinion of others.

**9. What are you passionate about?** I will always be passionate about working out and living a healthy lifestyle. Over the years I have met great individuals in the fitness industry and many of them have inspired me to keep pursuing my goals and dreams.

**10. What was the most unique thing about model for Victoria Secret?** The entire experience was unique, but the most unique thing was having a client who wanted to hear about me as an individual and not just hire me because I fit the clothes. The shoot was also unique in that I was completely natural and not being told what to say or how to move.

**11. What is your biggest modeling accomplishment?** Victoria Secret is my biggest accomplishment for my modeling career.

**12. What is the longest photo shoot you have ever done?** Most clients try not to go over the allotted working time for models. Agents will negotiate on behalf of the model about time and rate with a client. The most is 8 hours. Many times, you must wait for wardrobe, hair, and make-up. Location and set changes also take time. A lot of work is done by the people behind the scenes. As a freelance model I worked overtime and wasn't compensated. Freelancing was to build up portfolio work and experience.

**13. Where have you traveled for work?** I've been to West Virginia, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Upstate New York (Catskill Mountains), Los Angeles, and NYC.

**14. Have you experienced any struggles directly related to being an indigenous model?** Yes, most definitely. I didn't look the part for the industry. I was never go-

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ing to be a token on an agencies board because I wasn't the Indigenous woman the dominant society is used to seeing in western movies. I didn't fit the modeling industry aesthetic for being indigenous. Growing up fishing, being on the land, living on the reservation, and fighting fire didn't match up to their standards. The industry is fickle and always changing, but I was never going to let the opinion of others determine my worth. Time will always tell, and I will always let my character speak for itself.

**15. What is your favorite thing about modeling?** Meeting new people is one of the best things about modeling. I consider NYC my second home because of the people I've met.

**16. Is there anyone you look up to?** My sister Selina, brother James, and mother Julie. It's amazing to see their personal growth and



be able to grow alongside them. My siblings will always be my friends and support system.

**17. What advice do you have for someone looking to get into modeling?**

Don't give up. Rejection is part of the industry. Also, another bit of advice is to seek help or resources if you are struggling mentally. Many indigenous people grow up with trauma

or dysfunction being normalized in the home. This trauma doesn't fully impact your life until your early 20's and living on your own. Always be mindful and have great self-awareness. Needing help and returning home to reconnect with land will never be a sign of defeat. Life is not linear. Lastly read carefully over the contracts you sign with agencies and ask for

legal advice. Many models can become trapped with an agency that doesn't give the model work. This happened to me and from a legal standpoint I could not do anything but wait out the duration of my contract.

**18. Is there anyone you would like to thank?** I would like to thank my siblings, nephews, and parents for the unconditional love and support.



## Titus Yearout: Best High School Basketball Player in Idaho

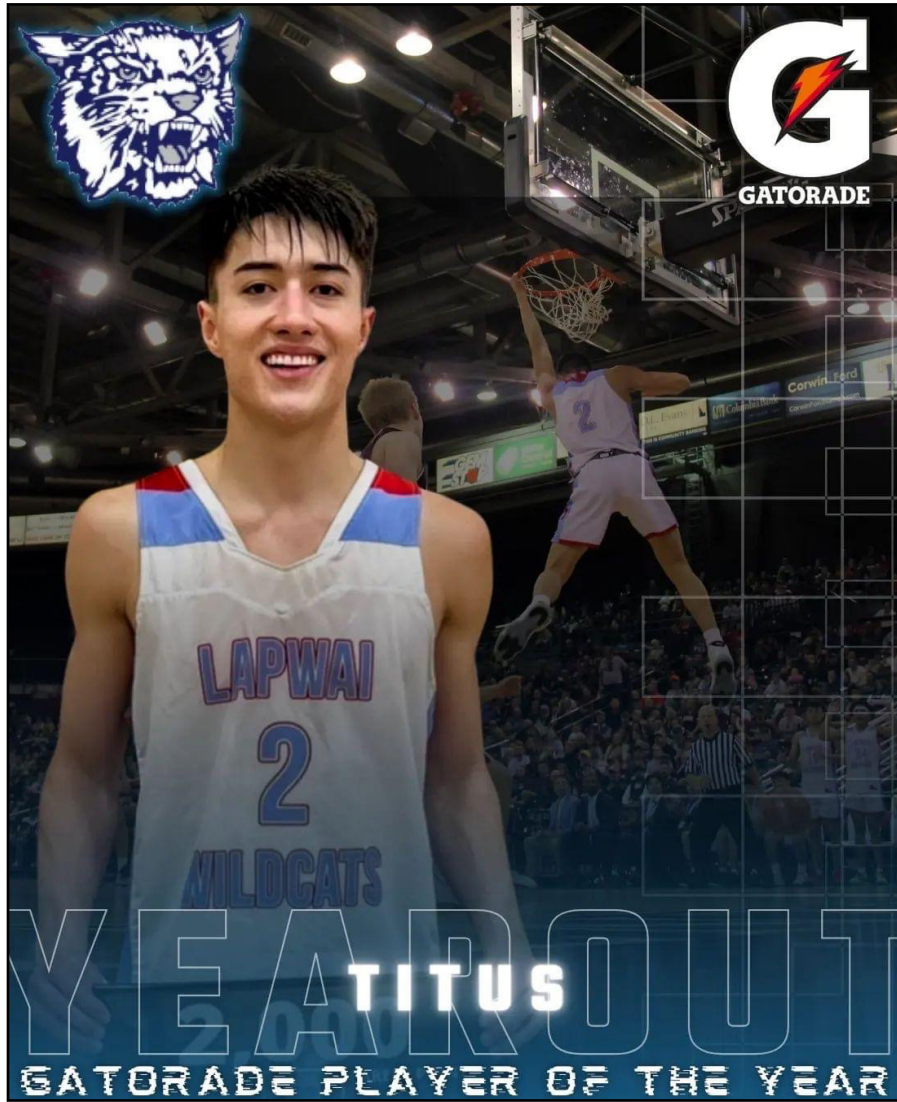
In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade has announced Lapwai High School's Titus Yearout as the 2021-22 Gatorade Idaho Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Yearout is the first Gatorade Idaho Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lapwai.

The award recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court. It distinguishes Yearout as the best high school boys basketball player in Idaho.

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound senior guard led the Wildcats to a 27-0 season and their second straight Class A Division I state championship. During the season, Yearout averaged 15.5 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists and 2 steals and surpassed 2,000 career points on his way to becoming the school's all-time leading scorer.

Yearout has signed a National Letter of Intent to continue his basketball career on scholarship with the University of Idaho next fall.

In the community, Yearout



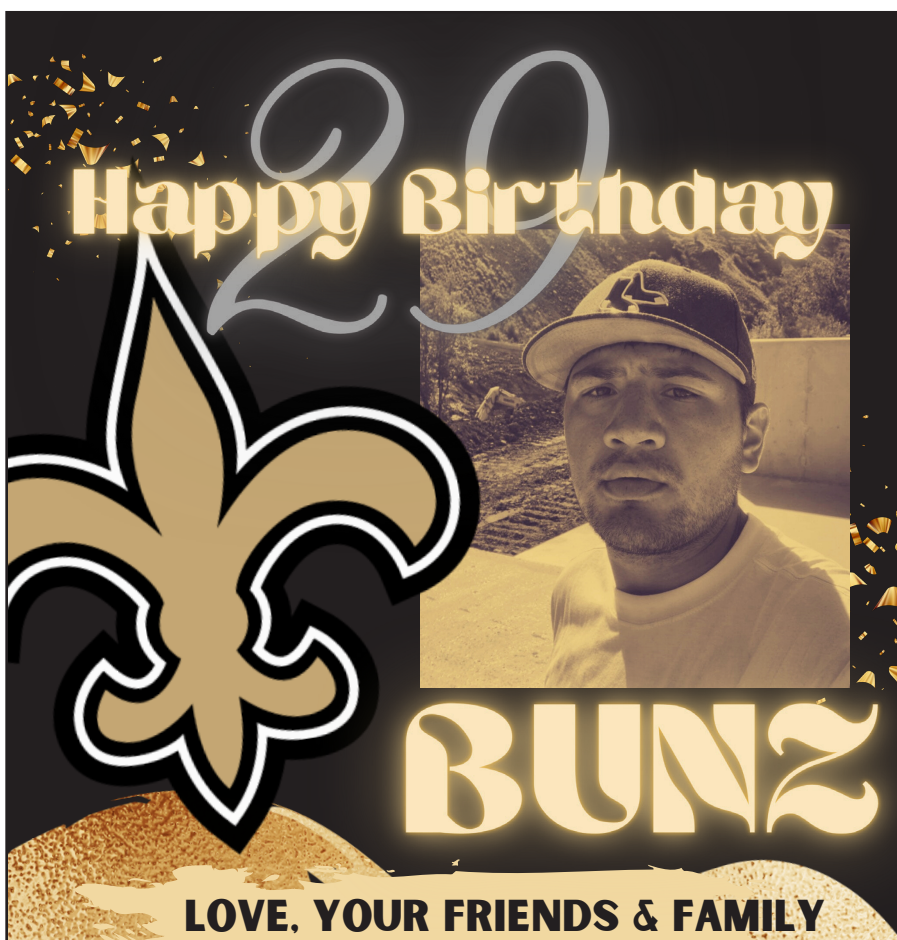
has also volunteered locally at a Christmas toy, coat and food drive. He has donated his time assisting the elderly, and he and his family donate clothing and gifts to the Tiny Tots Learning Center at the Lapwai Boys & Girls Club.

"Titus is an outstanding player, but an even better teammate and person," said Kelly Carlstrom, the head coach at Troy High School. "I have coached against Titus the last four years, and he's matured each year. During his

freshman through junior seasons, he was the main scoring threat for his team. This year, he became more of a facilitator and leader of his team as well as an incredible defender."

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. Selections are made by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Yearout joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Basketball Players of the Year Brody Rowbury (2020-21, Meridian High School), Austin Bolt (2019-20, Borah High School), Michael Ure (2018-19, Ririe High School), and Jake Pfenigs (2017-18, Post Falls High School), among the state's list of former award winners.



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## AmeriCorps Members Celebrated for Their Contributions

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism celebrated the valuable contributions of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors who pledge to "get things done" for our nation as part of the annual AmeriCorps Week.

Throughout the week Serve Idaho highlighted members from across the state on social media, showcasing the impact they are making in communities throughout Idaho. Gov. Brad Little signed a proclamation declaring the week "AmeriCorps Week," and members were recognized for their contributions by local organizations. The week-long celebration also honors the contributions and support of thousands of local organizations that make AmeriCorps programs possible.

In Idaho, approximately 900 AmeriCorps members serve each year in communities from Bonners Ferry to



Montpelier. Programs such as Idaho HealthCorps, operated by Idaho State University's Institute of Rural Health, provide health screenings and health education for Idaho's rural communities, while programs such as the University of Idaho's Idaho Positive Youth Development Program work with the 4-H extension offices across the state to engage students in afterschool STEAM education. Members serving with the North Idaho Senior Companions Program, sponsored by the Panhandle Health District, provide much needed companionship and respite care to the elderly

and disabled. "I am proud to honor our AmeriCorps members this week, and grateful for the AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who are getting things done for Idaho," said Gov. Little. "AmeriCorps members have made a significant impact on Idaho's ability to meet so many local needs including educating our students and providing assistance during our state's COVID response."

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<b>HEAD STAFF</b>	<b>GRAND ENTRY</b>
<b>MC: FRED HILL</b> Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	<b>SATURDAY: 12 PM &amp; 6 PM</b>
<b>ARENA DIRECTOR: DAN NANAMKIN</b> Nez Perce and Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	<b>DANCE SPECIALS</b>
<b>HEAD MAN: HAHOTS SHEBALA</b> Nez Perce, Navajo, and Oglala Lokota	<b>HONORING GRADUATES</b>
<b>HEAD WOMAN: MEILANI DECKER</b> Spokane and Blood Tribe	<b>OUTGOING ROYALTY</b>
<b>HOST DRUM</b>	<b>MEN'S TRADITIONAL (18+)</b>
<b>BUFFALO HILL SINGERS</b> Northwest Tribes	<b>WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL (18+)</b>
	<b>OTHERS TBA</b>
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**LESSON PLAN CONTEST**

The Office of Indian Education and the Idaho State Museum collaboratively announce an exciting opportunity to increase perspectives of Idaho; a lesson plan contest focusing on the five federally recognized tribes of Idaho.

Submissions for the contest are open to all public and private education systems statewide:  
**Final submission date: April 18, 2022**  
Submission categories are Elementary (K-8) and Secondary (9-12)

There will be first, second, and honorable mention places in each category. Prizes will be determined and will include a free classroom trip to the Museum, a registration waiver to the 2022 Indian Education Summit, and paid travel to a reception that will include guest speakers and light refreshments.

Access the lesson plan template and submission information at:  
**HISTORY.IDAHO.GOV/EDUCATIONAL-RESOURCES**



Disclaimer: Upon submission, all lesson plans will become the intellectual property of the SDE and ISHS. Lessons may be shared publicly through a variety of methods.

## Columbia River Basin Fisheries: Working Together to Develop a Path Forward

The Columbia River and its tributaries are the life spring of the Pacific Northwest. The Columbia River Basin was also once among the most productive aquatic ecosystems in the world with an estimated 7.5 to 16 million adult salmon and steelhead returning to Pacific Northwest tributaries each year and providing food for over 130 wildlife species, including Orca, bears, and wolves. The salmon and steelhead sustained the cultures and economies of Tribal Nations since time immemorial, and in turn, Tribes successfully managed these fisheries for millennia.

Today, the river provides energy to communities and business, irrigation water for thousands of farms, transportation services, recreational opportunities, and vital habitat for fish and wildlife species.

On March 21, 2022,

we convened a Nation-to-Nation consultation between our agencies and departments and leaders and representatives from the Tribes of the Columbia River Basin. We heard clearly the request for accountability for actions by the U.S. Government that have caused harm to the ecology of the river, its tributaries, and importantly, its first residents.

Since colonization of the Pacific Northwest, numerous Tribal Nations entered into treaties with the United States, ceding millions of acres of their homelands in exchange for and acknowledgement of rights already held, including, critically, the right to fish in all "usual and accustomed places." This exchange was premised on a notion that the salmon and steelhead resources of the region were "inexhaustible,"[1] a premise that

subsequent human activities in the Basin proved false as salmon and steelhead disappeared or significantly declined at many Tribal fishing locations.

From the 1930s to the 1970s, the Federal government constructed a series of 14 multipurpose dams in the Basin to address a myriad of economic challenges, and, additionally, more than 100 non-Federal dams were constructed. Communities across the Northwest have come to rely on these dams for flood risk management, water supply, irrigation, navigation, and recreation and importantly: reliable and affordable electricity.

The dams also altered free-flowing rivers, affected juvenile fish as they migrate out to sea, impeded adult fish returning to spawn, inundated Tribal fishing areas and sacred sites, and forever displaced people from their homes. In the 1990s, 13 of the Columbia River Basin's salmon populations required the protection of the Endangered Species Act to survive. We have been working to stem the decline ever since.

The Federal Government has spent several billion dollars, in partnership with Tribes, states, and non-governmental organizations, on efforts that contribute to fish recovery. These efforts include modifying the operation and configuration of the federal dams to improve passage conditions for fish, investing in hatchery facilities to produce and supplement Tribal and non-Tribal fisheries and improving fish habitat, changing flow augmentation releases from some projects to counteract warmer water, and implanting programs to transport juvenile fish downstream by barge and truck.

States have also funded recovery programs, purchased, protected, and restored fish and wildlife habitat; and overseen numerous habitat improvement measures. Tribes are also implementing their own compre-

hensive recovery plans that integrate indigenous and western science to heal the ecosystem through innovative projects.

Despite hard work, ingenuity, great expense, and commitment across all levels of Federal, state, Tribal and local governments and a wide range of stakeholders, many fish populations in the Columbia River Basin—salmon, steelhead, and others—have not recovered, some continue to decline, and many areas remain inaccessible to them. We heard a specific example of a fishery where there has been no measurable improvement, about the ongoing and acute harm experienced by Tribes in blocked areas where salmon and steelhead no longer exist, and about the deep and emotional experience of seeing fish return again.

For the Tribes, their past, present, and future is inextricably linked to the continued existence of salmon and the health of the rivers that support them, which is why the Tribes experience profound consequences from the dwindling salmon runs. As the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the National Congress of American Indians explained in resolutions passed last year, the Basin faces not only an environmental crisis, but an environmental justice crisis too.[2]

The Tribal leaders welcomed the dialogue, and they made clear that they want more than words. They brought ideas to the table and they want action.

We heard calls to support breaching the four dams on the lower Snake River to restore a more natural flow, also about the need to replace the services provided by those dams, and recognition that such a step would require congressional action. This approach has been supported by Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson of

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### Have executive leadership experience and a commitment to restoring salmon and protecting tribal treaty fishing rights?

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is seeking a dynamic, high-level strategic thinker, a great spokesperson, and an effective manager to serve as its **Deputy Director**.

Help guide the organization tasked to provide technical assistance and coordinate the fisheries management responsibilities of its four member tribes—the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce.

Be a part of the tribal effort to put fish back in the rivers and protect the watersheds where they live.

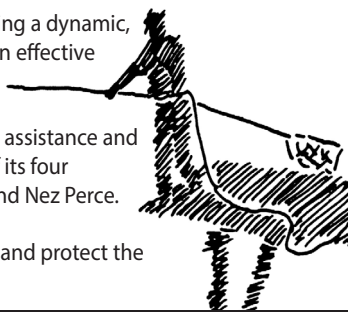
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Idaho and is being evaluated by Washington Senator Patty Murray in collaboration with Washington Governor Jay Inslee.

We heard a request to fully fund fish and wildlife restoration and to vest in Tribes and states a stronger role in managing those funds. Relatedly, we heard a consistent theme that the current fish mitigation funding is mismatched with the burdens experienced by Tribes: it is too little in light of the scale of the harms and the extent of restoration needed, and the locations and species benefitted are not in proportion to the impacts.

We heard a request to support reintroduction of salmon in areas that historically yielded abundant populations, but are fully blocked by dams lacking fish passage: the Upper Columbia and Upper Snake.

We were asked to consider the Basin holistically because of its inherent interconnectedness.

We heard that the expertise and sovereignty of the Tribes should be recognized in federal agency processes and actions that might affect the Basin. We agree. Respecting the sovereignty of Tribal Nations and their knowledge and expertise is a priority for this Administration.



We heard more as well. Each proposal merits serious consideration, and we and our staff are carefully considering all of the input we received.

As we reflect on what we heard, we know that any long-term solution must account for the varied and crucial services provided by the dams, as well as the people, communities, and industries who rely upon them.

We cannot continue business as usual. Doing the right thing for salmon, Tribal Nations, and communities can bring us together. It is time for effective, creative solutions.

We also know that Tribes will continue to be critical partners in the work ahead, and that to work effectively in

partnership externally requires that we coordinate across the Federal government internally.

To that end, last fall, the White House Council on Environmental Quality convened an interagency group with leaders from the Department of the Interior, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, and Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of the Army, including the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Energy, including the Bonneville Power Administration. This interagency group will build on existing analyses to identify a durable path forward that ensures a clean

energy future, supports local and regional economies, and restores ecosystem function, while honoring longstanding commitments to Tribal Nations.

Crafting an equitable long-term solution requires broad input; so, our staff has also conducted listening sessions with stakeholders in the region to hear their perspective.

Finally, we have engaged a team of experienced mediators to facilitate a transparent and productive public policy dialogue with all of the sovereigns and stakeholders in the region. If you would like to share information with us, please email us at [salmon@ceq.eop.gov](mailto:salmon@ceq.eop.gov). We look forward to hearing from you.

## Tunnel Pond Open for 2022 Fishing Season

Orofino, Idaho- The Nez Perce Tribe Fisheries Department opened the fishing season at Tunnel Pond. A no-host free-fishing day was held on April 1, 2022.

Following opening day, usual regulations and operations will resume with permits being required.

Tunnel Pond is open to the public as of April 1 through October 31, 2022 and will initially be stocked with 1,500 rainbow trout. Frequent stocking of Tunnel Pond will continue throughout the season.

In addition, the schedule for all 2022 events at Tunnel Pond is currently being

evaluated and notices will be provided at a later date on any upcoming events.

Nez Perce Tribal Trout Fishing Permits are required for all non-tribal anglers ages 14 and older. Permits are available for purchase at the Orofino Marketplace, The Guide Shop (Orofino), Nez Perce Express II (near Clearwater River Casino), and Dale & Jill's Sporting Goods (Kamiah). To purchase online, please visit <https://www.nptfishpermits.com/>.

Permits are \$5 for a single day, \$25 for an Idaho resident annual permit, and \$30 for a non-resident annual permit.



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From the Desk of Nimiipuu Health Medical Director, Dr. Kim Hartwig



Welcome spring and warmer days! I would like to share a pot potpourri from Nimiipuu Health (NMPH). First, I would like to say thank you to our amazing staff for enduring all that we have during the past couple of years. The demands and impacts from COVID-19 could not have been imagined but our incredible staff, in its totality, has allowed us to con-

tinue to provide quality care to our communities during it all – NMPH staff – THANK YOU!!

Kamiah NMPH hours have been extended and services will be offered in the medical department from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This has been possible by the addition of two part-time doctors: Dr. Aurora Horstkamp and Dr. John Horstkamp. This husband-wife team joins us from the Pullman, WA area and both have worked with Dr. Smith in the past. We are looking forward to their experience providing quality service for our patients.

If you have comments about care you received at NMPH, there is a process for clients to relay comments to NMPH through the Patient Comment Process. The purpose of this policy is to allow NMPH to maintain a comprehensive, confidential method to file, monitor, respond and trend Incident and Patient

Comment Reports to support a comprehensive quality management program. This process allows for us to observe trends that may lead to improvement in our processes as they relate to the care that clients deserve and should receive. Following this process allows for process improvement, in addition to resolution and/or addressing the concern. All feedback helps us get better – thank you for taking the time to complete this process.

We have several projects that we are working on to improve the sustainability of our operations at NMPH. Here are a few of our projects:

- Collaboration to become a Health Scholars site
- Scribe project partnering with University of Washington School of Medicine
- Admission committee membership for Idaho WWAMI medical school applicants
- Preceptorship for students

of healthcare fields – we have a Nez Perce PA student joining us from April to August

NMPH will begin construction of the Assisted Living Facility (ALF) after the pharmacy remodel is completed. The pharmacy remodel is slated to be complete in early June. More details to come about this is a very exciting project.

Please remember to communicate NMPH news to your family and friends, especially those who do not have access to social media. We are doing our best to communicate with you on the changes and activities of NMPH. Emergency closures, which we have had recently, are challenging to disperse on modes other than social media, therefore we rely on our community members to relay our information to each other. Thank you for that help to keep everyone informed.

*Qe'ciyew'yew,*  
*R. Kim Hartwig, MD*




**Mini Job Fair Featuring Hospitality & Services**

Here are the awesome employers attending the event:

**Holiday Inn**, Clarkston, WA – Located on the Snake River! Offering event work, Front Desk, Guest Services, and more! See you at the fair!

**Clearwater River Casino & Lodge**, Lewiston, ID – Located 14 minutes from town along the Clearwater River! Offering event work, security, special projects worker, various gaming positions (requires additional steps). All work explained at the fair!

**Hells Canyon Grand Hotel**, Lewiston, ID – Located at the heart of Lewiston with amazing views of the city! Offering numerous positions and shifts, visit with us during the event!





**DATE:** April 12th

**TIME:** 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**LOCATION:** LCSC Campus

\*Sam Glenn Grassy Area  
500 8th Avenue  
Lewiston, ID 83501

\*Weather backup location Student Union lower level

**Contact Information**  
[Jeannette.Klobetanz@equusworks.com](mailto:Jeannette.Klobetanz@equusworks.com)  
1-208-417-1229

**Event Specifics:**

- Meet and learn from area employers
- Ask questions
- Find work, start the process
- Learn about WIOA assistance
- Have fun with us!
- Explore the industry

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## Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Employment Opportunities

**Office of the Executive Director  
Deputy Director - One (1) Vacancy  
Salary: \$124,335 - \$142,619 (DOQ)**

CRITFC is looking for an experienced and dependable individual to serve as Deputy Director of the organization. S/he will be responsible for both internal and external facing responsibilities, ranging from policy analyses to administrative oversight. The Deputy Director will work closely with the Executive Director to accomplish CRITFC's goals and priorities as set by the Commission acting in accordance with its constitution and bylaws. The Deputy Director is a highly visible management position that assists the Executive Director in the development and execution of operational policies for the organization and the development and monitoring of progress towards strategic and department goals. S/he should be a high-level strategic thinker, work well under pressure, and be an experienced manager of people and processes. The Deputy Director must be very familiar with tribal culture, leadership and governance. S/he should be comfortable working at the executive level, preferably bringing previous experience working with a board. Experience working in fisheries, natural resources, or tribal governance is important; a commitment to restoring salmon and protecting tribal treaty fishing rights is a must. Classification: Regular, Full-time. Location: Portland, Oregon. Closing date: May 31, 2022

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Fishery Biologist (Habitat Project) - One (1) Vacancy  
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**Fishery Science Department  
Fishery Technician III (Hanford Project) - One – two (1-2) Temporary, Full-time, Not benefit eligible  
Wage Range: \$21.16 - \$22.57 hourly (DOQ)**

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**Fishery Science Department  
Fishery Technician III (Habitat Project) - Four (4) Temporary, Full-time, Not benefit eligible  
Wage Range: \$21.16 - \$22.57 hourly (DOQ)**

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## Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Employment Opportunities

### Fish Management Department

**Fishery Technician III (Lamprey Project) - Three (3) Temporary, Full-time, Not benefit eligible**  
**Wage Range: \$21.16 - \$22.57 hourly (DOQ)**

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) assists the four tribes in the co-management of their treaty rights within the Columbia River Basin. The Fishery Technician position offered is within the Fish Management Department's Lamprey Program. The Lamprey Program implements objectives and actions outlined in the Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan. These objectives include improving mainstem and tributary passage and habitat; lamprey supplementation/augmentation (translocation and reintroductions); evaluating contaminants and water quality; regional coordination, education and outreach; and research, monitoring and evaluation. The primary responsibilities of the Fishery Technician will be trapping adult Pacific lamprey at Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day dams in support of the tribes Pacific lamprey translocation program. The Fishery Technician will also be responsible for monitoring fish health during transportation and holding, and collecting biological and water quality data. Other duties may include assisting CRITFC and tribes with seasonal field work (e.g. , electrofishing surveys, eDNA sample collections, screw trap monitoring, parentage based tagging, etc) as needs arise. Field work occurs 7 days per week, June through September. Closing Date extended: April 30, 2022.

### Office of Executive Director

**Public Information Specialist - One (1) Regular, Full-time**  
**Salary Range: \$65,137 – \$71,651 (DOQ)**

This position works to forward the culture, goals and aspirations of the Commission and its member tribes to the broader public through media and outreach activities. The position will write press releases, news stories, website and social media posts, and other creative writing to share the work, priorities, and views of CRITFC and its member tribes. The potential of performing some job duties via telework, particularly from or near the CRITFC member tribes' reservations and ceded lands, could be considered. The position also executes CRITFC's media strategy, occasionally serves as a CRITFC spokesperson, and is a liaison between CRITFC and national, regional, local, and tribal press. The position works closely with Commissioners, CRITFC staff and tribal staff to ensure that the programs' outreach needs are met and the Commission's goals are accomplished. The position will require regular interaction with the public, representation of CRITFC to groups and audiences, and being called upon to speak extemporaneously on a variety of topics relating to CRITFC and its member tribes' work. Tribal preference will be followed, with the ideal candidate possessing a broad knowledge of fisheries or natural resource, Columbia Plateau tribal culture, and Native American issues in general. Classification: Regular, Full-time. Location: Portland, Oregon. Closing date: Open Until Filled.

### Policy Development and Litigation Support Department

**Treaty Fisheries Community Outreach Liaison - One (1) Temporary, Part-time, Not benefit eligible**  
**Wage Range: \$37,540 - \$39,520 (DOQ)**

This position will be support outreach, contract tracing and wrap around support services for tribal communities along the Columbia River gorge. Native Americans disproportionately experience many of the health conditions that put them at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. The onset of the COVID crisis has drawn into stark contrast the long-standing health disparities that exist here in the Columbia River Gorge. The In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites (IL-TFAS) represent highly vulnerable locations. Tribal members living along the Columbia River may have very limited access to electricity, communications, technology or to basic health care services. These individuals may also experience higher incidence of chronic health conditions that place them at increased risk for COVID-19. The primary geographic area of focus will be the Columbia River tribal IL-TFAS and tribal communities living along the Columbia River. Members of these communities can be at risk due to the frequent travel between the sites and other outlying tribal communities across the Pacific Northwest. The COVID pandemic has increased these challenges. Since June 2020, CRITFC has been working with multiple community service organizations to provide personal protective equipment, access to food and water resources, and supporting community member connect with social supports. Classification: Regular, Full-time. Location: Portland, Oregon. Closing date: Open Until Filled

### Watershed Department

**SCHISM Modeler/Oceanographer - One (1) Vacancy**  
**Salary: \$75,799 - \$80,854 (DOQ)**

This position will work collaboratively with fish scientists and managers to integrate numerical hydrodynamic modeling into conservation and management programs for critical fish species and stocks in the Columbia River, focusing on Upper Columbia summer and fall chinook and Snake River fall chinook, but including other salmonid species, lamprey, and sturgeon. Work may include incorporating high resolution wetland modeling, water control structures, and aquatic vegetation modeling into the existing CMOP SCHISM model and continuing development of individual based modeling of juvenile salmon. This position may also participate in or lead production of peer reviewed articles, technical reports, and grant proposals. Location: Portland, Oregon. Closing Date: Open Until Filled

*All positions are permanent full-time unless otherwise noted.*

*The complete job description, minimum skills, application requirements, deadlines, and pay information are available on the CRITFC website [www.critfc.org](http://www.critfc.org) Careers. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.*

## Nez Perce Tribe in Stage 4

Effective March 10, 2022

It has been approved by the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee to move into Stage 4 of our COVID-19 Pandemic Response.

Stage 4 allows for large gatherings/events and continued travel. Social distancing must continue where possible. Regular sanitation and hand washing is a must.

For events, every attempt should be made to host outdoors. If this is not feasible, event planners should aim for a venue with enough space to comfortably fit the desired attendance size with six-foot distancing, high ceilings and good ventilation. If a person feels sick, they are required to stay home and monitor symptoms. COVID-19 testing is encouraged should aligning symptoms appear. COVID-19 vaccinations are strongly encouraged and will continue to be offered at Nimiipuu Health for anyone 5 years of age and older.

On February 25, the CDC implemented a risk scale to determine appropriate mask wear protocols. The risk levels run on low, medium and high. Levels are implemented regionally and are determined by number of hospitalizations, hospital bed availability, and case numbers.

On the low level, there is not a recommendation for masks. On the medium level it is recommended that immunocompromised or high risk for disease individuals wear a mask indoors and/or talk to their healthcare provider about it. High level recommends a mask for everyone while indoors.

Given this information it has been approved by the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee to follow to CDC's risk scale and modified mask recommendations.

The Nez Perce Tribe is considered to be at the medium level, based on CDC's scale. The Nez Perce Tribe will retain the requirement of unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask while indoors in shared spaces. Nimiipuu Health will continue to monitor numbers to determine the Nez Perce Tribe's risk level and notice will be sent for any changes.

Nimiipuu Health, as a health care facility, still requires masks for staff and patients. Each tribal entity has its own policy/protocol, please refer to your HR office for specific details.

## Employment Opportunities

### Nez Perce Tribe

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/April-4-2022-NPT.pdf>

### Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/04-04-2022-NPTE.pdf>

### Nimiipuu Health

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/04042022-NMPH.pdf>

View the NPT Newsletter for updates [www.nptweekly.org](http://www.nptweekly.org)



Lewis-Clark Valley  
**IF: Gathering**  
**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Friday, May 6th (6-9pm)  
Saturday, May 7th (9am-12pm & 2-4pm)  
LCSC Silverthorne Theater / Lewiston, ID

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## Field & Forest Weed Management

The University of Idaho Extension in Clearwater County is offering: Weed Management in Field & Forest

It's that time of year again. Many weed control measures are best applied in spring when weeds are young and actively growing. Tim Prather, UI Extension Weed Specialist, will cover control methods for both common broadleaf weeds and annual grasses, including ventenata. Tim will also discuss biological control measures for broadleaves for those looking for a non-chemical option. Join us in April to get the latest information on weed control for 2022.

When: Thursday, April 21, 2022  
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ponderosa Restaurant, 220 Michigan Ave., Orofino, ID  
Cost: \$15.00 per person

Idaho Dept. of Agriculture pesticide recertification credits: REQUESTED

Wash. Dept. of Agriculture pesticide recertification credits: 2  
Idaho ProLogger Credits: 2.5

To Register: On-line: [uidaho.edu/clearwater-events](http://uidaho.edu/clearwater-events)  
Email: [clearwater@uidaho.edu](mailto:clearwater@uidaho.edu), Phone: 208-476-4434



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[COMMUNICATIONS@NEZPERCE.ORG](mailto:COMMUNICATIONS@NEZPERCE.ORG)

## Job Announcement

### Maintenance / Construction Worker

The Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority is accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance/ Construction Worker for our rental units in the Kamiah/Orofino area. Minimum four years experience in residential repair/construction, high school diploma or GED, valid driver's license and be insurable. Skilled in home repairs, construction knowledge in carpentry, plumbing, electrical, roofing, sheet rocking and painting. Legible writing, ability to document all work performed on appropriate forms, communication skills and great customer service. Excellent benefits, Tribal & Indian Preference will apply. The NPTHA reserves the right to transform this position into a training position if sufficient Indian Preference applications are not received. Submit NPTHA employment application to: Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority, P.O. Box 188, Lapwai, ID 83540 or email. For more information, application form or job description: [nptha@nezperce.org](mailto:nptha@nezperce.org) or (208) 843-2229 OPEN UNTIL FILLED (posted 3/14/22)

## Photo Contest

Innovia Foundation's 2022 Photo Contest:  
This is WHO We Are

Is now accepting photos from across the region

Innovia Foundation is excited to announce the opening of our third annual Photo Contest: This is WHO We Are.

Our region is a beautiful patchwork of lives and communities and we invite residents to submit images that capture the unique identity and spirit of the Inland Northwest.

Participants can submit photographs to the following six categories:

- People
- Landscape/Wildlife
- Education
- Arts and Culture
- Community
- Nonprofit Mission in Action

Photographs must be taken within Innovia Foundation's 20-county service area.

To benefit other inspiring nonprofit organizations serving our region, the first-place overall photographer will receive a \$1,000 grant awarded to their favorite 501(c)3 organization, a canvas print of their photograph and a feature on our website. Winners in each individual category will receive a \$200 grant awarded to an organization of their choice, a canvas print, and showcasing on our website.

"Our vibrant communities, the breathtaking landscapes and beautiful diversity of this region inspire our work every day," says Shelly O'Quinn, CEO of Innovia Foundation. "We are excited to celebrate who we are as a region through the photography of those who call this place home."

A full list of contest rules and instructions for submission can be found at [innovia.org/news/2022photocontest](http://innovia.org/news/2022photocontest).

Any questions about the contest can be directed to Rachel Quick at [rquick@innovia.org](mailto:rquick@innovia.org).



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

### "Nurture the Kids"

# Friday April, 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

## (Breakfast starts at 8am)

\*\$20.00 per seat or for an entire table \$100 | Seating is limited and attendees will need to RSVP no later than by Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022  
with Josilin Peters (Unit Director)  
[josilinp@nezperce.org](mailto:josilinp@nezperce.org) or call (208) 621-3877

**Where: Lapwai Clubhouse**  
**104 Agency Rd. Lapwai, Id. 83540**

Event Sponsor  
 PIFCU

 Starbucks will be providing coffee

### Special Guest Speakers

2022 Organizational Youth of the Year

**Sicily Treetop**



Boys & Girls Club Alumni

**Imani Mitchell**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## TIPI BUILDER


The Nez Perce Tribe Enterprises is seeking proposals from Tribal Members for building two tipis for Zim's Hot Springs.

We would like to have the tipis completed by June, but the sooner the better!

Requirements: must be an enrolled tribal member, must use sturdy materials to withstand weather conditions, must prepare a 22' and a 15' tipi.

Any additional design or creativity is optional!

Interested? Please submit your proposal as soon as possible!



**Send all proposals to**  
**Shelby Leighton**  
[shelbyl@nezperce.org](mailto:shelbyl@nezperce.org)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Frances Allen**, has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of **Alice Faye McCurdy** by the Nez Perce Tribal Court of the Nez Perce Tribal Indian Reservation, Lapwai, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, **Alice Faye McCurdy**, are to serve such claims upon the Personal Representative and to file them with the Clerk of the Tribal Court within two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice which is March 14, 2022 (date.)

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to him/her at:

Frances Allen  
PO Box 132  
Lapwai, ID 83540

Copies of the claims may be filed with the court by mailing copies to:

Nez Perce Tribal Court  
PO Box 305  
Lapwai, ID 83540

Date of Posting/ Publication \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Janet M. Blackeagle**, has been appointed Personal Representative for the Estate of **Veda R. Blackeagle** by the Nez Perce Tribal Court of the Nez Perce Tribal Indian Reservation, Lapwai, Idaho.

All creditors having claims against the deceased, **Veda R. Blackeagle**, are to serve such claims upon the Personal Representative and to file them with the Clerk of the Tribal Court within two (2) months from the date of the first publication of this notice which is 4-6-22 (date.)

The Personal Representative may be served by mailing copies of the claims to him/her at:

Janet M. Blackeagle  
PO Box 62  
Kooskia, ID 83539

Copies of the claims may be filed with the court by mailing copies to:

Nez Perce Tribal Court  
PO Box 305  
Lapwai, ID 83540

Date of Posting/ Publication 4-6-22 \_\_\_\_\_

**Upcoming Meetings****Nez Perce Language Zoom Class**

April 6 - June 15, 2022

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays

12:00 p.m.

<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/6637523174?pwd=V0xCR281KzVUMzIRM0F5R3ZIZG5Vdz09>

Meeting ID: 663 752 3174, Passcode:nezperce

**Weaver Wednesday**

March 9 - September 14, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

4-H Club House, 315 W Locust Ave, Lapwai, ID

**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, April 6th

6:00 p.m.

Boards & Commissions Building

210 A Street, Lapwai, ID

**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.

NPTEC Chambers

**Special NPTEC Meeting**

4th Tuesday

9:00 a.m.

NPTEC Chambers

**Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**

Monday, April 11

5:00 p.m.

**Natural Resources Subcommittee**

1st & 3rd Tuesday

8:30 a.m.

NPTEC Chambers

**Land Enterprise Commission**

1st & 3rd Tuesday

2:00 p.m.

NPTEC Chambers

## Open House

The Lewiston City Council welcomes you to join them for an open house to learn the impacts of removing or keeping the Lower Snake Dams.

Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Lewiston Community Center

Representatives from both sides of the issue will be available to answer questions. A sticker survey will be conducted as participants enter the event and when leaving the event.

## Online Timber Harvest Workshop

The University of Idaho Extension in Clearwater County is offering "How to Plan & Manage a Timber Harvest on Your Property" It's a rewarding experience to manage your own forest land.

Active management of your forest can improve forest stand conditions, increase biodiversity and habitat for wildlife, and provide a substantial economic return. Whether you plan to hire a consultant to manage the sale, or conduct it yourself, this workshop will benefit those with little or no experience.

This FREE workshop will provide the basics for planning & managing a successful harvest & sale.

Thursday, April 28, 2022  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To Register:

Online: [uidaho.edu/clearwater-events](http://uidaho.edu/clearwater-events)  
Email: [clearwater@uidaho.edu](mailto:clearwater@uidaho.edu)  
Phone: 208-476-4434

## NPTHA Educational Classes

Homebuyer Education, Money Basics, Financial Skills for Teens and Young Adults, Youth Money Basics and more.

Classes are offered by the Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority in both Lapwai and Kamiah.

View the full schedule of classes, descriptions, and specifics at

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Financial-Class-Schedule-2022-Calendar.pdf>

or follow Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority on Facebook

## Child Abuse Awareness Month

Upcoming NPT Indian Child Welfare / Child Protective Services events for Child Abuse Awareness Month:

### Family Engagement Day

April 15, 2022. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
BIA Grounds - Figure 8 (Lapwai, ID)  
BBQ- 12:00 p.m.  
Booth Activities- 1:00 p.m.  
Egg Hunt- 2:00 p.m.  
Pictures with Easter Bunny- 3:00 p.m.

### 6th Annual Pinwheel Parade

April 15, 2022. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
BIA Grounds - Figure 8 (Lapwai, ID)

For more info call 208-843-7302, email [rebeccal@nezperce.org](mailto:rebeccal@nezperce.org)

## Attn: Tribal Dept. & Programs

The Nez Perce Tribe is announcing available gaming revenue funding for the support of local educational programs and schools on or near the reservation.

To submit a request, please send a complete application to Catherine Big Man in the Executive Director's Office.

Proposals are limited to one per program although smaller projects may be combined and submitted as one proposal. Due to the number of anticipated requests, each request is not to exceed \$10,000.00.

NOTE: Applications are required as black and white copy only and must be signed by the applicant and the department manager. Incomplete or late applications and those that exceed the page limit and/or include color will be automatically returned without consideration.

Requests must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022, in order to receive priority review. The Nez Perce Tribe reserves the right to reject any request partially or in its entirety. All awards are subject to the availability of funds.

All recipients must agree to acknowledge the award in any public statements and to complete an annual report on the use of the funds awarded. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Catherine Big Man at extension 3670, (208) 843-7324 or email [catherineb@nezperce.org](mailto:catherineb@nezperce.org).

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM



**Strengthening Families Program** by Dr. Karol Kumpfer

**WHO:** Upriver Youth Leadership Council is offering two sessions of Strengthening Families this Spring. These two sessions will be for families with children ages 6-11 and ages 12-16. Free childcare will be available for children who do not meet age requirements for classes. Transportation or mileage reimbursement is also available.

**WHAT:** The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is an evidence-based family skills training program for families that is recognized both nationally and internationally. Parents and youth attend weekly SFP skills classes together, learning parenting skills and youth life and refusal skills. A free hot dinner is provided each week in a family-style meal.

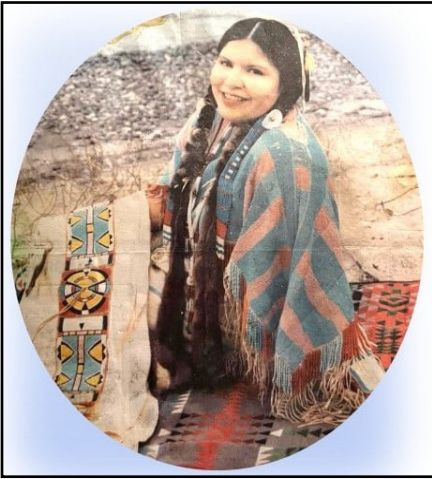
**WHEN:** Classes will begin April 6, 2022, 6:30-9:00 pm and will take place every Wednesday for 14 weeks. Families who attend every class will get a free trip to Silverwood!

**WHERE:** Families with children ages 6-11 will be held at Kamiah Middle School, And families with children 12-16 will be held at CV Highschool.

**WHY:** This class allows parents and children to learn how to more effectively communicate, and build stronger, healthier relationships. It also teaches children important tools like saying no to peer pressure, how to handle anger, etc. Building healthier relationships within families is just one extra security factor that we are placing around our children to prevent substance abuse in the future.

To sign-up for SFP, please email Amber at [uylcrecovery@gmail.com](mailto:uylcrecovery@gmail.com). There are also sign-up sheets at the Teen Center and in the main office at 416 Main Street in Kamiah.

### Jessica Lou Valerie Nomee, 43, Lapwai, ID



Jessica Lou Valerie Nomee ~ AhLahLimYahWeNunMy: Jessica Lou Valerie Nomee, of the Coeur d'Alene and Nez Perce Tribes was born March 27, 1978 in Spokane, Washington to Calvin L. Nomee and Jessica L. Redheart. Before the dawn, on March 23, 2022 Jessica died of sudden cardiac arrest, she was 43 years old.

From her Father's side she comes from the Nomee, Vallee, Finely, Falcon and Massaslaw families. On her Mother's side she comes from the Redheart, McFarland, Cayuse, Peo Peo Tholekt, Damion, Pinkham, Bronche and Blackeagle families.

Jessica was baptized in 1978 at the Desmet Catholic Church, her God Parents are Lynette Pinkham and Alfred Nomee. She was baptized 1910 Shaker Church in 1985.

Jessica carried the Nez Perce name of her maternal great great great Grandmother, AhLahLimYahWeNunMy ~ Cyclone Woman. Jessica received her Nez Perce name from her maternal great Grandmother, Annette Blackeagle Burke as a child.

Jessica attended Worley and Lapwai Schools, she graduated in 1996 from Lapwai High School. While attending school she was active in cheerleading, basketball, business professionals, fashion shows, Kee Mah Mar yearbook, Upward Bound, Indian Club, drama and science fairs. Jessica attended Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho.

She was raised at the family home of her late ma-

ternal grandparents, Audrey Pinkham Redheart and Jesse D. Redheart II at Caawiikta on the Clearwater River. Jessica also lived in Spokane, Washington, Desmet, Worley, Plummer and Lewiston, Idaho as well as Keremeos, Canada.

In her earlier years Jessica was an avid Girl Scout. Jessica began serving on pow wow committees at a young age, she served the Four Nations, Chief Joseph and Warriors Memorial, Young Nations and EPahTes Pow Wow Committees. Jessica and the Four Nations Dance and Theater group traveled to Switzerland and France in 1994 to perform. At an early age Jessica began her life's work as a seamstress, traditional weaver, beader and horseman. Many children entered the dance circle, with the love and work from Jessica's hands. She could also sew formal gowns and was sure that her friends and nieces were fully glamorized for prom.

As a horseman, Jessica was a ceremonial rider at Nez Perce battlefield sites, she also rode in the Steptoe Battle Memorial ride, Lewiston Round Up and Pendleton Round Up parades. Jessica, her horse and family would ride in full regalia. She was one of The Nez Perce Tribe Young Horsemen Program originals.

She made friends far and near - her laugh, smile, voice and love was loud with beauty and sincerity. Auntie Babe, Lil Jessica, Sister - all the kids and young adults in her extended families know her, she made sure they knew they're family and are important.

Jessica married Alfred Snow in August 2009, they later divorced. She married Joshua Allen of Culatesac, Idaho in June 2011, they later separated.

Jessica enjoyed traveling to pow wows, attending medicine dances, attending the weekly culture nights with her God Mom and gathering our first foods. Jessica assisted her family in the Pendleton

Round Up Encampment and Happy Canyon event annually; setting up tipis and camp. She faithfully attended the Redheart Memorial in Ft. Vancouver - honoring Chief Redheart's band who were held captive for eight months in 1877-78.

Her vast and wide employment career included: Upward Bound Counselor, Clearwater River Casino, Eddie Bauer, Thunderbird Smoke Shop and Gas Station, Coeur d'Alene Casino, The Warpath and Cultural Instructor at Northwest Indian College. Jessica's heart and passion was to care and love others, from her grandparents, parents, large family, friends and especially her daughter Kayleigh 'Lettie' Allen.

Jessica was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Audrey Pinkham Redheart and Jesse D. Redheart II, her paternal grandparents, Tillie Falcon Nomee and Henry (Bill) Nomee. Sisters, Annette Lou Nomee and Anita Fae Nomee and brother Nicholas Cotton.

She is survived by her: Mother, Jessica L. Redheart, daughter Kayleigh Allen, her companion, Billy Moose and son Alexander Moose at the family home; her father, Calvin Nomee of Worley, Idaho. Her sisters: Kate Dipietro, Isabelle Cotton, Patrice Goddard, Courtney Simpson and Caroline Garcia. Her brothers: Jose Nomee, William Cotton, and Matthew Cotton, God Mother, Lynnette Pinkham and God Father, Alfred Nomee as well as her former husbands, Alfred Snow and Joshua Allen. Jessica was blessed with an enormous family on both sides of her parents, so many cousins that she didn't need friends, yet spent days and adventures with beautiful lifelong friends!

A traditional dressing, followed by viewing, the rosary and one set of seven songs took place March 26, 2022 at Malcolm Brower Wann Funeral Home in Lewiston, Idaho. Her final resting place is at the Redbear Family Cemetery in Lenore, Idaho.



## Desmond Gerald Lee Oatman, 24, Kamiah, ID



Desmond Gerald Lee Oatman, 24, passed away on Friday March 18th 2022 in Lewiston, ID. He was born to the late Charles Everett Montgomery Oatman and Karla Dawn Bowen of Lewiston, ID. Unfortunately, in 1998 Desmond's father Charles passed away in a car accident. Karla remarried Elias John Moses of Kamiah, ID. Elias aka "Sonny" took the responsibility of rais-

ing Desmond and teaching him to hunt and fish. Desmond's paternal grandparents are Darla Jackson-Quiver (Herman Quiver) of Kamiah and Everett Oatman of Spokane, WA. Maternal grandparents are Patsy Bowen and the late Leland Bowen of Lewiston, ID.

Desmond was raised in "God's Country," Kamiah, Idaho. He loved to go to Lolo Campground and catch fish in the creek. To say the least, he was an outdoorsman and loved to dig roots, pick berries and gather mountain tea all the while keeping his keen hunting eye out for any deer, elk or moose. Even birds, he had a fine collection of beautiful feathers. He was a proficient provider hunting, fishing and gathering for family, friends the community. He loved to hike around and go horn hunting, he has quite

the horn collection and took pride in all of them. He could tell you the story of each and every one of them and where he found them or harvested it. He could be out in the woods or on the river for hours, even days at a time. The love of nature and wilderness is what brought him and his significant other together. They started as friends that loved the outdoors.

He and Allie Bybee of Lapwai, ID began their life together and had four precious children. The four-year-old twins, Alex Montgomery and Harlan James born in 2017. Jerimiah King Reign, 3 years old, born in 2018 and our baby girl, Charli Ann, born in 2020 just turning two years old.

Desmond is survived by his mother Karla Reynolds (Arland Reynolds Jr.); his siblings Dyllon Oatman (Emily Olson, Addy and Indy), Jameson, Sa-

vannah, Kiersten, Kendra and Athena Moses all of Lewiston. His children Alex, Harlan, Jerimiah and Charli of Lapwai. His aunts Sasheena Williams (Bret Lawyer) of Craigmont, ID and Melissa King of Lapwai where he more recently resided. Numerous other aunts and uncles, both his maternal and paternal grandparents. Desmond was proceeded in death by his father Charles Oatman and his uncles Alexander Cross, Nathan Moose and Alan Durst.

Viewing services were held March 25, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Wa-A-Yas Community Center in Kamiah, Idaho. Funeral Services were March 26, 2022 10:00 a.m. at the Wa-A-Yas as well. Burial took place at First Church Cemetery in East Kamiah, Idaho followed by dinner at the Wa-A-Yas. Judy Oatman head cook.

## Jeffrey Frank Crowe, 62, Kamiah, ID



Jeffrey Frank Crowe (62) of Kamiah left the world March 10th 2022, at St Joseph's hospital due to complications of cancer. A member of the Nez Perce Tribe, Jeffrey was born January 2nd of 1960 in Lewiston Idaho to Elmer Paul Crowe Sr. and Estella Rose Frank. He attended school in Lapwai, Idaho where he enjoyed playing on the school's football team.

At the age of 14 he moved into his brother Elmer's family home and along with wife Lynda they raised Jeffrey as their son alongside their children Jarrod, Jeremy, Jay-

son, and Jamie FiveCrows. Jeffrey also spent a lot of good years with his beloved Aunt, Elsie Frank. Jeffrey would go on to meet Rebecca Enick and bring his first two children Nicholas and Estelle into the world. He also played an important role in the early lives of her daughters Sonya and Leah.

He would later go on to meet the love of his life Jacqueline Crowe and settle in Kamiah, Idaho. Married in 1997, together they would merge his two children and Jackie's 4 boys Aaron, Tyson, Nilson (Buddha), and Austin into a family that had many blessed years and amazing days with Jeff as their Dad.

Skilled in many trades, Jeffrey would work in many different fields throughout his life including construction, firefighting, casino management and many more. Never one to rest, Jeffrey busied himself with work and many hobbies like hunting, fishing, making nets, learning the Nez Perce language, auto me-

chanics, and countless other projects and interests. Many of which he passed on to his children and whomever else wanted to learn from him, he was very generous with his wisdom. Jeff Crowe loved to make people laugh and always stayed ready with a good joke or wise crack to anyone he met, even until the very end.

Most of all, Jeffrey loved and adored all of his grand ba-

bies from his children, they were the light of his life and he will be loved and cherished by them always as their Grandpa. Jeffrey was an amazing husband and father, a great man, and wonderfully kind human being. He is survived by all who knew and loved him.

A 7 drum service was held Friday and Saturday at the Nimiipuu Longhouse burial followed at sunrise.



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### Jamie David “Kool-Aid” Kane, 62, Lapwai, ID



Jamie David “Kool-Aid” Kane, of the Nez Perce Tribe, went into eternal rest Sunday, March 27, 2022. He was

born to Regina “Ruggie” Kane in Lewiston on April 18, 1959.

He lived and practiced the Nimiipuu way of life. He was an active singer of the old songs, singer of spiritual songs, and an active fisherman and outdoorsman. He cut wood, gathered cous cous and other medicines, and freely shared his wisdom and experience with others. Dave was one of the kindest people within the reservation community. He loved and learned from everybody he met.

Dave graduated from Lapwai High School in 1978, and after a summer living with his brother Gary in Hawaii, he trekked to Kansas and at-

tended college at Haskell University. One of his part-time jobs at Haskell was working as a bouncer at one of the local bars. After graduating, he returned home and began his career with the Department of Fisheries Resources Management for the Nez Perce Tribe. He also adored and spoiled his many nieces and nephews.

He was a regular participant in the various sweat-houses on the reservation. He served as a spiritual leader and traveled to other reservations to sweat and to share his culture. He enjoyed his travels throughout the northwest, he enjoyed visiting the casino, and was a constant tinkerer,

taking items apart and putting them back together again.

Dave is survived by brothers Roderick, Gary, and Daniel; and sisters Georganne and Candace, as well as Ethel, Kerma and Scherri. He was preceded in death by his mother, as well as siblings, Bob, Marvin, Mike, Mary, Jeff and Barb. As the baby of his large family, he will be deeply missed by all his siblings and extended members of his large family. Rest in peace, Dave.

Funeral services were held March 30, 2022 at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai. Burial at the Spalding Cemetery, with a dinner to follow at the Pi-Nee-Waus.

### Sanford Shelton “San-Man” James Jr., 67, Lapwai, ID



Sanford Shelton “San-Man” James Jr. passed away on March 26, 2022 and was reunited with his sons at the greatest river of all. He was born to Margaret Jackson and Sanford James Sr. on December 26, 1954. Sanford was also known as “Dancing Bear” and “Tim.” He was a proud member of the Nez Perce Tribe.

Sanford’s world revolved around fishing and hunting. He was a firm believer of the treaty rights. He was a proud Nimiipuu fisherman who fished the Zone 6 and the Tributaries of the Nez Perce. Hunted and gathered in all the usual and accustom places. He was a spiritual, quiet, humble big-hearted man that made the best smoked salmon and jerky. He graduated Lewiston

High School in 1974. He soon fell in love with Daisy “Jennie” Ford and followed her to New Mexico and enrolled into the Navajo Community College for computers. Sanford and Jennie then moved back to the Pacific Northwest and started having a family. He was blessed when he met Jennie because she came with a daughter Samantha Ford. Later, they had 3 more children, Lilly James, Jonas James, and Sanford James III. Sanford and Jennie later separated.

Sanford worked for the Potlatch Mill and other various construction jobs through Nez Perce Tribe’s TERO Program. He finally settled in and was employed by the Nez Perce Tribe Maintenance Department permanently since the late 1990’s. He took pride in his work and was very dedicated to his work.

Sanford is survived by his sister Deborah Lynn Kramer and daughters Lilly James and Lillian Penney; and many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. His grandchildren were his joy, Josephine Ford, Isaac Ford, Aisha Ford, Tanu Buck, Quillius James, Kolina James, Jesse James, Penastacio Quintana, Dohani and Nizhoni Welch, and Amias Penney.

Sanford is preceded in death by his parents and sons; sisters Rita Delorme, Sandra James, and Elvira Crowshoe; his brothers Vuriel Broncheau and Douglas Kramer; granddaughter Nevelle James.

Services were held on

March 30, 2022 at the Sacred Heart Church in Lapwai, Idaho with a Rosary and Memorial Service. Funeral Services were held March 31, 2022. Burial at the Spaulding Cemetery. Dinner followed burial at the Sacred Church Parish Hall.

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