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Nimiipuu Energy Provides Presentation Inviting Tribes to Unite in an Energy Cooperative



RES22 panelists provide information and education on the energy cooperative and what it would mean for Indian Country. Panelists included (L to R) Jesse Leighton, Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director; Josh Powell, RevoluSun CEO; Shawn Jacobson, Swell Energy; and Matt Ferguson, Department of Energy Representative.

Las Vegas, Nevada- On May 25, 2022, during a breakout session at the 2022 Reservation Economic Summit (RES), Nimiipuu Energy made a presentation, "The Virtual Power Plant in Indian Country: if Done Right, Could Outshine Gaming in Magnitude," on what a Virtual Power Plant (VPP) is, the opportunities a VPP can create for tribal nations and how Nimiipuu Energy can assist other tribes with getting started.

Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director Jesse Leighton, RevoluSun CEO Josh Powell, Department of Energy representative Matt Ferguson, and Shawn Jacobson of Swell Energy all participated in the VPP presentation. The focus of the panel was on the opportunity to have an energy cooperative and connect all the tribes to a shared energy resource. Under a VPP, each tribe establishes their own solar/ storage systems and then each tribe connects to the same grid. Therefore, when energy costs are high in one area of the country, the VPP can provide energy from a tribe in another part of the country for lower cost through storage systems.

Additionally, as excess energy is stored in batteries, there will be opportunities to generate revenues by selling the power to outside sources establishing a potential billion-dollar enterprise. The cooperative method will also generate a new workforce, creating jobs and skills training, and a number of potential opportunities in between.

This concept of an energy cooperative is one that has already been tested on a smaller scale. Swell Energy has started smaller VPP projects, two in California and another in Hawaii. The programs have shown success and Nimiipuu Energy is looking to expand this idea and launch it on a larger scale across Indian Country by assisting other tribes through assessment, planning, design/engineering, project financing, procurement, project build-out and service agreements. DOE also shared information on their direct lending capability to provide capital for tribes developing energy projects, up to $2 billion.

Nimiipuu Energy, an energy cooperative, has been created with a singular focus; to utilize advancements in alternative technologies and software to generate 5,311 MW, rendering the four Lower Snake River Dams obsolete.

View the video:
https://vimeo.com/710582042

Visit the website:
www.nimiipuu.energy

White Bird Memorial (June 17th, 1877)

The events leading up to the battle of White Bird began in the spring of 1877 when the Nimiipuu were given orders by General Oliver O. Howard for any Tribal members living outside the boundaries of the 1863 treaty to relocate. The Nimiipuu were given 30 days.

On June 15th, Captain David Perry led 106 cavalry men, along with 11 civilian volunteers to the site. This was after word was received that settlers live's along the Salmon River had been taken.

Upon the cavalry's arrival on June 17th, they found close to 70 Nimiipuu warriors. The Nimiipuu sent a peace party consisting of six men. Upon their approach to the cavalry, Arthur Chapman, a volunteer civilian, opened fire. The tribal warriors responded to the shots, and the Battle of White Bird began.

Captain Perry ended up retreating, with 34 casualties. What was left of his cavalry returned to the area of Grangeville. Some of the Nimiipuu warriors were wounded, but no lives were lost.

This became the first battle of the Nez Perce Flight of 1877. Following the events of June 17th, the band fled to find safety, ultimately traveling on a 126-day journey, covering 1,170 miles and four states.



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Due to the rising cost of printing and in effort to be more environmentally friendly, we are working to cut down on the number of printed hard copies. Hard copies will now be available with a paid subscription for the low cost of just $40 annually. Enrolled Nez Perce Tribal elders 65 years of age and older are able to receive hard copies at no cost (limit one per household). The online version is free for everyone. Subscribe today!

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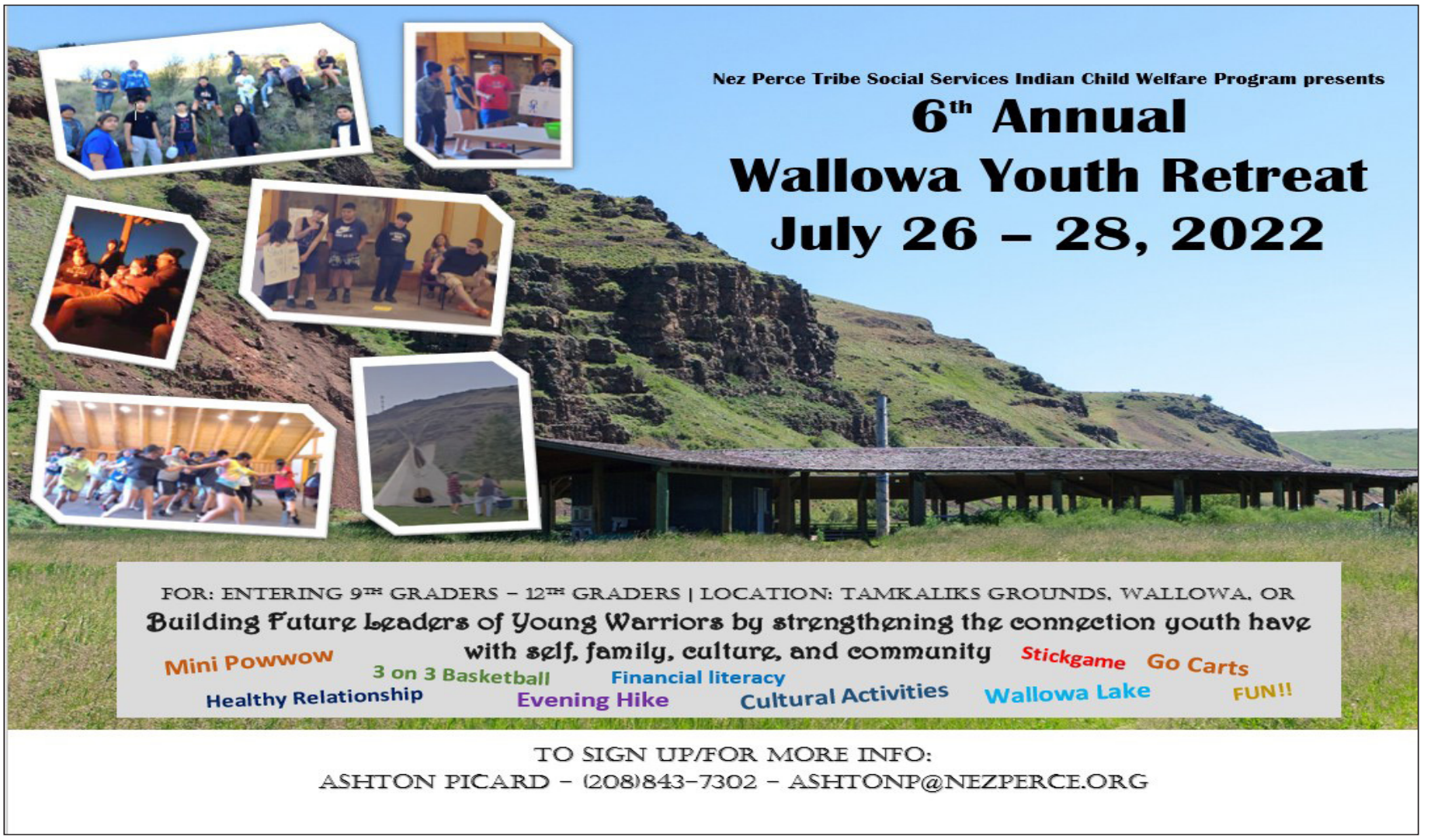
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(NEE–MEE–POO–TIMT–KEY)

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"TIME TO GO UP TO HIGHER COUNTRY JUNE FOR ROOT GATHERING, SUN IS HIGH."

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INFANT	MIYAPKÁAWIT
FRIEND	LÁWTIWAA
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MAN'S SON	PEQÉLIS
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MATERNAL GRANDFATHER	PILÁQA'
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Nominations Open for Idaho's Outstanding Volunteers & Philanthropists

Nominations are open for the annual Idaho Philanthropy Day awards. Each year, volunteers and philanthropists are honored for outstanding contributions to their communities. The virtual event will take place on Nov. 15 to recognize regional winners from eastern, northern and southwestern Idaho.

"Idaho's volunteers provide enormous benefits to our people and communities across the state. It is important that we take the time to recognize those individuals who give so much back to our state by volunteering their time and talent to improve the lives of those around them," Gov. Brad Little said.

The program organizers, Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, and the Idaho Nonprofit Center (INC), encourage community members to nominate their neighbors online at IdahoNonprofits.org. Submissions will be accepted through July 19, 2022. Categories include: outstanding philanthropic company, outstanding nonprofit, outstanding adult philanthropist, outstanding volunteer manager, outstanding adult volunteer – Idaho's Brightest Star, and outstanding youth philanthropist.

Karma Fitzgerald, winner of the 2021 Gov. Cecil D. Andrus Volunteer of the Year Award for southwestern Idaho, said, "All across Idaho, volunteers build community. They do so without recognition and most prefer it that way. For me, winning this award let me know the hard work I and others put in to serve our communities doesn't go unnoticed. And that feels pretty amazing."

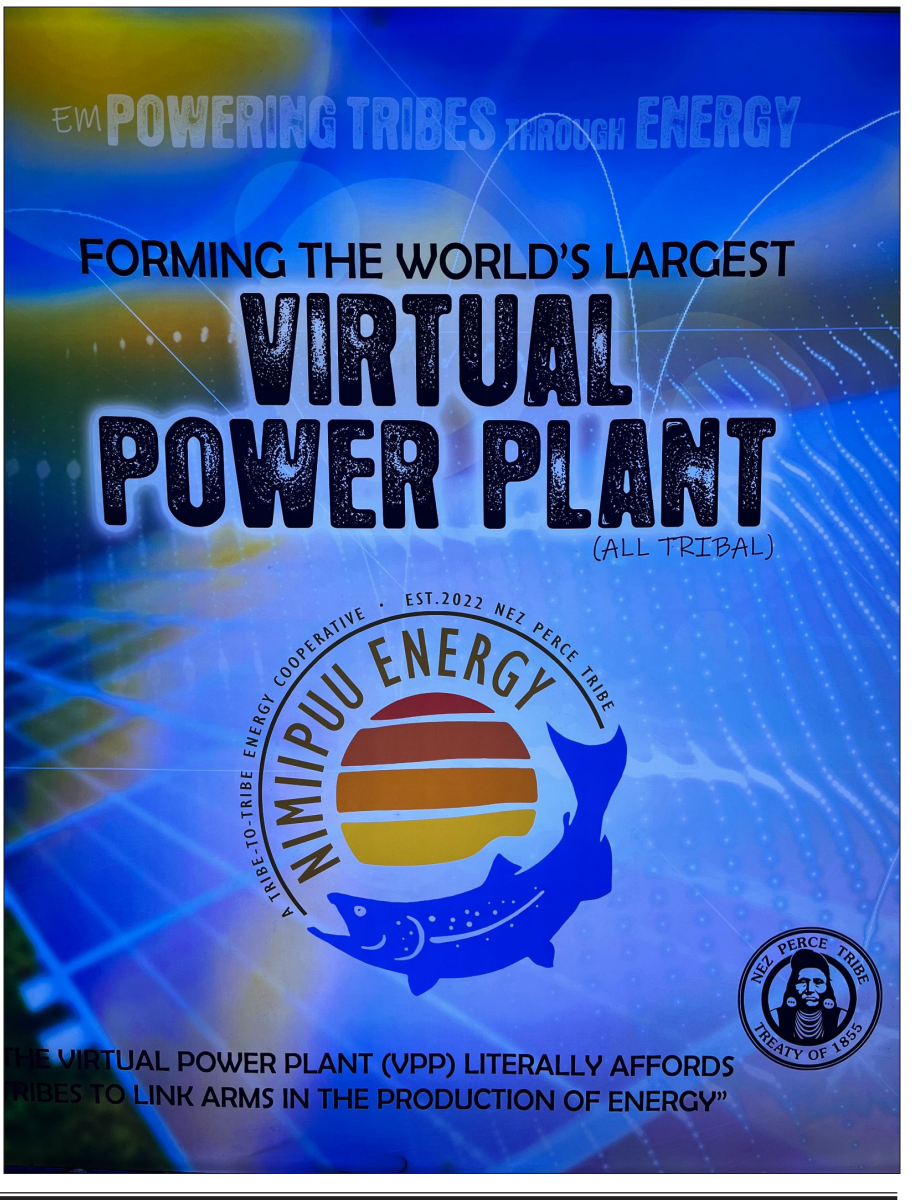
"Every year, we get to learn about the truly amazing work that individuals and companies do in Idaho. It's an honor to read each and every nomination that comes in," Kevin Bailey, CEO of the INC said.

The annual event was revitalized in 2017 by the Idaho Association of Fundraising Professionals, Idaho Community Foundation, Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation and Idaho Nonprofit Center.

Serve Idaho, a division of the Idaho Department of Labor, encourages voluntary public service and volunteerism throughout the state. It administers Idaho's National Service Program, AmeriCorps, provides technical assistance in volunteer management and celebrates the outstanding contributions of Idaho's volunteers. The Serve Idaho Commission is funded in part by AmeriCorps the agency the Idaho Department of Labor.

Serve Idaho's mission is, "To inspire and recognize volunteers and empower communities through service and AmeriCorps to address Idaho's unmet needs."





Ask Dr. Per Cap: High School Athletes & NIL Deals

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

Last year college athletes got the greenlight to profit from their name, image, and likeness. Does this also apply to high school athletes? We've got some great young basketball players in our community who I think local businesses would be happy to compensate for advertising or promotional appearances.

Signed,

Plays by the Rules

Dear Plays by the Rules,

Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) deals have forever changed the landscape of college sports. While it's still not ok for college athletes to be paid for playing their chosen sport. They can indeed now profit by creating and selling an individual brand based on their athletic fame and reputation.

Many college athletes, both women and men, are cashing in big time. Some high profile football players, basketball players, gymnasts, and others have inked million dollar NIL deals pitching everything from sports betting websites, apparel, restaurants, and beverages. There's also no shortage of opinions on whether or not it's good for college sports but I won't debate that here.

However, when it comes to high school athletes it's a very different situation. Currently there are only three states with confirmed permission for high school athletes to make NIL deals and all of them have substantial Native populations: California, Illinois, and North Dakota.

There are three more states (Maine, Utah, and Vermont) in which permission is perceived but not confirmed. Perceived permission means that the high school athletic association by-laws in those states do not explicitly prohibit NIL. Translation – it's not clear so proceed at your own risk.

But pay attention. If you're a high school athlete slow down before rushing out to pitch your services to the local hardware store or tribal casino. High school NIL athletes can earn only a fraction of their collegiate counterparts.

In North Dakota for example, NIL compensation cannot exceed $300, enough to treat a large family to a nice dinner in Bismarck. In Illinois maximum NIL compensation is only $75. Who's up for a trip to Culver's for Chocolate Concrete Mixers?

There are also rules in some states that prohibit high school athletes from wearing school uniforms or logos while making NIL appearances or mentioning a school's name. So best to keep that jersey tucked away in your backpack or gym locker.

In some cases a business might also choose to compensate an athlete with clothing or meals instead of cash. That's fine as long as the merchandise or food items aren't valued at more than the compensation maximum.

For more details and to make sure you're in full compliance with your state's NIL by-laws, check with your state high school athletic association. It'd be a shame to forfeit one's athletic eligibility all for a hoodie and a sack of cheeseburgers.





19th Annual Environmental Education & Cultural Knowledge Day

By Solo Greene Sr.,
EECK

The Nez Perce Tribe's 19th Annual Environmental Education & Cultural Knowledge Day, which is coordinated and hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe's Environmental Restoration & Waste Management (ERWM) Program, was a huge success. The weather gave us a little scare to start the day off and delayed the start for about a half hour, but we weathered the storm (wind, a little rain and cooler temperature). The presenters hung in there and the school was patient with us so we were able to have the event on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Old BIA Grounds Loop in Lapwai, Idaho.

Solo Greene, the Education Specialist for the ERWM Program and coordinator of the event, said, "This program is only successful because we have a school who is willing to participate and support the event, and we have presenters willing to take the time to share their knowledge and wisdom with the students and staff."

This program is geared for younger students, and the purpose of this program is to introduce students to a variety Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) fields, specifically the cultural, environmental and natural resources, to make them aware of the different programs that are out there, what they are doing and why they do what they do. Solo went on to say, "At an early age, we want to introduce the students to the different fields and programs, but we also want to plant a seed. The Nez Perce Tribe and this region is so rich in natural resources. We will always need people to help us take better care of the land and the earth."

This year, we had twenty-one (21) presenters representing eleven (11) different programs, agencies or entities, which included, the Nez Perce Tribe's Language Program (Thomas Gregory, Trina Webb and Andrea Sonneck), Nez Perce Tribe's Forestry/Fire Management Program (Kip Kemak), Nez Perce Tribe's Air Quality Program (Johna Boulafentis), Nez Perce Tribe's Bio-Control (Paul Brusven), Nez Perce Tribe's Students for Success (Jonathan Matthews and Sandra Wahsise), Nez Perce Tribe's Land Services/GIS Division (Brent Lloyd and Rory Wallace), Nez Perce Tribe's Department of Fisheries Resource Management (Samantha Smith and Paulette Smith), Hanford/DOE (Cameron Salony, Tami Dixon and



Johna Boulafentis presents to attendees at the Environmental Education & Cultural Knowledge event. (Photo courtesy of Solo Greene)

Liz Garza), University of Idaho Extension Program (Danielle Scott, Keesha Barden and Sarah Parker), NiMiiPuu Health-Diabetes Program (Marissa Verduci) and NiMiiPuu Health-Behavior Health (Antoinette Eneas and Sasheena Williams).

We had 368 students and forty-five (45) teachers and staff that came through from the Lapwai Elementary, Lapwai Middle School and Lapwai High School. Solo said, 'It was nice to have a regular flow of students circulating through the stations, and when you have language and culture to compliment other programs, institutions and agencies, you know you have a good mix." In closing, Solo said, "He would like to thank the Lapwai School District, the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center, Nez Perce Tribe's Maintenance Crew, all the presenters, all the volunteers and all those that help make this possible. Qeci'yew'yew (Thank You)!"



Students visit the Forestry & Fire Managment booth at the Environmental Education & Cultural Knowledge event. (Photo courtesy of Solo Greene)



Students and teachers learn science at the Environmental Education & Cultural Knowledge event. (Photo courtesy of Solo Greene)

Lapwai and Kamiah Family Engagement Teams Welcome Parents & Guardians to Participate in Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Lapwai Elementary School Family Engagement Team collaborated with the LES After-School Program Science Activity Night on May 2, 2022, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Gia Paul is a family member of both Lapwai Elementary School and Lapwai Middle School scholars and participates on the Lapwai Elementary School Family Engagement Team. The Lapwai Elementary School Family Engagement Team volunteered to assist during the science family night.

Gia, a Lapwai Alumni, is pictured sharing Idaho National Library handouts. The Idaho National Library is an Idaho K-12 STEM Program.

"I reside on my ancestral land in Moscow, Idaho with my two beautiful Nez Perce children. My son is attending the University of Idaho, and my daughter is attending A.B. McDonald Elementary," said Gia. She has 20 years of experience working for various school districts in the great state of Idaho. Gia is also a graduate of the Lewis Clark State College and University of Idaho. She enjoys sewing all kinds of projects from big to little. "I find great comfort in my culture. If I could share anything, I would say: There are many, many, ways to learn and we learn all of our lives."

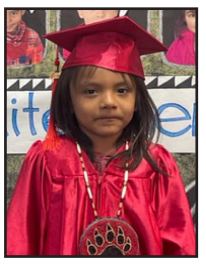
If you are interested in participating in the Lapwai Elementary School, Lapwai Middle School and/or the Kamiah Elementary School and Kamiah Middle School's Family Engagement Team meetings, please contact Tess Greene, Nez Perce Tribe, Family Engagement Specialist, STEP, by phone at (208) 621-4704 or by email at julyg@nezperce.org. Qe'ci Yew Yew to all the parents and community for serving on your school's Family Engagement Team. Parents are more than welcome to participate.



Gia Paul is a participant on the Lapwai Elementary School Family Engagement Team in Lapwai. (Photo by Tess Greene)

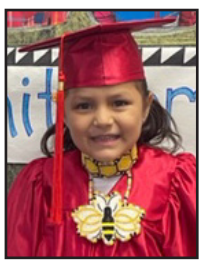
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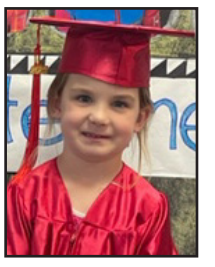

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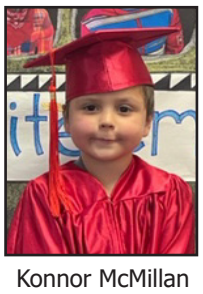

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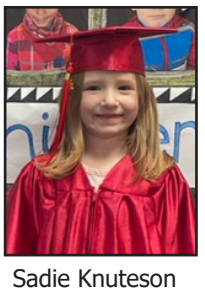

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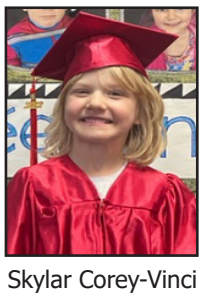

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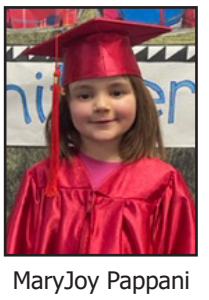

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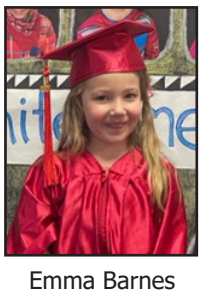

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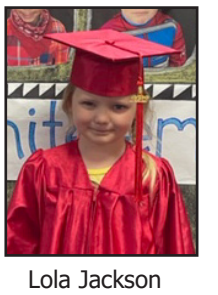

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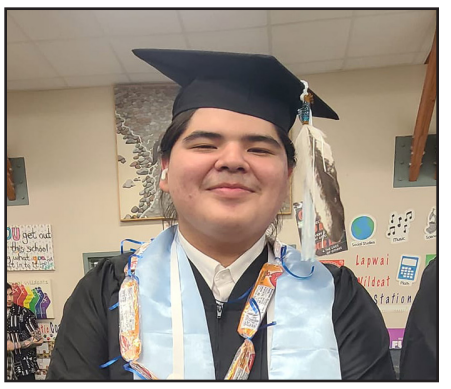
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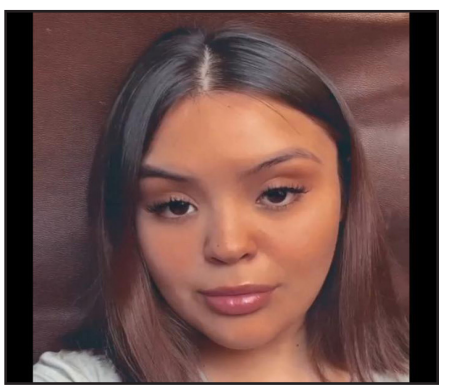
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Find A Shelter in Indian Country

By StrongHearts Native Helpline, strongheartsnativehelpline.org



There is a severe resource gap (see current Resource Impact Summary) impacting the ability of tribes to address intimate partner violence in their communities. Presently, there are 259 Native-centered service providers that are culturally appropriate for Native Americans and Alaska Natives; and that includes only 62 shelters nationwide. In addition to the Native service provider database, through an invaluable partnership with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, StrongHearts' advocates have access to more than 3,500 non-Native service providers in the U.S.

What You Should Know: Shelters prioritize clients based on the lethality of their situation. That is why it is important to share all of the lethality concerns in your situation. Consider the following: has the perpetrator increased physical or sexual violence? Is there a history of strangulation, or threats of suicide or homicide? Are you pregnant? Are there weapons in the home?

Overcoming Challenges: A shelter can be very overwhelming if you have not been in one before. It's important to differentiate between shelter types.

Avoid saying the word "homeless" when looking for shelter. When fleeing an abusive relationship, be careful not to say you are homeless. This could result in being referred to a homeless shelter instead of a domestic violence shelter. A shelter for unhoused people can be used in a pinch but if you are a survivor of domestic and sexual violence it's best to seek assistance from an intimate partner violence service provider. They will be more informed on your situation and rights and will likely have other services available for you.

It's important to be aware of who may work at the shelter for your tribe. Indian Country is small, and a relative or a friend of a family member may work at your tribal shelter. If you feel like there may be a conflict of interest or you feel unsafe, you may want to seek shelter on other tribal lands if they allow citizens of other Native Nations.

If you have no other options you may consider staying at a non-Native shelter. You can still receive other services from a Native provider. If you stay in a non-Native shelter, it may be a good idea to ask about using your traditional medicines. Some shelters may have rules about smudging or using traditional medicines/herbs inside or on-premises.

If you struggle with substance abuse, it may be difficult to avoid other users. Be aware that although the shelter may have rules around substance use on their campus, oftentimes these rules are ignored. It's important to be aware that this may happen and find a system to help keep yourself in check may be part of your safety plan.

If you have livestock, farmlands or even ceremonial duties in your Native community, it may be difficult to reach out to a shelter because of your responsibilities. Be aware that although these are all important, your safety is also important and should be prioritized. It can be helpful to reach out to your trusted community network to get assistance to care for your livestock and farmland or make arrangements to get support from other community members to help with ceremonial duties.

You may need to seek help from more than one organization to get all of your needs met. Don't be afraid to seek more than one resource. Depending on how comfortable you are with churches, they often offer programs to help with bill payments. You can also use AuntBertha.org and search by zip code to find local resources for assistance, food, health, housing and employment. Oftentimes depending on what's available, you can find various programs that offer grants to help you get back on your feet.

Native Parents and Children: Shelters offer little privacy for families. If you have children the best shelter type for you is a transitional housing facility. They are often long-term, which means you will not need to leave every night and they help set you up with permanent housing when you're ready to leave their program.

Don't be afraid to have a conversation with your children to make sure that they understand what is happening. They should have the space to have their feelings validated and understand that they are not at fault for what is happening. Talk to them about your ground rules. It can be challenging to a parent in a new environment with different rules and other families with varying values. Remember, our children are sacred beings and can help bring healing into our lives and our communities.

Native Men: Very few Native-centered shelters are able to house male victim-survivors though several do offer non-residential services for men. Sometimes a shelter may be able to help support a survivor with a hotel room, legal advocacy or counseling services and case management. It can vary from shelter to shelter so it's always best to clarify what services they are able to offer men.

Native LGBTQ2S+: Within the 2S+/LGBTQ+ community, intimate partner violence occurs at a rate equal to or higher than that of the cis-heterosexual community.

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Additionally, they may have concerns about being outed, not having inclusive restroom facilities, not being addressed with the correct pronouns and facing bias from other residents and staff members may prevent them from seeking a placement in a shelter. If you identify as a part of the LGBTQ2S+ community and are seeking shelter, here are a few questions to consider asking: questions about sleeping arrangements, restrooms and privacy so you know what to expect, ask if there are any additional accommodations for your identity, ask if the staff has training in working with the LGBTQ2S+ community, ask about the safety and complaint procedures. If you experience bias or feel unsafe in the shelter, notify staff immediately and file a complaint.

Shelter Tips: Choosing to seek a shelter may be a part of your individual safety plan. Be aware that sometimes shelters are not immediately available and your safety plan should include some additional options while going through the process. Shelters can be overcrowded and Native-centered shelters may take some time to get into for families.

Important things to consider when seeking a shelter: It can take a while (and a lot of calls) to find shelter space. If there is an emergency shelter directory in your area, our advocates may suggest contacting them directly to help you find a vacancy. These directories maintain current information on all of the shelter vacancies in their area so calling them can be easier than calling each place individually. Despite the potential for uncertainty, be respectful of shelter advocates during the intake process. They only want to help you. Speaking to a StrongHearts advocate before calling the domestic violence program may help you navigate some of the challenges. Remember that some shelters won't serve people who live out of the county, or out of state. If you desire to relocate to a different county or state, some shelters require a referral from the local shelter. Call the out-of-county/state program to learn more about the policies for accepting survivors. Call the shelter two to three times a day to check for space. Bed availability changes very quickly every day and many times it is given out on a first come, first served basis. Ask the shelter worker to recommend the best time to make a return call. In the event that the shelter becomes undesirable, refrain from talking badly about it when speaking with a new shelter. If the shelter is full, shelter workers may be able to provide motel vouchers or know about alternative options at other nearby shelters.

Multiple needs require multiple programs which take time and considerable effort on the part of an advocate, please be as patient as possible. Our advocates are working hard to keep you safe.

Staying in A Shelter: Every shelter is different so get clarification on rules beforehand so there are no surprises. Some may have different rules on cell phone use and curfews.

Discrimination and/or mistreatment by shelter staff is not okay and there may be a way to address a grievance through proper channels. Contact the state domestic violence program to ask if there is a way to address the issue or file a complaint.

Avoid the drama. It's good to find support if you can but recognize this is only temporary and sometimes it's best to keep your head down and get the services you need. It's hard living in a place with so many varying perspectives so be aware there may be conflicts among your new neighbors.

Self-Care: Stress can greatly impact your health so it is important to consider self-care. Participating in self-care activities like exercise (if safe to do so), eating healthily, counseling and journaling could be helpful. Be gentle with yourself mentally and physically. Connecting with your cultural pregnancy practices during this time can be uplifting. Also, you can practice resilience by smudging, praying or sitting with your traditional medicines.

StrongHearts Native Helpline: If you consider leaving an abusive partner, StrongHearts Native Helpline can help you with safety planning and finding a Native-centered shelter.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon on Strongheartshelpline.org

StrongHearts Native Helpline Publishes State Reports on Intimate Partner Violence Impacting Native Americans and Alaska Natives

StrongHearts Native Helpline has published individual reports about intimate partner violence (IPV) impacting Native Americans and Alaska Natives in all 50 states. Data from the reports was used to form a national picture of IPV among Native peoples in the United States, which is included in StrongHearts' 2021 Year-End Report, "Sharing Our Stories."

National findings from StrongHearts' 2021 Year-End Report included: An 82% increase over 2020 in answered phone calls. A 381% increase over 2020 in answered chats. Phone calls comprised 74% of contacts; chats comprised 25% of contacts; and texts comprised 1% of contacts. Native IPV victims faced: abuse at hands of a non-Native partner (60%); have been strangled by their abusive partner (23%); abuser has access to a firearm (17%); experienced cultural abuse (14%); and disclosed being stalked (13%). Native IPV victims need: peer support (72%), shelter (35%), legal advocacy (33%), emergency financial aid (17%) and transportation (12%). Gaps in Native-centered supportive services create unique barriers for Native victims seeking help. There is a wide disparity of Native versus non-Native service providers in the United States: 60 Native shelters vs. 1,535 non-Native shelters and a total of 266 Native providers vs. 3,511 non-Native providers.

The state reports include information about the types of contacts received by StrongHearts; top barriers faced by Native IPV victims; gender of contacts; types of abuse disclosed by Native IPV victims and the top four items that Native IPV victims need the most.

"StrongHearts Native Helpline's annual reports are valuable as they help our stakeholders receive a clear picture of what Native American and Alaska Native victim-survivors are facing wherever they reside in the United States," says StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "We hope these reports also will assist tribes and other Native organizations with valuable information that sheds additional light on the challenges that are faced by our relatives who are impacted by IPV."

About StrongHearts Native Helpline: StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7/365 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans. More information is available and can be obtained by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at strongheartshelpline.org.

Employment Opportunities

Nimiipuu Health
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/05232022-NMPH.pdf

Nez Perce Tribe
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/May-23-2022-NPT.pdf

Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/05-23-2022-NPTE.pdf

Notice of Vacancy

Gaming Commissioner
The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) is seeking letters of interest from individuals interested in serving the remaining three (3) year term on the Nez Perce Tribe Gaming Commission. The individual appointed will serve from June 2022 to December 31, 2022.
Please submit your letter of interest and resume to Marie Baheza, NPTEC Executive Assistant IV, by close of business on June 10, 2022.
Letters received after the close of business on June 10, 2022 will not be considered.

Class Description
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Class-description-NPTGC-Gaming-Commissioner-2006.pdf

Gaming Commission Bylaws
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2010-Bylaws-for-Gaming-Commissioner-unsigned.pdf

Gaming Ordinance
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Gaming-Ordinance.pdf



Upcoming Meetings

Nez Perce Language Zoom Class
Through June 15, 2022
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
12:00 p.m.
https://wsu.zoom.us/j/6637523174?pwd=V0xCR281KzVUMzlRM0F5R3ZlZG5Vdz09

Weaver Wednesday
Through 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, June 1, 2022
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, June 13, 2022
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

Please Note: All meetings are subject to change depending on holidays & unforseen circumstances.

Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program Announcements

NPTVRS current reminders:

• The NPTVRS program is fully open and ready to help anyone who qualifies for program assistance.
• The NPTVRS program will continue to provide services by walk-ins, scheduled appointments and phone calls. However, if you are feeling sick, please call or text the NPTVRS in advance to either complete a meeting over the phone or to reschedule your meeting.
• The NPTVRS program requires clients have temperatures checked and a mask be worn when entering the NPTVRS office.
• The NPTVRS program continues to provide gloves and masks for NPTVRS appointments.
• The NPTVRS program offers orientation of the NPTVRS program for anyone who is interested and qualifies for the NPTVRS program, including transition students juniors and seniors in high school.

NPTVRS news stories:

• The NPTVRS program has had a productive Advisory Board meeting on 5-20-22 at the NPTVRS office site in Kamiah, ID. There was a total of 10 participants who attended the meeting with zoom attendees as well. There were staff from NPTVRS program, Disability Action Center, Idaho Voc. Rehab, Lewis-Clark State College and one previous NPTVRS successful participant who is also a US veteran, present during the meeting. There will be two new upcoming meetings that the community members are invited to attend; they will be held between the Idaho State Independent Living Council (SILC), Disability Action Center (DAC), and the NPTVRS program. The scheduled dates for the most recent meeting was on May 31st, 2022 in Lapwai, ID at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The upcoming meeting will take place on June 1st, 2022 in Orofino, ID at the Teweepuu Community Center from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 2nd, 2022 in Lewiston, ID at the Lewiston City Library from 10:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m. The main purpose of these meetings is to better understand how the community is serving people in regard to housing, transportation, healthcare, education, job training, employment, recreation, community access and any other areas impacting Idahoans with disabilities. (DAC, 2022)
• The NPTVRS program is currently in the process of working on hosting a dipnet making class as our next cultural making class in the very near future. If any NPTVRS eligible participants are interested in signing up for this course, please feel free to contact the new NPTVRS Office Specialist Allie Bybee to get on the list.
• The NPTVRS program currently has five brand new CPUs for our training center. The CPUs are installed with the newest tools of Microsoft Office and NPTVRS encourages those who are participants in the program to stop by and use them to develop resumes, letters and job applications, etc.
• 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 program 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.
• The NPTVRS program 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 and we can help assist with employment and work force training opportunities.

NPTVRS contact info:

• The NPTVRS program new office location is at 271 B Street, Lapwai, ID in the Nez Perce Tribe Education building. Please use the Voc. Rehab main entrance, located on the side of the building near the softball field.
• The NPTVRS program direct contact line is 208-843-9395 for any further assistance.
• You may also contact the NPTVRS program via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Nez-Perce-Tribe-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Services-112076830710100. The NPTVRS program consistently updates their page with important and helpful information for the community.
• The NPTVRS program also has our brand-new online Survey Monkey available for the community as well. Please follow the link at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5RDMSPB. The NPTVRS program would really appreciate your feedback.
• The NPTVRS office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The NPTVRS program staff will be happy to assist you.

UYLC Recovery Event

There will be a FREE Family Picnic
at the Riverfront Park in Kamiah, ID

Bring blankets or chairs to sit on, the rest will be provided!
There will be volleyball and other fun games!

Saturday, June 18, 2022 @ 1:00pm

Our mission is promoting healthy, safe, and sober family activities. It's almost summertime and we want to encourage our community to spend healthy time together and have fun!
We want to be a part of that!

If you have any questions please contact Amber at uylcrecovery@gmail.com

Kamiah Movie in the Park

UYLC Recovery is excited to begin our Movies in the Park \Summer Series! YAB will also be there selling snacks as a \fundraiser! As the weather gets warmer, we try to bring as many outdoor recovery events/activities as possible. And who doesn't love movies under the stars?

Showing "Beautiful Boy".
It's about a father trying to help his teenage son battle a meth addiction.
The movie is rated R.

Friday, June 10th @ Dark (8:30/8:45-ish)
Riverfront Park, Kamiah

If you have any questions please contact Amber at uylcrecovery@gmail.com

Nancy Wheeler, 68, Kamiah, ID



Sister Nancy, you hit the buzzer beater, cleared the bases grand slam, You got the big WIN! Nancy Rae Wheeler journeyed to her final victory 12:05 a.m. May 22, 2022 at her home in Kamiah Idaho. Nancy's sisters, brothers nieces and nephews were with her as she drew her last breath, ready to leave this world.

Nancy worked with the Neighborhood Youth Corp during as a young teen. Nancy graduated from Kamiah High School, Class of 1972. She also attended University of Idaho and Haskell College. Nancy worked as a sticker picker at Weyerhaeuser Mill,. Nancy was hired as a Security Guard when the Itseyeye Casino opened for business. Nancy worked for the Nez Perce tribe Headstart program receiving her certification in Childhood Development. Nancy was hired by the Nez Perce Tribe ERWM program, she worked at ERWM for 25 years. Nancy retired August 31, 2021.

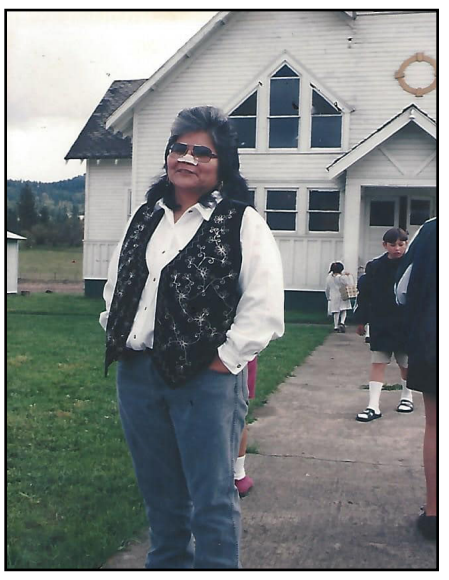
Nancy was a loyal Kub Fan/Booster. She was the leader of our Kub Loud Mouth Section during football season. Nancy was also a big fan of the Pittsburg Steelers, one never interrupted her during Steeler games.

Nancy played basketball with the Teen Champs when she was in high school, she enjoyed traveling with them to tournaments. Nancy shared many stories of her Teen Champ Days.

Nancy served on the Nez Perce Tribe Housing Board for 12 years and also served on the Nez Perce Tribe General Council Election Commitee.

Nancy was blessed with a beautiful spirit. She supported fundraiser, she helped out friends family and neighbors during Covid. Nancy was never one to boast, never out seeking attention for her good deeds. Her giving personality touched many. Her beautiful spirit and personality leaves a big impact on her many nephews and nieces.

Nancy is survived by her brother Tim (Al) Julia Wheeler of Lapwai, Marilyn & Randy Bowen of KAMIAH, Angela Broncheau, Dallon & Beth Wheeler, and Darrell Wheeler all of KAMIAH. Many cousins nieces and nephews. As a woman of God, Nancy's ancestors and family will be there to welcome her to her eternal life, where the streets are made of gold and the roses never fade. Yox Kalo (that's all)



Patricia (Pat) Pablo, 89, Kamiah, ID



Patricia L. Pablo entered into eternal peace on Friday, May 13, 2022. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of family in her home in Kamiah, Idaho.

Patricia, or Pat as many called her, was born in Kamiah to Tennie (Frank) Pablo and Sam Pablo Sr. on March 17, 1933. She graduated from Lewis-Clark State College with a Bachelor of Arts and worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse in various locations for most of her life. In her later years, she also worked at the It'se Ye-Ye Casino.

Pat was very faithful to her Lord and a member of the First Indian Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday School, attended Talmaks Camp Meeting annually, and involved herself in many other events within the church. Pat also enjoyed spreading God's word, traveling as far as Canada and Guatemala for missions. Her other hobbies included camping, quilting, and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Eleanor Ellenwood, daughter Marjorie, and granddaughter Koreen Montgomery.

She is survived by her siblings: a sister "Midge" Hayes of Kamiah and Sam Pablo II of Lapwai. children: Jim (Michelle) Stubblefield of Wilsonville, OR, Debbie Gulke of Orofino, Lisa (Matt) Ihm of Moscow, Carolyn Reed, Shannon McCall of Puyallup, WA, Jackienna Hopkins of Lewiston; her grandchildren Kolleen Montgomery, Belinda Shoaf, Damien Roeder, Jackson Ellenwood, Jamison Hopkins, Jayden Hopkins as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Pat's Memorial was held May 16th at First Indian Presbyterian Church in Kamiah. Funeral and burial Services were held at First Indian Presbyterian Church.

Death Notices

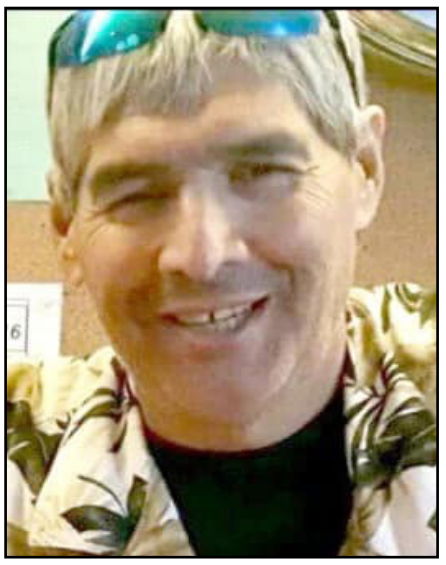
Evelyn Peterson *April 26, 1934 - May 5, 2022*

Linda Kathleen Watters *July 4, 1948 - May 27, 2022*

Melvina (Hazel) KillsCrow *May 29, 2022*



Scott Mitchell, 57, Lewiston, ID



Scott Lowell Mitchell, 57, was born on May 23, 1964, and departed this life on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at Cascadia Care Center in Lewiston.

At 2 weeks of age, Scott was hand-picked by God to be the son of Doyle and Marilyn Mitchell of Idaho Falls. Soon they were blessed with two other children.

When Scott was 11 years old, the family moved to Colorado, where Scott grew to adulthood. He graduated from high school at Aurora Christian Academy in Aurora, Colo., in 1982 as vice president of his class. From there, he worked a few odd jobs until he eventually pursued his dream of being an over-the-road truck driver.

At a young age, Scott's parents told him that he was adopted, of his Nez Perce heritage, and instilled in him the pride of being Native American. So at the age of 25, he felt a pull to return to his roots and moved to Lewiston.

Scott loved the beautiful countryside of the Nimiipuu, where he fished its rivers and streams, hunted in its forests and explored its lands and the traditions of the Nez Perce. He worked at several jobs in the Lewiston area over time and eventually returned to school, where he got an associate of applied science degree on May 11, 2018, from Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston to become a certified professional coder. He was a member and a huge supporter of the Native American Club at LCSC.

Scott was a genuine friend to everyone. When he moved to Lewiston, he soon became friends with a group of people who loved him to the end. He was kind and generous and went out of his way to help people when they had a need. He was fun and witty and we are left to cherish those memories.

Scott was preceded in death by his father, Doyle, and his grandparents. He is survived by his mother, Marilyn; sister, Ellen Kipp, and her family; brother, Jim Mitchell; a half-brother, Cheyenne Whitfield; and a host of other family members and friends. We loved him dearly and will miss him deeply.

Our sincere thanks to Tri-State Dialysis Unit for the care given to Scott for the past nine years, Cascadia Care Center of Lewiston for their loving care of Scott during his last days, and to Mountain View Funeral Home for their kind and professional services given to the family at this sad time.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned at this time. If so desired, memorial gifts may be sent to Nimiipuu Health Scholarship Committee, P.O. Drawer 367, Lapwai, ID 83540.




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