

Tribe Calls for National Leadership from the Administration & Congress: *Murray-Inslee Report on Replacing the Service of the Lower Snake River Dams*

The Nez Perce Tribe called for national leadership from the Administration and Congress to prevent salmon extinction today in anticipation of the report commissioned by Senator Murray and Governor Inslee on replacing the services of the lower Snake River dams.

"Salmon – the icon of the Pacific Northwest – are facing an extinction crisis, and need a restored lower Snake River. The subsidized services provided by the four dams that have turned the Snake into a lake can be replaced and addressed, and in doing so we will be charting a smarter, better future for the Northwest and the Nation," stated Chairman Samuel N. Penney.

"The Murray-Inslee Report will provide even more support for taking action now to restore the lower Snake River and invest in the Northwest in a way that will ensure that this region leads the Nation and the world. Now is the time for National leadership and action from the Administration and Congress to work on solutions to address a status quo that is antiquated and only works for a select few to provide a future that would work for everyone," stated Vice-Chairman Shannon F. Wheeler.



Lower Granite Dam northeast of the Tri-Cities. The Lower Snake River dams, built in the 1960s and '70s, are the youngest in the Columbia/Snake system. Salmon and steelhead have since been in decline. (Photo by Steve Ringman)

The Biden Administration issued a statement this spring on Columbia Basin salmon indicating that "we cannot continue business as usual" and that "Doing the right thing for salmon, Tribal Nations, and communities can bring us together." <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/news-updates/2022/03/28/columbia-river-basin-fisheries-working-together-to-develop-a-path-forward/>.

The Nez Perce Tribe,

Columbia Basin Tribes, Northwest Tribes, and tribes across the Nation support Congressman Simpson's legislative proposal that includes restoring the lower Snake River, making a significant new investment in fish and wildlife funding and ensuring the tribal and state fish and wildlife managers – not the Bonneville Power Administration – are in charge, reintroducing salmon in the Upper Columbia and Upper Snake Basins, and funding actions including Pacific lamprey passage, sturgeon protection, and addressing the hatchery infrastructure backlog. ATNI Resolution 2021-23 (<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ATNI-Res-2021-23.pdf>); NCAI Resolution 21-009 ([https://](https://www.ncai.org/AK-21-009.pdf)

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The Northwest Tribes recently expressed their support for the leadership and actions that the Administration and Congressman Simpson, Governor Brown, Senator Cantwell, Senator Murray, and Governor Inslee have taken to date and renewing their urgent call for action from the Administration and Congress. ATNI Resolution 2022-23 (<https://atnitribes.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Res-2022-23-expressing-thanks-for-salmon-leadership.docx.pdf>).

The Nez Perce Tribe recently announced its vision for contributing to replacing the energy provided by the Lower Snake River Dams. <https://vimeo.com/710582042>.

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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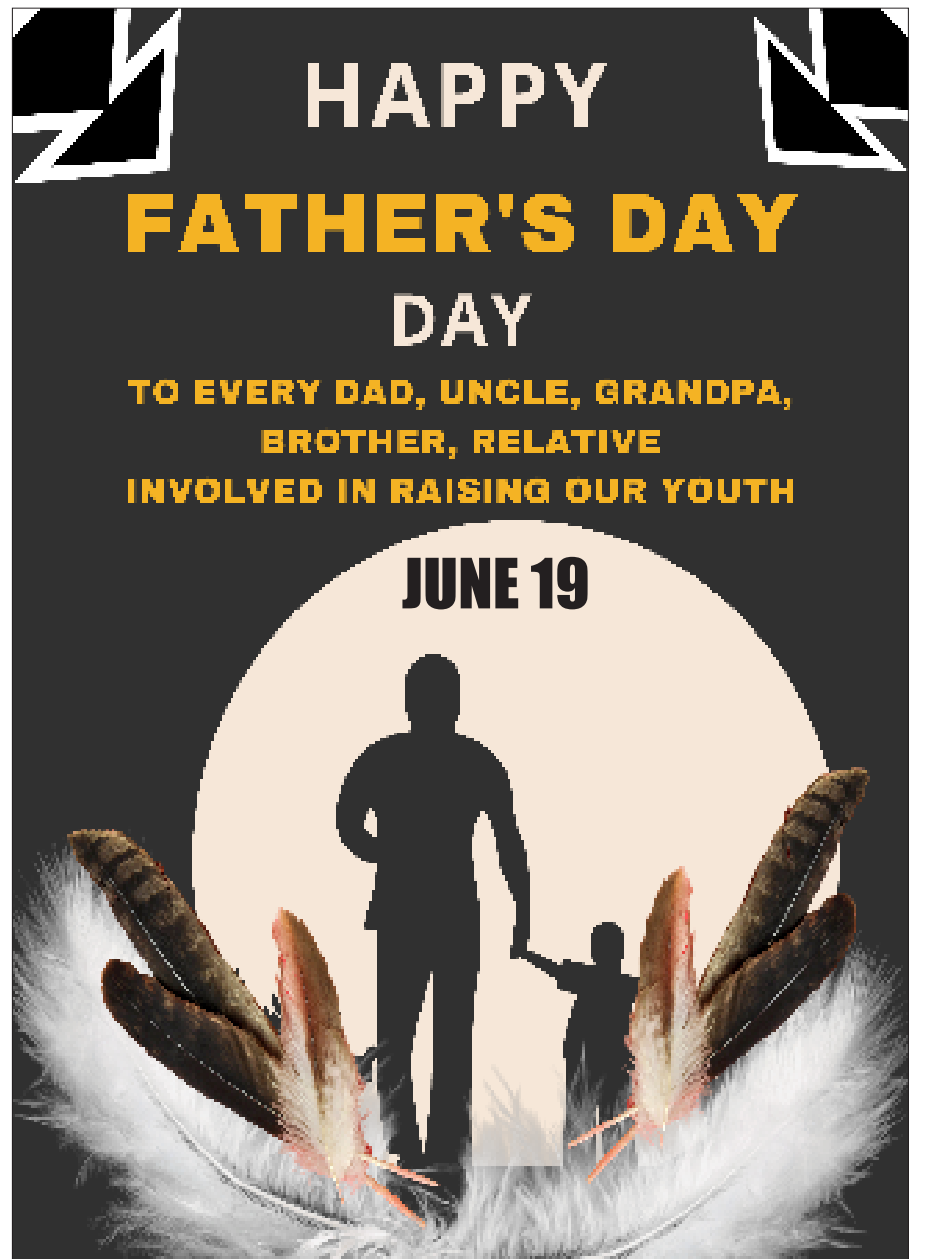
The Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune is published twice a month, on the first and third Wednesday. Our mission is to publish a timely and credible resource for our loyal readers and provide local information relevant to the Nimiipuu people and surrounding communities. Our vision is to disseminate content of interest to readers and to ensure this news publication is accessible by all.

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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Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—June 2022

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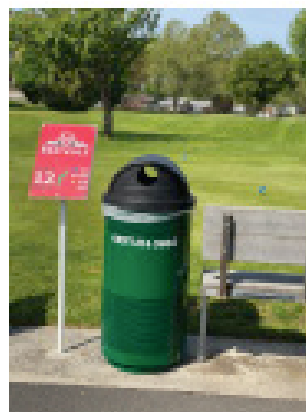
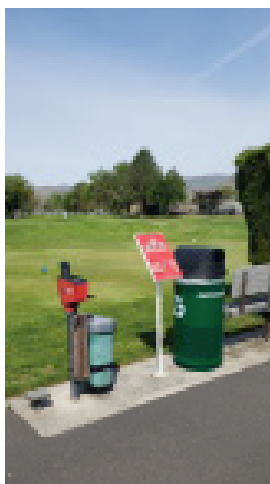


Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division - Solid Waste and Recycling Program

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Plastic Bottle & Aluminum Can Recycling coming to **RED WOLF** GOLF CLUB



Look for the green bins!



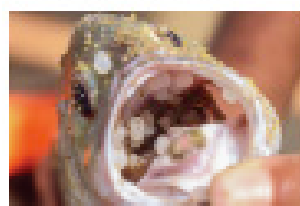
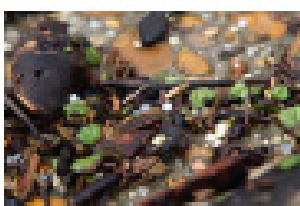
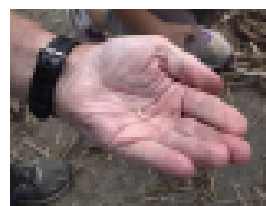
396 aluminum cans & plastic bottles recycled in 1st two weeks!

A big thank you to Can'dAid for providing the bins through their Crush it Crusade grant!

Nurdles are very small pellets of plastic which serve as raw material in the manufacture of plastic products. They are also a huge source of plastic pollution. Being less than 5 millimeters in size, nurdles are a "microplastic." Microplastics are an emerging contaminant of concern.

Nurdles can escape from the plastic production process by slipping into drains at factories or spilling out of cargo containers while being transported by trains and ships. Sometimes, a large spill from a ship or discharge from a plant will send many millions of nurdles out into the environment all at once. An estimated 200,000 metric tons of nurdles make their way into oceans annually. Nurdles are a problem along the country's coastline, especially in the Gulf of Mexico. Like most plastics, nurdles do not biodegrade, and once at sea, nurdles are known to attract and concentrate chemical pollutants to their surface. Microplastics can now be found worldwide and have already entered the food webs through marine organisms. Read the article at:

<https://www.vox.com/the-code/23056251/nurdles-plastic-pollution-ocean-microplastics>.



"Talkin' Trash"

Ever heard of a nurdle?

No, it is not a little nurd!

Yes, if you play cricket, to nurdle is to score runs by deflecting the ball rather than hitting it hard.

Yes, it can also be a blob of toothpaste shaped like a wave.

But what is a nurdle in the world of solid waste and recycling?

←See the article on the left



Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling

June 2, 16, & 30

Páyniwaas Parking Lot, 11 am—1 pm

Office Collections

June 9 & 23

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2022!

Hipéexnu Nonprofit Releases New Nimipuutímt Children's Picture Book

LAPWAI IDAHO - Hipéexnu, a 501 c 3 tribal nonprofit organization, is releasing a new Nimipuutímt (Nez Perce language) children's book titled 'ehéetewise 'étke 'iim wees 'iim. The title translates into English as, "I love you because you are you."

The story is illustrated by Oglala Lakota editorial cartoonist Marty Two Bulls and follows a baby moose who learns the true meaning of a mother's unconditional love throughout the story. The grant-funded book is monolingual, with a glossary and an English translation provided at the back to aid young learners. The Language Conservancy collaborated with Hipéexnu to develop the

book for Nez Perce Youth.

The book is dedicated to the late Bessie Greene Scott and was blessed again by her husband Wilfred "Scotty" Scott. Her memory and her teachings will be with all of us whom she taught. She was an avid Nimiipuutímt speaker. Her tough and endless love is a huge reason Hipéexnu continues to pursue revitalizing the Nimiipu language and culture.

Out of thousands of Nimipuutímt speakers, only a few fluent elder speakers remain. There are no speakers who can effortlessly speak any Nimipuutímt dialect. While there are some young adults who may know the language, proficiency amongst youth is low. Because of this, Nimi-

puutímt language resources like this new children's book are of incredible importance to Hipéexnu's language revitalization efforts. The nonprofit organization's mission is to promote, protect, and revitalize the Nez Perce language, and this new children's book is part of that effort.

Bessie Walker, the Founder and Manager at Hipéexnu. "We haven't had fancy, colorful books like these. It's really nice to have something durable, something that will last." Going forward, Hipéexnu will be uploading an audio recording of the book with the illustrations on

YouTube to make it further accessible for learners. You can visit the website at

www.hipeexnu.org. The Language Conservancy (TLC) is a nonprofit organization that supports and advocates for the revitalization of Indigenous languages by developing programs, materials, and technologies in close partnership with Indigenous communities. The Steele Reese Foundation, based in Missoula Montana, was a major contributor of this project. We are gladly accepting investments or donations so that we can continue completing projects like this. You can donate at our website, or the mailing address provided on our website.

For further information, please contact Bessie Walker at hipeexnu@gmail.com, or visit www.hipeexnu.org.



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History of the Nez Perce on Full Display

Nez Perce National Historical Park visitor center at Spalding is a good place to start if you're interested in the story of Nimiipuu

By Kali Nelson,
For Daytripping

The Nez Perce National Historical Park was established in 1965 and is made up of 38 sites, which tell the story of the Nimiipuu. The sites are spread across Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, but the visitor center is located at Spalding.

Before reaching the visitor center, those traveling east from Lewiston on U.S. Highway 95/12 can find Coyote's Fishnet, which has a historical marker near milepost 307, and the Ant and the Yellowjacket, which also has a marker just east of the Spalding Bridge. Those are both natural formations that are part of Nez Perce lore.

Spalding is about 12 miles east of Lewiston, located along U.S. Highway 95 less than a mile past where the highway crosses the Clearwater River via the Spalding Bridge. The Nez Perce National Historical Park visitor center and park headquarters are easily visible for those driving down the highway. The sites in the park include the Watson's Store, the Spalding Presbyterian Church and the Northern Idaho Indian Agency's cabin and agent's residents.

The visitor center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and has year-round showings of the park film "Of One Heart" and offers a collection of clothing, tools, weapons and ceremonial objects in the museum area. There is no fee to visit the park.

Travel a little past the historical center and cross a bridge to enjoy lunch outside at the picnic area or visit the Indian Agency cabin marker. There are two cemeteries at the Spalding site. Visitors are welcome, but are expected to follow the rules, including not standing on marked graves, not taking rubbings of the headstones, not touching the memorial items on the graves and no eating, drinking or recreational activities that

are considered inappropriate.

Visitors can also walk a number of trails around the visitor center. The trails are all 1 mile or less and can take you to places like Lapwai Creek, the Watson's Store, the Boomgrounds and the remains of the mission.

The longest of the trails is the Old Townsite Trail, which is 1 mile long. It lies in the grassy area below the visitor center and is a great location to see wildlife. The trail will show you two periods of occupation, the Nez Perce Indian agency and the homesteading. The agency was in use between 1860 to 1904 and the trail starts at the house of the superintendent of the agency. This house is one of two buildings from the time standing. The homesteading can be found in clues like fruit trees, lilac bushes and an old root cellar.

The next longest trail is a quick four-tenths of a mile and is the Picnic Area Trail. The trail takes you through the Nez Perce village site and the Rev. Henry Spalding mission. The Idaho Legislature established the Spalding Memorial State Park in 1936 at the site of the old mission.

There are two trails coming in at two-tenths of a mile apiece: the Boomgrounds Trail and the Lapwai Creek Trail. The Boomgrounds Trail is named after a logging term for a place where wood is collected. It offers views of the Clearwater River. The Lapwai Creek Trail will lead you along the creek to the gravel bar which overlooks where the creek joins the Clearwater River.

The last trail is also the shortest, coming in at one-tenth of a mile: Watson's Trail, which takes you off the

main road, into the shade and then the Watson's Store. The store was owned and operated by Lewis and Margaret Watson starting in 1910. It remained open until 1965.

Nez Perce National Historical Park visitor center is located at Spalding, which is 12 miles east of Lewiston via U.S. Highway 95. **WHAT YOU'LL DO:** Walk along trails to see historic stores like the Indian Agency Cabin Marker and head into the visitor center to hear about the history of the Nez Perce Tribe. **DIFFICULTY:** 2 out of 5, all trails are a mile or less and most are on level ground. **DON'T FORGET:** Head into the visitor center to see the museum and get more information on the area. **NEARBY SITES OF INTEREST:** Coyote's Fishnet historical marker, the Ant and the Yellowjacket historical marker, Spalding Presbyterian Church.



A boy walks through his junior ranger handbook identifying artifacts on display in the museum at the Nez Perce National Historical Park's visitor center on U.S. Highway 95 at Spalding. (August Frank Photo)

Congratulations Koen Smiscon, State Track Finalist & Champion

Koen Smiscon, Lapwai 6th grade, won 1st Place in the 5th/6th grade 1600 meter run. He set a new personal record at 5:24:00. Koen also placed 2nd in 400 meter dash, setting another personal record from 1:10:94 to 1:07:53. Koen took 3rd place in the 800 meter run with 2:38, another new personal record. Koen also ran 4x100 meter relay with the 7th/8th grade division, totaling 2900 meters.

Koen has over come bullying and teasing of being called "chubby" and "slow". He put in the hard work throughout the year because he was tired of "not being good at anything" in his own words. With Koen's family support, he was given the tools to change his outlook and succeed. "We emphasized good attitude, confidence, effort, sportsman-

ship, and determination," said his mother, Tawiya Williams. Koen's family taught him lessons such as learning how to lose in order to enjoy the victories. "We couldn't do it for him, and it's all his self-discipline and determination that got him there. Man this kid makes us proud. He seen the challenge and accepted it, in a big way."

Koen's personal records put him competing with 7th/8th grade times. He was so happy he cried multiple times and was thankful to have everyone support and cheer for him. "The humility this kid shows is beyond his years," said his mother. "We are so proud of him."

A huge congratulations to Koen! Good luck and keep up the good work being a positive role model demonstrating hard work and sportsmanship. GO KOEN!



Herrera Makes a Final Push, Wins Championship

Lapwai senior caps late-season flurry to win Class 1A girls discus

Lewiston Tribune

MIDDLETON, Idaho — Alexis Herrera entered the state track meet knowing she could win her best event. But she had to prove it.

"I'm still in shock," Herrera said Friday after throwing 117 feet, 5 inches, to claim the Class 1A girls discus title in the Idaho state small-school track and field meet at Middleton High School.

Her two-foot personal record gave her the title by more than six feet.

Herrera had come into the day with the top mark in the field this season, but she'd been improving so quickly in re-

cent weeks that nobody knew how the state meet would play out. She'd settled for sixth last year, and never broke 100 feet until five weeks ago.

As it happened, she took the lead with her second throw and never relinquished it.

"I came down here with confidence, knowing I had the potential to win," she said. "But actually winning is a great feeling, especially my senior year, the last time in high school I'll be throwing the discus."

She's been competing in the discus for six years and is coached by her father, Sun Herrera, who threw for Lapwai in the early- to mid-1990s.



Nez Perce National Historical Park to Recruit Summer Interns

Are you interested in a summer position with the National Park Service? Nez Perce National Historical Park is recruiting up to 2 individuals for its Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. The 8-week program runs June 20 through August 12, 2022. Enrollees work 40 hours per week at \$9.25 per hour. Applications must be submitted by Thursday, June 16th.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a federal program employing youth ages 15 to 18 in conservation work on public lands. Participants develop a better understanding and appreciation of natural and cultural resources, park maintenance needs, and park interpretation during their participation in the program.

For information and/or an application please contact Nez Perce National Historical Park by phone (208) 848-



6821, email Trentin_martinez@nps.gov, or write to Nez Perce National Historical Park at 39063 U.S. Highway 95, Lapwai, ID 83540. YCC applicants must be at least 15 years of age by June 20, 2022, but not turn 19 until after August 12, 2022. The parental consent portion of the application must be com-

pleted and signed by the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian. Applications must be submitted no later than Thursday, June 16th, 2022.

Applicants must have a Social Security number or have placed an application for one and be willing to work hard and participate in most work projects.

Nez Perce National Historical Park's Spalding Visitor Center is located 12 miles east of Lewiston at 39063 U.S. Highway 95. Park admission is free year round. For more information, please contact Nez Perce National Historical Park at 208-843-7001, or visit www.nps.gov/nepe or www.facebook.com/NezPerceNationalHistoricalPark.

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NEZ PERCE TRIBE
APRIL '22

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

JOEY GUZMAN, CHAD MARKS & HARRY TAYLOR
TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING PROGRAM

"The Road Scholar/Road Master Program details the huge time and commitment our roads crew has dedicated to improving their skill set and ability to provide additional services to tribal programs and the community. In addition, our roads crew is often seen clearing roads in the early morning/late evening hours in the winter and volunteering during natural disasters and distributions including the COVID-19 emergency distributions. Between our many roads and parking lots, there are just so many different details that we don't think about and that they handle efficiently. Our small but effective transportation crew helps us transition from season to season seamlessly. They each deserve the recognition as co-employees of the month. Chad Marks, Harry Taylor & Joseph Guzman"
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Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation Opens large Impact Grant Season

The Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation will open its large Impact Grant Season on June 1st, 2022. Large Impact Grants are intended for requests of \$25,000 to \$100,000. The large Impact Grant application will be available on the Foundation’s website at lewis-clarkhealth.org beginning June 1st. Impact Grant applications are due by July 31, 2022.

Priority for these grants are given to nonprofit or government agency applicants that demonstrate a commitment to long-term vision and projects that address the root causes that affect health, improve wellness, and help prevent disease. Grant applications can be for capital expenditures or operating expenses as well as for existing or new programs that are

within the nine-county area.

The Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation funds grants to promote the health, wellness, and disease prevention of persons in a three-state, nine-county area, as follows: Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis and Nez Perce in Idaho; Asotin, Garfield and Whitman in Washington; and Wallowa in Oregon.

The Foundation’s Impact Grants will not fund endowments, scholarships, or fundraising events, or to cover operation deficits or the retirement of debt. The grants also won’t fund ongoing expenses being a single grant award or redistribution of the Foundation’s funds through subgrants. Multi-year grants also are excluded from eligibility.

Starting in August, Community Advisors to the

Foundation will review the Impact Grant applications and make grant award recommendations to the Trustee. The Trustee will notify the organizations that are selected for funding prior to November 15.

In 2021, the Foundation awarded \$620,950 to 10 area nonprofit agencies.

The Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation was established in 2017 by Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden as part of the sale of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center by Ascension Health to RCCH Healthcare Partners. Those eligible to apply for grants are nonprofit tax-exempt organizations with 501(c)(3) classification from the IRS, and governmental entities or government or public organizations described in I.R.C. § 170(c)(1) (politi-

cal subdivisions of a state or federal government) or I.R.C. § 511(a)(2)(B) (state colleges and universities), even if it is not described in I.R.C. § 501(c)(3), provided that any grant to such governmental or public organization must be made exclusively for charitable purposes as described in I.R.C. § 170(c)(2)(B), subject to any additional limitations under 26 C.F.R. § 53.4945-5(a)(4), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws. Applications must be for health, wellness, or disease prevention to qualify.

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

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PRIDE Event
June 29, 2022
3:00pm-6:30pm

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Parade Starts 3:00pm

Event to follow @
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Ask Dr. Per Cap: Hot Job Market

Dear Dr. Per Cap,

I work a tribal job that requires a college degree. However, I see listings for delivery drivers that offer wages and bonuses that pay better. I'm really tempted to switch but my friends say I'm crazy to leave a real job. What should I do?

Signed,
Debating

Dear Debating,

Millions of Americans have similar thoughts. The U.S. is currently undergoing a labor shortage of epic proportions. In fact the country is more than 4 million workers light of a well-staffed labor force.

Economists are puzzled over the exact reason. However, many point to a growing movement during the pandemic called The Great Resignation which has inspired people to reexamine their lives and careers. Early retirements, scaled back work hours, and dramatic career shifts have been the result.

Employers are responding with big pay hikes and hiring bonuses like the ones tempting you. There's a McDonald's near me that's offering new hires as much as \$20 an hour. That's forty thousand bucks a year. Pay that competes with some "real jobs" your friends talk about.

For someone who spent years working in the service industry that label of a job not being real if it doesn't require a degree or gets your hands dirty always ticked me off. And if there's one thing the pandemic has taught, hard working folks in supermarkets, shipping companies, and warehouses are vital to the economy and our modern way of life. Don't let peer pressure influence your decision.

You need to ask yourself what's more important? A paycheck or the nature of the work you do to earn it? Higher pay is great but only if you enjoy what you're doing. Then again a meaningful career is a tough road if you can't pay your bills.

I recommend a thorough review of your current expenses along with your current income. Then compare how much a new job with higher pay will impact that bottom line. If you see a significant jump in your disposable income, like 20% or more, a switch might make sense.

Then follow up with some soul searching to see if you're emotionally ready for a very different type of work experience. Also talk with your spouse, significant other, children, and any other family stakeholders who will be impacted by your career change. You'll find your answer when you think it through.

SAVE THE DATE
GONA 2022
JUNE 22ND & 23RD

Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) for youth is a safe place to share, heal and plan for action

FACILITATOR
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SPEAKER GUESTS
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Marcus Anthony Guinn

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Showing Up in Support of Indigenous 2S+/LGBTQ+ Survivors for Pride Month

By: StrongHearts Native Helpline,
strongheartshelpline.org

This June, the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC), StrongHearts Native Helpline (StrongHearts) and the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC) acknowledge, support and lift the voices of Native Two-Spirit, non-binary, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning survivors of violence for Pride Month. As Indigenous nonprofit organizations, we strongly support the need to facilitate inclusive conversations about the identities intersecting across the Indigenous and 2S+/LGBTQ+ spectrum.

When NIWRC, StrongHearts, and ANWRC raise awareness on gender-based violence issues, we also recognize that our 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives experience domestic violence and sexual violence at exceptionally high rates. Violence and abuse can happen to anyone. Across Indigenous cultures and communities, our traditional teachings uphold respect for all identities and celebrate diversity. As relatives, we must stand firmly against dangerous attitudes toward our 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives and instead, use our Indigenous values and sacred teachings of love, respect and compassion to advocate for them. We see you. We support you. We honor your spirit.

For generations, Western culture has disparaged Indigenous religions and teachings about gender and sexuality, including the pre-existing traditional understanding that Two-Spirit individuals, embodying male and female spirits, are blessed by Creator. Colonialism and Western patriarchy threaten our relatives on the 2S+/LGBTQ+ spectrum with policy, violence and oppression across the United States. Within the 2S+/LGBTQ+ community, intimate partner violence occurs

at a rate equal to or higher than that of the cis-heterosexual community. American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in 2S+/LGBTQ+ communities face systemic discrimination, violence, and harassment at disproportional rates. According to the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey (USTS), of all the respondents who experienced sexual assault, 65% were American Indian/Alaskan Natives. Also, 73% of Native respondents experienced intimate partner violence, including physical violence, compared to 54% of the overall USTS respondents. 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives also experience other forms of domestic violence and additional barriers to seeking help due to fear of discrimination or bias.

These statistics do not include the intergenerational and individual trauma our Indigenous relatives experience. There is a need for intergenerational efforts to recognize, reclaim and dismantle oppressive and systemic injustices toward 2S+/LGBTQ+ survivors.

Although there are incredible resources available for LGBTQ+ survivors, there is an urgent need for more culturally-tailored, inclusive programs and resources that offer support services for Indigenous 2S+/LGBTQ+ survivors. As family members and communities, we must collectively advocate for more inviting, safe, accessible and inclusive spaces for our 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives. All members of our families, communities, and nations should feel safe, protected and supported to live free of violence and discrimination.

Tips for Family and Friends: Show up: Family members and friends of 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives can create safe spaces simply by showing up, listening and acknowledging their relative's experiences. Keeping "open minds and hearts" can positively impact Indigenous 2S+/LGBTQ+ survivors. Be-

lieve survivors: Validate the feelings of 2S+/LGBTQ+ relatives, assuring them that the violence they experienced is not their fault and they are not alone. Offering support when a loved one is hurting, even in seemingly small ways, encourages connection and protects against isolation. Celebrate sacred teachings: Learning more about Indigenous 2S+/LGBTQ+ communities—including their history of trauma and teachings about love, compassion, courage, and support—can help reverse the shame tied to Western norms about gender and sexual orientation. Return to traditional teachings that honor all identities and sexualities.

Helpful Resources: Read: Toolkit: How Families and Friends Can Reconnect with Native Teachings and Create Healing Spaces with and for Native 2S+/LGBTQ Victim-Survivors of Domestic Violence. Summary: How Families and Friends Can Reconnect with Native Teachings and Create Healing Spaces with and for Native 2S+/LGBTQ Victim-Survivors of Domestic Violence. Restoration Magazine: Reconnecting with

Indigenous Teachings to Create Healing Spaces with and for Native 2SLGBTQ Survivors of Violence: Two-Spirit Identity from StrongHearts Native Helpline. LGBTQ2S (Two-Spirit) Resources by the Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition. Two-Spirit People from the National Congress of American Indians. Two Spirits, One Heart, Five Genders from Indian Country Today. A Spotlight on Native LGBT from the National Congress of American Indians.

Watch: Virtual Conversations With the Field 1 of 4 How Family and Friends Can Reconnect with Native Teachings & Create Healing Spaces With & For Native LGBTQ2S Relatives. Virtual Conversations With the Field 2 of 4 How Family and Friends Can Reconnect with Native Teachings & Create Healing Spaces With & For Native LGBTQ2S Relatives. Webinar: Mending the Rainbow: Working with the Native LGBT/Two-Spirit Community. Webinar: Understanding the Dynamics and Tactics of Intimate Partner Violence through the Lens of Indigenous Survivors.

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Safety During a Violent Encounter

By: StrongHearts Native Helpline,
strongheartshelpline.org

Be aware that in an abusive relationship, violence is used as a tactic for the abuser to maintain power and control over the victim-survivor. The violence will continue and may escalate in intensity and frequency.

Safety planning is an individualized process where a practical plan is created that includes ways to remain safe while in an abusive relationship. An advocate can help you produce a plan and discuss your options with you.

If a violent encounter seems imminent and unavoidable, there are a few options to consider to keep you safe. These tips cannot guarantee your safety, but by using your experience and intuition, along with these tips, you may be safer. You are the best person to judge your safety.

Try to control your breathing in through your nose and out through your mouth so you can continue to think clearly. Say or do whatever you

can to de-escalate the situation. Avoid rooms or areas without an easy escape. Stay on the ground floor if possible. For example, a basement with stairs and one point of entry will be difficult to escape from during a violent attack. Mentally plan how you might escape from each room in advance. Be aware of your surroundings. Think about what you could use to shield yourself when your partner becomes abusive. Avoid getting into a vehicle.

Avoid areas where weapons are easily accessible. Kitchens are dangerous because of the access to knives. Bathrooms are dangerous because of slipping and the many hard surfaces in a small area. Garages or sheds can also be dangerous because of access to tools and other heavy equipment. Avoid any areas where firearms are stored or kept, even if they are locked securely. Remove necklaces and scarves if possible as these could be used to strangle you. Remove earrings. Move away from any children in the

area. Consider safe places to go after escaping. Choose a code word or signal that would let children, relatives or neighbors know they should call for help. Hide spare keys and money in a safe place or ask a safe person to hold onto them for you in case you need to flee unexpectedly. If you are unable to get away from the abuser and are being assaulted, try to make yourself as small as possible to minimize any injuries. Get into a corner or put your back to a wall, bring your knees to your chest and use your arms to cover your neck. You have the right to protect yourself and that includes calling the police.

After the Violence: After a violent encounter, it can be difficult to process what has happened, take time for yourself to recover and reconnect with yourself. Seek medical attention if needed and is safe to do so. Consider documenting the violence and abuse. Take pictures and write descriptions of the abuse in a journal or open an email ac-

count and email them to yourself. If there are any medical or police reports documenting the abuse, keep the records. Make sure your information is kept in a safe place. Keeping documentation will allow you to have an option to pursue legal action in the future.

Participating in self-care activities like exercise, eating healthy, counseling, journaling, knowing when and how to emotionally check out during times of duress could be helpful. Be gentle with yourself mentally and physically. Practice your spirituality by smudging, praying or sitting with your traditional medicines if this helps heal your spirit.

"Immediate safety is important and long-term safety planning should be considered when you are in or exiting an abusive relationship," said StrongHearts Services Manager Joy Samuelson (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe). "Our advocates can help you plan for your safety, no matter what your current situation is."

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Sexual Health Network. It Gets Better Project. Indigenizing Love: A Toolkit for Native Youth to Build Inclusion PDF. A Guide to Being an Ally to Transgender and Nonbinary Youth by The Trevor Project. How Can I Make My Center An Affirming Place For People Who Identify As LGBTQ? by NRCDV. Setting The Stage: Strategies For Supporting LGBTIQ Survivors by Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs.

Get Help: StrongHearts Native Helpline call/text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483), or chat: strongheartshelpline.org. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 domestic violence, dating and sexual violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally appropriate support. The Trevor Project call 1-866-488-7386, text 678678, or chat thetre-

vorproject.org/get-help. The Trevor Project has trained crisis counselors who understand the challenges LGBTQ young people face, available 24/7.

About StrongHearts Native Helpline: StrongHearts Native Helpline was created by and built to serve Indigenous communities across the United States. It is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native American and Alaska Native survivors and concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. Advocates are available 24/7 by texting or calling 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) or via online chat at strongheartshelpline.org. Connect with knowledgeable advocates who can provide lifesaving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a

proud partner of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

About the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center: The National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. (NIWRC) is a Native-led nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against Native women and children. NIWRC provides national leadership in ending gender-based violence in Tribal communities by lifting the collective voices of grassroots advocates and offering culturally grounded resources, technical assistance and training, and policy development to strengthen Tribal sovereignty. niwrc.org

About the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center: Organized in 2015, the Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC) is a tribal nonprofit organization dedicated to ending violence against

women with Alaska's 229 tribes and allied organizations. AKNWRC board members and staff are Alaska Native women raised in Alaska Native Villages and have over 250 years of combined experience in tribal governments, nonprofit management, domestic violence, and sexual assault advocacy (both individual crisis and systems and grassroots social change advocacy at the local, statewide, regional, national and international levels), and other social services experience. AKNWRC's philosophy is that violence against women is rooted in the colonization of indigenous nations and thus dedicated to strengthening local, tribal government's responses through community organizing efforts advocating for the safety of women and children in their communities and homes against domestic and sexual abuse and violence. aknwrc.org

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NMPH Announcement

NMPH has been delivering and mailing prescriptions for patients that could not safely come to the tent. Since the decline of COVID-19 cases NMPH staff have slowly been able to resume normal activities. Pharmacists are now using the counseling room again to talk with patients in person. As discussed at General Council, Pharmacy will no longer be mailing prescriptions effective June 6, 2022. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Pharmacy staff looks forward to seeing and talking with you again about your medication/counseling needs. The new Pharmacy Expansion will soon open and there will be plenty of room for medication orders and counseling services.



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Our Massage Therapist has returned. We are once again providing massage services!

Upcoming Meetings

Budget & Finance Subcommittee
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
(1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)
8:30 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

Energy / Climate Change Subcommittee
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
(1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)
2:00 p.m., NPTEC Chambers

Natural Resources Subcommittee
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)
8:30 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

Land Enterprise Commission
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)
2:00 p.m., NPTEC Chambers

Human Resources Sub Committee
*Date changed to: Wednesday, June 22, 2022
(1st & 3rd Monday of the month)
8:30 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

Law & Order Sub Committee
*Date changed to: Wednesday, June 22, 2022
(1st & 3rd Monday of the month)
2:00 p.m., NPTEC Chambers

Special NPTEC Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
(4th Tuesday of the month)
9:00 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

TERO Commission Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, July 6, 2022
(1st Wednesday of the month)
6:00 p.m., Boards & Commissions Building,
210 A Street, Lapwai, ID

Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022
(2nd Monday of the month)
NPTEC Chambers, 5:00 p.m.

Regular NPTEC Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
(2nd Tuesday of the month)
8:00 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

Weaver Wednesday
Through September 14, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
4-H Club House, 315 W Locust Ave, Lapwai, ID

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

** If you would like to submit a meeting date, send meeting information to communications@nezperce.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

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Online Training

Preparing for the 2022 Wildfire Season:
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Tuesday, June 21, 2022
On-Line Zoom Presentation
5:30 pm — 7:30 pm

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Questions?

Contact Meladi Page at mpage@uidaho.edu
or call 208-476-4434.

Field Tour

The University of Idaho Extension in Clearwater County is offering: "Forest Landowners Peer Learning Field Tour". Visit your neighbors and learn from their experiences in managing their forest. This program will be touring a private forest near Orofino.

Often we can benefit the management of our own land by learning from the experiences, ideas, and lessons-learned of other forest landowners. What objectives have they managed for? How have their approaches worked for them? What have they learned from their management experience? What are the various options for management based on diverse landowner goals and objectives?

When: Friday, July 8, 2022

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: 2200 Michigan Ave., Orofino, ID

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Register On-line: uidaho.edu/clearwater-events

Email: clearwater@uidaho.edu

Phone: 208-476-4434

NMPH Announcement

Optometry will be temporarily unavailable for clinical/optical care. June 15-20, 2022 as we move into the NEW optometry location as part of our Pharmacy expansion. We look forward to serving you in our new and improved space!

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Ronald Moses, 63, Lapwai, ID



Ronald Allen Moses was born May 27, 1959 in Portland, Oregon to Norman Marcus Moses Sr. and Julia Anne Allman-Moses. Ronald (Rone) took business and automotive courses at LCSC, GBC, and WSU. Rone worked for Clarkston City Parks & Recreation and also

gave tours at the Luna House Museum. Rone was also a manager at the first Nez Perce Tribal Smoke Shop and the Nez Perce Express in Kamiah.

Rone was very proud of his culture and considered it a privilege to tell the stories of the Nez Perce Tribe in the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial event in Clarkston, WA. Rone also taught basket weaving classes with his mother, Julia. As one of the oldest Moses men, Rone was honored to help give Indian names to the younger generations. Rone made regalia for some of his younger siblings and taught them how to dance. Rone was knowledgeable in the traditional foods of the tribes found throughout the Northwest. He was known as the family historian, able to help tell you

how everyone was related.

Rone was an eccentric person who was the life of the party wherever he went. Rone enjoyed taking part in several plays at the Lewiston Civic Theater. Rone's most notable role was taking the lead in *Scrooged*. Rone's outgoing and playful personality was something that allowed him to win dance and costume competitions throughout the years. Rone loved any reason to dress up and have fun. He also enjoyed acting as the Nimiipuu Longhouse Santa Claus. Although Rone loved to tease and laugh, he was also a very giving and caring person. Rone knew no strangers, he welcomed everyone and had a way to make them feel special and loved. Rone was a compassionate person, always

there to help out anyone in need. Rone acted as a second dad to his younger siblings and many nieces and nephews.

Ronald entered into rest May 28, 2022. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Elias Moses and Lillian Corbett-Moses; maternal grandparents William Allman Sr. and Marie Arthur-Allman; father Norman Moses Sr., brother Norman Moses Jr., sisters Jean Moses-Moose and Jamie Moses-Recio. Ronald is survived by his mother Julia Allman, Janette Moses-Vantrease, Jerri Moses-Johnson, Gabrielle Moses, Elias Moses, Nita (Tweety) Moses, Ruby Moses, and many nieces and nephews that he loved as his own. Ronnie was a son, brother, best friend, uncle, and confidant who will be greatly missed.

Melvina "Hazel" Kills Crow, 71, Kamiah, ID



Melvina Hazel Kills Crow (Major), 71, a Nez Perce Tribal member entered into rest May 28, 2022, at the Royal Plaza Retirement & Care Facility in Lewiston, Idaho. She was born July 30, 1950, to Melvin Frederick Major and Lillian Oatman. Her grandparents were James and Jane Allen Oatman. Her father was of the Pomo, Wailaki, Kon Kau and Ukic tribes from the Round Valley Indian Reservation in California. She is a direct descendant of Old Chief Looking Glass, "Ah Pus Wa Hekt".

Melvina attended school in Kamiah and graduated from William C. Overfelt High School in San Jose, CA, in 1968 while residing with her sister, Marian. She graduated with her niece, Renita, at the same time. She also attended LCSC and other colleges including UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

Melvina was very smart and was well versed on the Nez Perce history and culture. She was always an outspoken activist for American Indian rights. She served on the NP Housing Board. She was given a grant and taught attendees on how to make moccasins and other items. She was well known for her beaded coin purses, pouches and barrettes. She knew how to tan hides, smoke dried meat and fillet salmon. She also made dance outfits for her grandchildren and danced along with them. Melvina traveled and lived in Seattle, Poplar, Montana, Nevada and California.

Her brother is Raymond "Fred" Major. She is preceded in death by her sisters Marian

Bohanan and Laura Major, her son Melvin James McConville and her parents. Her other children are Melva Major, Cistina (aka Lilly Baloo) Wahtomy, and Rachel Johnson. She was also married to and preceded in death by Dewayne Wahtomy, and Lester Kills Crow. Her Uncle is Ronald Oatman and she is preceded in death by her other Uncles and Aunts, Marcus Oatman, Everett Oatman, Sr., Cecil (Butch) Oatman, Beatrice Miles and Loda Sublett. Her nephews and nieces are Ronald Pinkham, Renita Brien (Pat), Carol Holt, Joanne Bohanan and also preceded in death by her other nephews, Melvin Pinkham, Wayne Pinkham, Newton Bohanan, Jr. and Edmond Bohanan. Her great nephew is Patrick Brien, Jr.

The grandchildren are Angela Major, Heather Claunch, Dustin Major, Harold Willie, Charlisa Wahtomy-Alba, Asineom Painter, Jonathan Lupe, Sarah Painter, Chegemmem (Alexandria) McConville-McCovey, Melvin Alexander James McConville and Katrina

George. The great grandchildren are Tristian Wahtomy-Alba, Joseph Wahtomy-Alba, Kailai Wahtomy-Alba, Marcell Meninick, Talyhia Pollan, Samuel Painter, Sam'Ya Painter, Arrius Painter, Phoenix Lupe, Keioni Lupe, Isaiah Painter, Aria Weasel Boy, Ethan Hensen, Sierra Hensen, Maya Hensen, and Emmitt Hensen. Preceded in death by great grandchild, Samuel Joseph Painter. Private dressing May 31, 2022, 2pm at Trenary's Funeral Home in Kooskia, Idaho led by Leslie Moses. Procession to Wa-A'Yas Community Building, Kamiah, ID. Non-Denominational service with Mary Jane Miles officiating at 6pm. "Wa-lut-tsut" service to follow led by Andre Picard, Jr.

Sunrise service June 1, 2022, at the Wa-A'Yas at 7am. Burial to follow at the Nez Perce Cemetery on No Kid Lane, Kamiah, ID. Giveaway and dinner to follow burial at the Wa-A'Yas. Head Cook, Jessica Samuels. For donations of food or help please call her at 208-596-2810.

Linda “Stix” Kathleen Watters, 73, Lapwai, ID



Linda “Stix” Kathleen Watters, (73), of Lapwai, Idaho passed away on May 27th, 2022. Private dressing on Tuesday May 31st at 2:00pm at Malcom’s Brower Wann in Lewiston, Idaho with Wahlusut services to follow at 7:00pm at the Old Longhouse. Sunrise services Wednesday June 1st, 2022 at 7:00am with burial following at the Spaulding Cemetery and dinner at the Old Longhouse.

Linda was born in Cottonwood, Idaho on July 4th 1948. She attended Chilocco

Indian School in Oklahoma but returned to graduate from Lapwai High School and went on to work for her tribe in various positions within NiiMiiPuu Health. Linda was married to Wesley D. Johnson on December 16th, 2006; though their official marriage was short, Linda and Wes had been together since 1986, sharing 20 years together.

Linda started as a receptionist with the Nez Perce Tribe then moved on to work at NiiMiiPuu Health with Maternal Child Health, Community Wellness, and then the Medical Records department, from which she retired in the mid-nineties. Linda loved being out and about, socializing with family and friends. Linda enjoyed gambling; both at the casino and on the stickgame trail. Linda and her husband Wes loved taking the grandkids out to pick huckleberries, go fishing, and sometimes just cruising in the mountains. Linda opened her home

up to not only her nieces and nephews looking to torture her while they recovered from long nights of fun but to her grandchildren as they came along as well. Introducing them to her love of maplenut icecream, pepsi, and movies.

Linda is survived by her grandchildren; Paul Williams (Lapwai), Samantha Smith (Lapwai), Kiyana Ellenwood (Lapwai), Aaron Alfrey (Lapwai), Harley Ellenwood (Lapwai), Samuel Ellenwood (Spokane), Chaos Ellenwood (Oklahoma), Abigail Ellenwood (Orlando, Florida), Emily Delaney (Oregon), Curry Pinkham (Keller), Martin Hernandez (Lapwai), Teata Ellenwood (Pendleton), Wilbur Oatman (Pendleton), Eva Oatman (Pendleton), Emilee Delgado (Pendleton); brother Frank Broncheau Sr. (Lapwai), sisters; Charlotte Watters (Lapwai), Benita Watters (Lapwai), Dee Broncheau (Lapwai), Yvonne Williams (Culdesac); children

Mary Ellenwood (Lapwai), Samuel Ellenwood (Lapwai), Rachel H. Ellenwood (Pendleton); five great-grandchildren as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who loved her dearly. Linda is preceded in death by her husband Wesley D. Johnson, parents Dora and Gordon Watters, sons; Lee Ellenwood Jr. and Jason Daniels, sisters; Sandy Watters, Carol Watters, Alfreida Watters, Bonnie Watters, and brother Douglas Watters.



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