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A Signing Ceremony:
Nimiipuu Assume Full Management of Fish Production at Dworshak



The Department of Interior transferred full fish production responsibilities to the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe), whom co-managed for the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery (Hatchery) for the last 18 years. In a signing ceremony conducted in Ahsahka, Idaho at the Hatchery on Thursday, June 16, 2022, many dignitaries and civilians gathered to witness the monumental event. Along with the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) were key leaders from the Army Corps of Engineers, Federal and Tribal leaders with special guest, Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland.

Some of the keynote speakers included Michael Connor, Assistant Secretary for the Army Civil Works; Jamie Pinkham, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Samuel Penney, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman; and Secretary Haaland. Each speakers expressed the importance and relevance of the signing. Secretary Haaland emphasized how crucial it is for the success of the fish production because the Nimiipuu, along with many others, depend on the salmon for sustenance and nourishment.

Haaland emphasized the transfer is a testament to the Biden Administration's commitment to honoring tribal treaty rights, including tribal knowledge in fish and wildlife management and conservation. Haaland, who is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna and is the first Native American to serve as cabinet secretary stated, "This action is about honoring the sacrifices of our ancestors, practicing the traditions that connect us to them and understand that in spite of all odds, we are still here." Pinkham, who is also a Nez Perce Tribal member, gave praise to the previous key people in creating this shift towards fish preservation and restoration efforts; many of whom have either passed or retired.

Chairman Penney stated, "We will continue to do our best at this hatchery and the fish produced here will continue to provide harvest opportunities for Indian and non-Indian fisheries in the Clearwater, Snake and Columbia rivers." The Dworshak Dam and Hatchery are located at the mouth of the North Fork Clearwater River which is a Nez Perce village site originally called Atskaaiwawipu. It was at Atskaaiwawipu where the Nez Perce people helped Lewis and Clark make canoes used for their travel to the Pacific Ocean in 1805. During this time, the Nez Perce people had many village sites along the Clearwater River where the fish ran plentiful.

Amidst the Tribe's opposition, the Dworshak Dam & Reservoir construction began in 1966. The Dworshak National Fish Hatchery, constructed in 1969 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was constructed to mitigate for the negative impacts to fish by the implementation of the Dworshak Dam on the North Fork of the Clearwater River and the four lower Snake River Dams. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will continue to own the facility while the fish spawning and rearing will solely be the responsibility of the Nez Perce Tribe.

The Tribe also manages the Kooskia Fish Hatchery and Nez Perce Tribal Fish Hatchery along with operating ten other, smaller acclimation sites for the salmon in the Clearwater, Snake, and Salmon sub-basins as well as in Northeast Oregon. In total, the tribe produces nearly 13 million salmon and steelhead annually. This amounts to 80% of the fish released in the Clearwater River and 30% of the fish released in the Snake River Basin.

Welcome Rachel 'Chedda' Ellenwood - Communications Newest Team Member

Greetings! My name is Rachel E. Ellenwood however, I am known by my nickname Chedda. My parents are Kub & Susie Ellenwood; paternal grandparents Stephen and Rachel (Jackson) Ellenwood; maternal grandparents Ira Penney and Josephine "JoAnn" Jose (Samuels). I have one son Terrell Ellenwood-Jones, and I am getting married in September 2022 to Emery Wilson. We have three fur babies: Luka, Coco and Meeqe' (Snow). I have two older brothers; the late Littlefoot Ellenwood and Ira Ellenwood and one younger sister Nikesa (Ellenwood) Aubertin. I am an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe and was born and raised on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation (Lapwai, ID) which is where I currently reside.



Chedda with her son, Terrell Ellenwood-Jones and fiancé, Emery Wilson.

I graduated from Lapwai High School in 2001 and received my Associate Degree in General Direct Transfer from Northwest Indian College in 2013. I received a Bachelor Degree in Comparative Ethnic Studies with two minors in American Indian Studies and Women's Studies in 2017 from Washington State University (WSU). I received a Master of Arts Degree in Communications from WSU in 2021. My research field is in Health and Risk communications focusing on Indigenous populations. I have been accepted to the PhD program in Communications at WSU and will start in the fall 2022.

The things that I love to do the most are: beading, sewing, sweating at the sweat lodge, huckleberry picking, streaming interesting TV shows, traveling, spending time with my family, and organizing (cleaning) my home. My favorite thing in the world is watch my son play basketball. It is his passion and he is mine so it works out well. He will play in the house on a tiny hoop that hooks up to our pantry door, our outdoor hoop, or at any gym. I grew up on the tourney trail watching my dad, the Legend, as well as my older brothers so it is fitting that my little family loves to do the same. We are also a golfing family – I love to golf but doesn't mean that I am good at it. I try to stay active but for the most part, I like to be home with my family.

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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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Nimiipuutímtki- The People's Language (Nee-mee-poo-timt-key)

July	Q'oyxˆc'áal (Koyks-all)	"Blueback/Sockeye Salmon season"

Fish	cúuy'em	ts-ooy-yem
Chinook Salmon	nacóxˆ	naw-tso-h
Blueback Salmon	q'oyxc	koy-ks
Silver/ Dog Salmon	k'állay	ka-lie
Berries (general term)	timánit	tim-on-it
Huckleberry	cemíitx	tsa-meat-h
Strawberry	nicka'níicka	nits-ka-neats-ka
Raspberry	céeqet	tsa-ket
Elderberry	mít'ip	mitt-ipp
Cherry	tíms	tims

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Nez Perce Tribe - June Awards

STAFF SHOUT OUT: Jareen is a teen club member that has stepped out of her comfort zone recently. She has become a voice for peers and a great leader for the younger club members. Jareen has shown interest in the Junior Staff program, where club teens are paired with a staff and run high yield activities. She is always willing to help out any staff member in an area and eager to learn from them. During an event, Day 4 Kids, she was a big help by running an activity in one of the biggest areas and working with club members and parents. I believe that Jareen will become an outstanding leader for not just the club but for her community as well. -Staff Liz

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

Youth of the Month for the Different Program Areas are:
Service:
Isyss Ruckman
Leadership:
Jareen Hines
Gamesroom:
Leilanni Moody
Athlete:
Shyne Bronson
Education/Computers:
Faith Powaukee
Arts & Crafts:
Cevin Hendren
Teen Center:
Ethan Jones
Staff:
Jalena Henry



On June 24 the Lapwai Boys & Girls Club took club members to the Lapwai track & field for their Wild n Wacky Trackmeet.

Salmon Camp is Back!

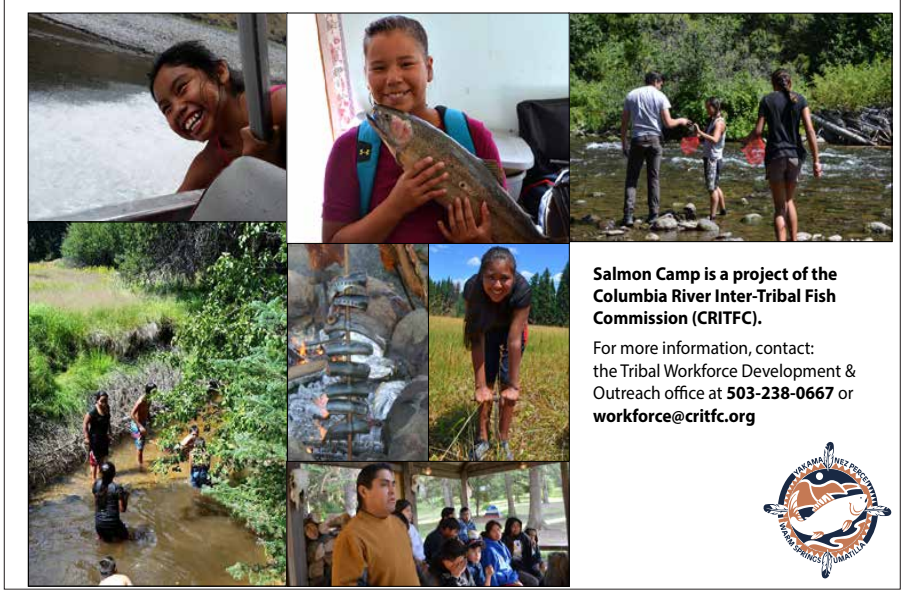
August 22-26, 2021
hosted by the Warm Springs Tribe at Camp Namanu
(a mountain camp near Mt Hood in the Warm Springs usual and accustomed area)

Want to learn about the science of salmon? How about help with a stream restoration project? Have you ever wanted to know more about tribal salmon culture? Then Salmon Camp is the place for you! Twenty incoming 6th–8th grade **Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs,** and **Nez Perce** students will be selected for this week-long summer camp. This year's camp will be hosted by the Warm Springs Tribe.

Salmon Camp is **free** but space is **limited**. Participants are selected through an application process. Applications must be received by **June 24, 2022**. All meals and lodging are included. A stipend will be provided upon successful program completion.

Learn more and fill out the online application at:

www.critfc.org/salmon-camp



Salmon Camp is a project of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC).

For more information, contact: the Tribal Workforce Development & Outreach office at **503-238-0667** or **workforce@critfc.org**



TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE NEWS ☺

- **New TERO Clients-** fill out skills bank apt, need copies of tribal ID, SSC, DL, state ID, high school diploma, GED, resumes and any certificates you have earned☺
- **Reminder-**All TERO Clients need to be signing in **WEEKLY** to be sent out on upcoming projects. **TERO NEEDS TO HEAR FROM THE CLIENT IF THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR WORK☺**
- **TVTC Pre-Apprenticeship Program-** come into the TERO Program for more information on this training. *Call (208) 621-4856 and meet with the TERO Client Advocate today & get an application in for this training☺*
- **Sage Truck Driving School-** 4 weeks of classroom learning and instruction on a driving simulator and weekly exams. Classes are starting on ***July 5th & 19th, 2022. August*** classes will be listed when dates are available☺

UPCOMING TRAINING'S

TVTC

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

When: August 23, 2022

Where: Tulalip WA

16 weeks of classroom learning

In-class guest speakers

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SAGE Trucking Program

Earn your CDL

4 weeks of instruction

Start your career in Truck Driving now!

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Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and Nez Perce Tribe Sign Good Neighbor Authority Agreement

KAMIAH, Idaho - The Nez Perce Tribe and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests recently signed a Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreement that will allow them to share and build capacity for important work in the Nez Perce Tribe's ceded territories. This is the first GNA agreement with a tribe in the Forest Service's Northern Region, and among the first in the nation.



"The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests are among the homelands of the Nez Perce Tribe and we share a common interest in healthy and resilient ecosystems," said Cheryl Probert, Forest Supervisor. "The Good Neighbor Authority is a great tool for helping us co-steward these important lands."

First authorized in 2001, Good Neighbor Authority allows the USDA Forest Service to enter into agreements with state forestry agencies to do critical management work to keep our forests healthy and productive. The program was expanded to include Tribes and counties in 2018. Funding was made available in the 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to partner with Tribes to implement fuels reduction and other mutually beneficial projects.

"The Nez Perce Tribe has been a steward of its land and resources since time immemorial," stated Samuel N. Penney, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. "The GNA agreement is an affirmation of the Tribe's expertise in managing our homelands and is an additional intergovernmental tool to improve watershed health for fish and wildlife habitat, treat insect-infected and disease-infected trees, and reduce hazardous fuels."

The initial focus of GNA work between the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests and the Nez Perce Tribe will be on fuels reduction projects, with future plans to conduct heritage surveys and contract administration for projects in areas of highest significance to the Tribe.

"We've enjoyed a very long and productive aquatic restoration partnership with the Nez Perce Tribe's Department of Fisheries. I'm excited to work toward a similar partnership with their Forestry, Fire and Cultural divisions," said Probert.

The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests has existing GNA agreements with the Idaho Department of Lands and Idaho Department of Fish and Game, making this agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe the forest's third GNA agreement. To learn more about the Good Neighbor Authority, visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/farm-bill/gna.



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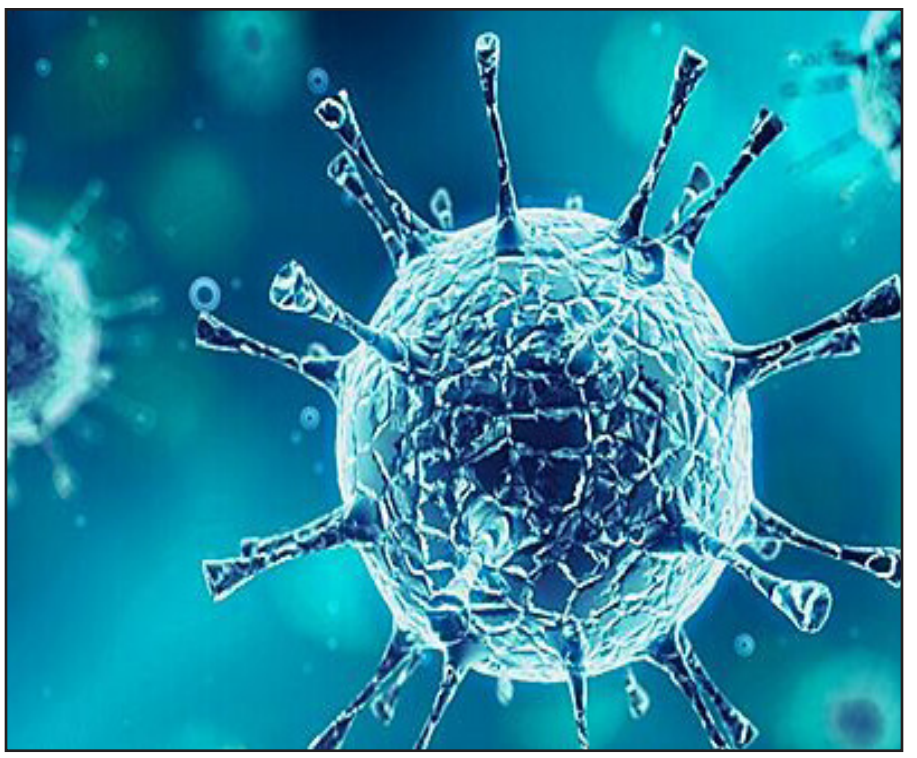
NMPH Vaccine Task Force Reccoments Not Distributing Vaccines at This Time

Nimiipuu Health Vaccine Task Force has decided to recommend NOT distributing any more vaccines or antiviral treatments for COVID-19 at this time. Nimiipuu Health (NMPH) has provided recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters all throughout the pandemic and has closely followed the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), CDC and the FDA.

ACIP provides advice and guidance on effective control of all vaccine-preventable diseases in the US, not just COVID-19 vaccines, to the Director of the CDC in a consultative fashion. NMPH's Vaccine Task Force has reviewed the ACIP recommendations, planned and executed the delivery of vaccines to the communities on the Nez Perce reservation for the safety of the people during the pandemic. NMPH has sequenced a few COVID-19 infections during the pandemic to verify arrival of the Delta variant and the Omicron variant in the communities. There are now a multitude of variants since the arrival of COVID-19.

NMPH has found a very useful resource from the NIH to view the specific mutations from NMPH's sequenced COVID-19 infections and this tool displays how the mutations, which are changes in the Spike protein that assists with the entry of the virus into our cells for an infection.

The Spike protein has been the target of the vaccines. However, with all the mutations in the Spike protein, the vaccines currently appear to not be protective. This NIH tool displays the specific mutations of the variants in the communities and the available treatments, vaccines, monoclonal antibodies, and antivirals, have much less protective activity to the variants. If the vaccines are proven to be more effective with further development, NMPH will again consider the current data and provide recommendations and guidance for the protection of our communities.



We now know how to protect ourselves against infections by social distancing, cleanliness, and maintaining a healthy immune system. As a friendly reminder, if you are feeling sick, please stay home. If you begin to develop COVID-19 like symptoms, get tested. If you test positive for COVID-19 follow the same isolation protocols.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, new sudden loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea/vomiting, and diarrhea.

NIH: https://opendata.ncats.nih.gov/variant/activity/b11529

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Nez Perce National Historical Park Summer Schedule

Lapwai, Idaho – Nez Perce National Historical Park is announcing its summer schedule. The museum, movie, and Jr. Ranger program are free and offer a unique experience for families and visitors of all ages.



Seasonal Attractions

- Guided Collection Tours – Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.
- Indian Agency Cabin, located in the Spalding Picnic Area, will be open for self-guided viewing on Saturdays, Sundays, and Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

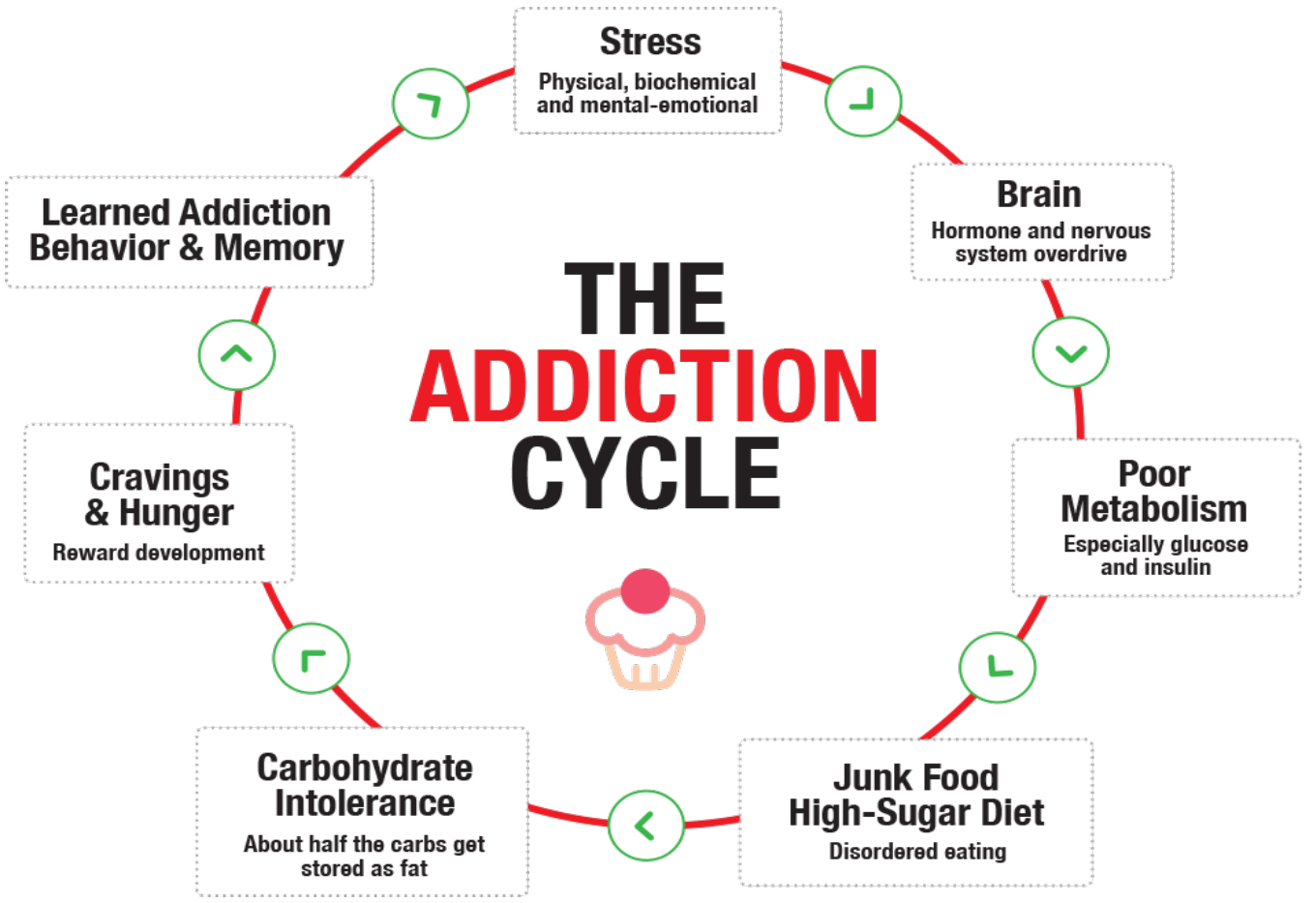
Daily tipi pitching will begin on June 16 at 8:30 a.m., and daily ranger programs will be offered at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. beginning on June 28th.

The guided collection tours will be lead by Curator Kristine Leier. Kristine will guide participants in an exploration of drawers and shelves filled with beautiful and priceless pieces. Tours will be limited to 8 people, and will begin on Tuesday, June 28th, and end September 5, 2022.

The Indian Agency Cabin is the oldest building belonging to Nez Perce National Historical Park, and dates back to the Civil War Era. Several interpretive panels have been placed inside the cabin providing information about the Indian Agents as well as the transformation of the building into the Sacajawea Museum and its present condition. The cabin will be open Saturdays, Sundays and Tuesdays beginning on June 28th until September 5, 2022.

Nez Perce National Historical Park's Spalding Visitor Center is located 12 miles east of Lewiston at 39063 U.S. Highway 95. Hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily, with the historic picnic area remaining open from dawn to dusk. 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 www.nps.gov

Chemical Addiction & Behavioral Addiction - Both are Harmful to the Brain



Addiction can occur in many forms. It's been often assumed that physical dependence, such as withdrawal symptoms, is required in order for a person to be diagnosed with an addiction disorder; however, that's not always the case. Behavioral addiction can occur with all the negative consequences in a person's life minus the physical issues faced by people who regularly engage in drug and alcohol abuse.

It is the compulsive nature of the behavior that is where the addiction develops. The compulsion to continually engage in an activity or behavior despite the negative impact on the person's ability to remain mentally and/or physically healthy and functional in the home and community defines behavioral addiction.

A person may find the behavior temporarily rewarding psychologically or get a "high" while engaged in the activity but later feels guilt, shame, remorse, and can even be overwhelmed by the consequences of that continued choice. Unfortunately, as is common for all who struggle with addiction, many people living with behavioral addictions are unable to stop engaging in the behavior for any length of time without treatment and intervention.

Addiction can come in many different forms, other than drug and alcohol abuse. Shopping can be an addiction, working, sex, gambling, eating and exercise, can all be ways to escape and can become addictive. People enjoy the behavior very much but it is not deemed an addiction until the following is true:

The person struggles with mental health or physical health issues as a consequence of the behavior and/or the inability to stop.

The person has difficulties in significant relationships at home and, in some cases, at work because the behavior is so disruptive.

The person experiences other negative consequences that are directly caused by continued, extreme, or chronic engagement in the behavior. For example, a person with a gambling addiction may gamble away the house, lose a job, and be forced into bankruptcy due to the extreme nature of their gambling.

The person is unable to stop engaging in the behavior despite these consequences. If you believe that you, or someone you love, are struggling with a behavioral addiction, the good news is that treatment is a powerful tool. Learning how to manage the behavior and begin to address the issues caused by the long-term behaviors begins with intensive and integrated treatment.

Most people engage in hundreds of different behaviors throughout the day, each one with its own set of consequences. In general, people make choices about which behavior to engage in next, with the intent to intensify their experience. For example, if you are hungry, you may choose to get a healthy snack that will not only satisfy your hunger but also give you energy to continue your day. However, someone who is living with a food addiction may choose to eat even when not hungry and may binge eat unhealthy foods in large amounts. Though this is an unhealthy choice, not everyone who overeats or eats when they aren't hungry, is struggling with a food addiction.

When the behavior becomes impulsive and begins to contribute to the development of a range of physical and mental health problems and the person is unable to stop, it is termed an addiction. Many people think addiction is characterized by a bad behavior. They believe that a strong mind with a little bit of will-power is all that is needed in order to quit the bad habit. Unfortunately, the fact is that if a little bit of self-control were the only issue, then people struggling with behavioral addictions would certainly stop engaging in their behavior of choice long before it harmed their physical health, ended their relationships, and caused a host of financial, legal, and mental health problems.

Whether or not any behavior can become an addiction that is harmful to a person's ability to function is still open to debate. There are several behaviors that are commonly reported as occurring at an addiction level, wreaking havoc and destroying lives for as long as they remain untreated.

It can be easy to be close to a person and unable to recognize when things have gone from occasionally upsetting to a diagnosable disorder that requires treatment. The fact is that addiction is defined as a disease of the brain, a chronic illness that can require intensive therapeutic and medical treatment. It can quickly spiral out of control, causing problems in every part of the person's life. When this happens, and the person is still unable to stop engaging in the addictive behavior even with a genuine desire to stop or great fear or remorse about what has and will happen, it is time to seek treatment.

There are two types of addictions, substance abuse and addiction disorder, and sometimes addicts combine

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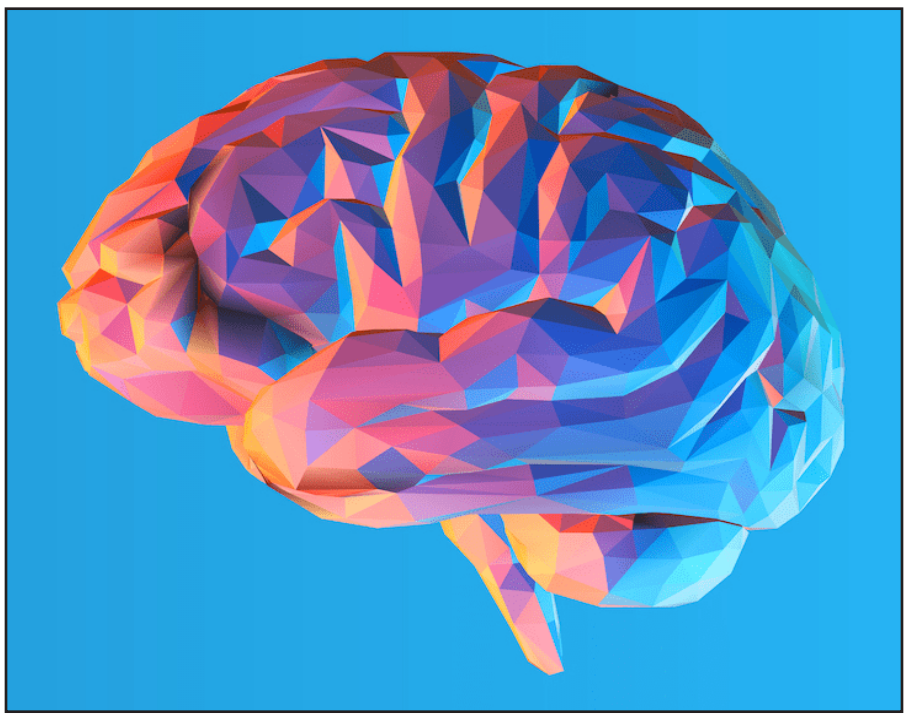
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the two. For many people, the urge to drink or do drugs is coupled with the urge to engage in the process addiction. For example, some say that as soon as they get a drink in hand, the next thought is gambling, or vice versa. Others may include the use of stimulant drugs as a part of their ritual when they engage in behaviors triggered by or related to sex addiction.

Gambling addiction may impact up to 2-3 percent of the American public. Its signs, symptoms, and impacts may vary across genders, age groups, and other populations. Men are more likely to develop a gambling problem and at an earlier age as compared to women, but women make up about 25 percent of those living with a gambling addiction. Risk factors for the disorder include mental health disorders like bipolar disorder, mood disorders, and substance abuse disorders, especially cocaine and/or alcohol abuse or addiction.

Though similar in many ways, food addiction is different from binge eating disorder. Though both may result in obesity, people who struggle with food addiction may also be of normal weight. The period between sessions of eating large amounts of food may be characterized with different eating behaviors among patients living with BED as compared to food addiction. It is estimated that about one in 10 young people who plays video games has an addiction to the behavior. Some people in treatment for video game addiction report experiencing something like withdrawal symptoms when they are unable to play – angry outbursts, sweating, etc.

Compulsive shopping is often believed to be a female problem, but CNN reports that about 6 percent of women struggle with the problem – and so do 5.5 percent of men. Unfortunately, because shopping is a common and normal behavior, and compulsive shoppers often go



out of their way to hide the evidence of their purchases, it's not always easy to identify the problem. Even one of the common signs of the disorder – frequent arguments over money with a spouse or significant other – is a normal issue. However, alcohol use disorders and/or an eating disorder like binge eating or bulimia often co-occur with shopping addiction, so these issues may be signs of the disorder as well.

People who struggle with sex addiction are often also living with other significant mental health disorders such as bipolar disorder or borderline personality disorder. Engaging in potentially self-injurious behavior during manic periods or in general may be a sign of these other disorders and must be considered as a possibility during evaluation and diagnosis at the outset of treatment.

Social media use can lead to addiction if it is compulsive and disruptive to the person's ability to function in everyday life. Well before it becomes an addiction, however, chronic social media use can contribute to anxiety in users who describe feelings of discomfort and agitation if they are unable to connect – an issue that could potentially be termed a withdrawal symptom. Some studies suggest that medication may be helpful in the treatment of some process addictions even if they do not co-occur with other mental health disorders. For example, some studies suggest that naltrexone may be an effective choice in the treatment of online sex addiction.

Addiction to playing video games is a growing problem, and one that can negatively impact the person's ability to have functional relationships with others, remain employed, and to prioritize physical and mental health.

Internet addiction or social media addiction is another issue that is sweeping the nation. Just being connected and online can be compulsive and addictive for many people. Some compulsively check their emails, inboxes and notifications on social media, others are addicted to compulsively checking stock updates, breaking news, blog updates, feeling as if they are missing out if they are not connected 24/7. Unfortunately, it can mean that they do not make positive in-person connections and may ultimately reduce their options in life.

Food addiction has been a problem since obesity started to increase in americans. The compulsive need to eat high-fat, high-sugar, or high-salt foods in large amounts when not hungry can be an addiction that leads to numerous health problems especially related to obesity and mental health issues. When Is It Time to Intervene and How? Because almost everyone engages in the behaviors listed above, social media use, shopping, etc., it is not always easy to recognize when someone's engagement with these behaviors reaches an addiction level and thus requires treatment. Though the signs of an addictive issue may vary depending upon the behavior at the focus of the addiction, it is time to get help for a behavioral addiction when practice of the behavior becomes an obsession, practice of the behavior becomes frequent daily and/or multiple times per day, the person chooses to engage in the behavior rather than work, spend time with family, or engage in other activities that were once enjoyed, relationships are harmed by the person's chronic engagement in the behavior, other serious consequences result from an inability to stop the behavior.

Though there is rarely a single reason responsible for the underlying cause for behavioral addictions, often it's a combination of issues, including genetic predisposition to the development of an addiction disorder, biology, living in or growing up in an environment that is permissive of the behavior, trauma that alters brain function, acute issues of stress that trigger the person to attempt to utilize the behavior as a coping mechanism.

Avoiding relapse is a daily task, sometimes an active task that takes place minute by minute. Some of the ways that people can improve their ability to avoid relapse in recovery from a behavioral addiction include identifying the people, places, situations, feelings, and other events that can trigger the urge to engage in the behavior, determining how best to eliminate those triggers, creating an actionable plan to mitigate the impact of those triggers and deal with the urge to relapse that may occur, building a support system in recovery that includes people who genuinely support the client's desire to avoid relapse and engage in more positive behaviors, and learning how to return to recovery if a relapse should occur.

Northwest Indian College Enters into Articulation Agreement with Salish Kootenai College to Provide 4-Year Early Childhood Education Degrees

The articulation agreement will allow graduates of Northwest Indian College's two-year Early Childhood Education program to transfer to Salish Kootenai College's four-year ECE program.

Lummi Nation – June 6, 2022 –Northwest Indian College (NWIC) today announced it has entered into an articulation agreement with Salish Kootenai College (SKC), to provide four-year Early Childhood Education (ECE) degrees. Both NWIC and SKC are accredited Tribal College Universities (TCU) through the US Department of Education.

Nahrin Aziz, Lead Early Childhood Education Faculty and Principal Investigator of Indigenous ECE Initiatives, states "The partnership between NWIC's and SKC's early childhood education degree programs first began in 2017 when both institutions were selected as recipients of a grant initiative aimed to strengthen Indigenous early childhood education. Our continued collaboration has now resulted in an articulation agreement that will support the sustainability of our respective programs and the success of our students. By creating a seamless transition from one Tribal College and University to another, we are making certain that our students will continue to be served by caring and compassionate faculty members and advisors who are dedicated to Indigenous education and who will provide Native students with holistic advising that takes into consideration their academic, intellectual, and emotional well-being."

Students who graduate from NWIC's Associate of Applied Science – Transfer in ECE degree program will now be able to pursue SKC's Bachelor of Science in ECE degree and will receive support in numerous and various ways. All expenses for tuition, books, and fees will be covered at no cost to our students. In addition, students will get a $250 stipend at the end of a successful quarter and upon completion of the bachelor's degree, students will get another $500 stipend to help stay in the ECE workforce.



Northwest Indian College's main campus is located at the Lummi Nation but has six full service extended campus sites located at Nez Perce, Muckleshoot, Nisqually, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Swinomish, and Tulalip.

When NWIC ECE student Sarah Rodriguez-Gardee, who is on track to graduate this academic year, was asked about the new articulation she said, "NWIC has done a wonderful job with helping me to achieve my AA in Early Childhood Education. With this new opportunity to pursue my four-year degree at Salish Kootenai [College], I am able to succeed even further than I imagined. This is a great achievement for me as I am the first in my family to obtain a college degree."

Northwest Indian College became an accredited distance education institution in 2020. In doing this we have continued to follow the original intent of the college which was to provide education without our students having to leave their communities" said Dean of Academics, Destiny Petroske. "The ECED articulation with SKC will allow for our students to continue their educational journey while continuing to serve their community."

All courses for the ECE articulation will be offered remotely, via distance education. The pandemic has opened new opportunities for students once courses were offered online. More students are logging in from their homes in their communities. Most of our students are non-traditional and first-generation. They have jobs and exterior commitments. Therefore, students will have the option of doing the entire program on a part time basis. To be eligible for the full ride, though, students must apply for Fall 2022 admission. The application submission deadline for fall quarter is September 2, 2022. The start date for fall quarter is September 12, 2022. Nahrin Aziz has scheduled a support session to help students with their application to SKC on June 20, 2022. Northwest Indian College is one of only 37 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in the country. For more information about the Northwest Indian College, please visit https://www.nwic.edu/.

About Northwest Indian College: With its main campus located on the Lummi Indian Reservation in Washington State, 20 miles south of the Canadian border, Northwest Indian College is the only accredited tribal college serving the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. NWIC grew from the Lummi Indian School of Aquaculture, founded in 1973, a single-purpose training program developed to prepare technicians for employment in Indian-owned and operated fish and shellfish hatcheries throughout the United States and Canada.

In 1983, the Lummi Indian Business Council recognized the need for a more comprehensive post-secondary institution for tribal members, and the college was chartered as Lummi Community College, an Indian- controlled, comprehensive two-year college, designed to serve the post-secondary educational needs of Indian people living in the Pacific Northwest. In June of 1988, Lummi Community College was approved as a candidate for accreditation by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NWASC) and, on January 20, 1989, in acknowledgement of its wider mandate to serve Native people through the Northwest, Lummi Community College changed its name to the Northwest Indian College.

Northwest Indian College was granted accreditation at the associate level by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), effective September 1993. In 2010, NWIC became accredited at the baccalaureate level and now offers four bachelor's degrees. The College's educational programs have been approved by the US Department of Education, Veteran's Administration, and the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board for the administration of financial assistance for eligible student. Northwest Indian College is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC), the American Association of Community Colleges, and the American Council on Education.

Lapwai Middle/High School 2022 2nd Semester Honor Roll

Seniors Honor Roll
4.0
Bisbee, Armani Lee
Greene, Corey Idaho
Sobotta, Grace Victory Joy
3.00 – 3.9
Allen, Lucille
Chapman, Audrick Christianson
Davis, Deveigh Raelynn
Ellenwood, Alexander James
Greene, Sayq'is Love
Henry, Simon Alexander
Herrera, Alexis Sunny Rose
Holt, James Lewis
Mitchell, Lydell Lewis
Penney, Jaice William Wataaspa
Penney, Temeece Adoncia
Sampson, Nelson Paul
Taylor, Kross Alexander
Wheeler, James Wallace
Williamson, Kayden Sisto's Penney
Yearout, Titus Lott
Young, Kahlees Kuus PayooPayoo

Juniors Honor Roll
4.0
Ellenwood, Jaspen Lewisia
George, Lilinoe Grace
Henry, Rainbow May
Moliga, Soa'ali'i Tepora
Williamson, Kayla Rose
3.00 – 3.9
Bisbee, Krisalyn Sky
Broncheau, Rachelle
Brown, Kendahl Levi
Chimburas, Wanbli Good Thunder
Gould, Lauren Judith
James, Quillius Suxssilew
Mitchell, Amaris Adia
Sherman, Jaishaun Lavonne
Weatherwax, Dilynn Marie Mary
Jo
Williamson, Kelsey Dawn

Sophomore Honor Roll
4.0
Oatman Pinkham, Ayanna McKinzie
Smith, Samara Amilian
Whitman, Abigail
Wece'iwetyetmeesx
3.00 – 3.9
Basey, Maya Dream
Bohnee, Christopher Wallace
Fox, Mathias Deandre
Greene, Solara Serenity
Hayes, Farrell Jevon
Henry, Keasha Skyler-Ray
Jackson, Olivia Grace
James, Kolina Callista Sandra
KickingWoman, Tailee Love
Kipp, Quenten Roland Garcia
Klein, Presley Rae
Leighton, Jayden Louise
McCormack-Marks, Jordyn Josephine Gladys
McCulley, Hadley Grace
Mitchell, Qubilah Amal
Moffitt, Kayona Jewels
Morrell, Layson Donald
Payne, Joseph Steven
Treetop, Sicily Donell
Whitefoot, Leland Keigh-Bailey
Wynott, Kase Michael
Yearout, Ahlius Hake

Freshman Honor Roll
4.0
Baumbaugh, Garrett Kirk
Baumbaugh, Mackenna Layne
Domebo, Andraeana Leticia Alece
George, Amasone Kaiena Halé
Henry, Romelia Pilar
Merrill, Brian Allen
Paddlety, James
Sobotta, Faith Mae Angel
3.00 – 3.9
Cootes, Charlize Rose
Ellenwood, Leiloni Ruby
Eneas, Zachariah Xavier
George-Smith, LaRicci Seriah
McConville, Julian James
Noriega, Marcisio Marco Antonio
Paddlety, Emma Rose
Pappan, Timani Malia
Simpson, Nalonni Tai'Elle
Wheeler, Da Ron Clarence Rod
Wilson, Dimitri Damion

8th Grade Honor Roll
4.0
Covey, Kariana Brynn Laish
George, Saei Pagofie
Klein, Grace Camille
Wheeler, Neil Elliott
Yearout, Taya Mae
3.00 – 3.9
llen, Olivia Marie
Bisbee, Madden Lanelle
Broncheau, Cleveland Augustino
Gomez, MariJayne Aurelia Balicia
Harris, Robert R
Henry, Keenan Francis
Konen, Triston Kale
McCormack-Marks, Jaelyn Jean Phyllis
Moody, Larissa Saxlatamo
Murphy, Tamia Nadine Genevieve
Parrish, Skylin Terryona Star
Quintana, Jasmine Sierra
Silver, Laila Marie
Villa, Valentina Larae
Wilson, Jeneieve Maxine

7th Grade Honor Roll
4.0
Whitman, Davi Jo Hi-Yuum Ahtway
3.00 – 3.9
Arthur, Jacob Aaron
Benally, Joseph Bernard
Davis, Dante Leland
Everett, Nicqoi Lee
Gordon, Douglas Dion
Greene, Kodi Reign
Henry, Keyon Trevon
Jackson, Saphire Skye
Jones, Ethan Anthony
McCormack, Jereese Jarrett
Miles, Kalena Lourae
Padilla, Kiahna Selene
Pappan, Douglas Michael
Payne, Ella Anndreya
Samuels, Ryanne Kaymoni Marie
SlimJohn-Smith, Leona Violet
Wheeler, Tiana Jay Marie
White Temple, Jennilia Lolas
Whiteplume, Candace Marie

6th Grade Honor Roll
4.0
George, T'Naya Lynn
Quintana, Penastacio
Samuels, Cavell Leilani
3.00 – 3.9
Capetillo, KyLynn Lexia
George, KC Michael
Greene, Kendyl Faith
Henry, Rashawn Russell
LeCornu, Autumn Deanna Joy
Littlefish, Tamina Emily Geraldine
Lozon, Sistina Feather
McCormack-Marks, Joslyn Jeraldine
McFarland, Karissa Champagne
Parrish, Robert Thomas
Penney, Sofie Marie
Pielstick, Aiden
Post, Phoenyx Gabrielle
Smiscon, Koen Lewis Clifford
Stuk, Carmen Chee





Standard of the People - The Nez Perce Flag

By Virgil Holt Sr.,
Nez Perce Tribal Member

Our tribal nation deserves to be represented by a standard/flag that shows what the Heritage of the Nez Perce Tribe is and expresses the history of our land. Tribal members should be able to stand with pride and be recognized by the display of the flag colors and symbols.



Durinbg my time as a member of the Budget & Finance Sub-committee, as a group we recognized the need for our tribe to have a flag that expressed the many diverse elements of our tribal history and resources. Just as in the day's of our ancestors; the displaying of a shield of honor or the paintings of a warrior/clan, ensuring that all would know who stood behind the banner. When deciding on the symbols to portray the history of the Nez Perce tribe and the lands to which we inhabit; the selection was a personal and very hard decision process. Each member had a personal history of family and clanship which represented the tribal history of our people and the lands.

The selection of a background, which would convey the spirit of the heritage and sacrifice of our ancestors, was a major consideration as a beginning to the development of the final color combinations. All members agreed that the color red, as the field color, would best represent the history of the Nez Perce on this land and the many sacrifices made to protect our homeland. This color represents the "blood of the people", those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and to those future members of our tribe.

The outline color of yellow is representative of the sun and the brightness of life for our people in this homeland. The depiction of the 1863 land base area on the flag is to show the adjudicated lands set aside for the Nez Perce tribe. This aspect was debated amongst the membership, based on our guaranteed treaty rights, which exceeded this land base. In the final decision it was decided that our contemporary situation must be respected at this time. The tribal logo relates to the area which our treaty rights extend to and the jurisdictions which are a part of the agreements with the Federal government. As the symbols of the animals and fish world illustrate, the respect and presence of the wildlife are an integral part of our life and history. Our beloved waterway system, which encompasses many different rivers and streams, must also be represented as it ensures the life cycle of the people and the fishery resources.

The black of night, which is a part of life, is represented by the black background of the flag. There are many activities which belong to the black of night in our daily life; those actions must also be recognized.

It was the hope and wishes of the leadership at that time, for our people to be proud and feel represented by this flag or standard when being displayed. Making decisions that are for the betterment of all our people is what the ancestors tried to do; this is what all leadership strives to accomplish.

Stand with Pride when our flag streams in the wind and be a proud Nez Perce.

Power of Ceremony & Healing Grant

Opens June 6, 2022 | Closes July 14, 2022 @ 5pm PST | Awards of $5,000

Na'ah Illahee Fund and Potlatch Fund have partnered in a collective giving campaign to bring forward the Power of Ceremony & Healing Grant to help bring unity to our people by providing support to those that lift up our people culturally and spiritually.

Ceremony is vital to Native health, the seed for healing the people: spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically and mentally. It plays a critical role in Native people's lives by connecting us to our traditions, languages, songs, beliefs, ancestors and healing ways. Since, Na'ah Illahee Fund and Potlatch Fund support the development of strong, positive Indigenous identity, this grant will support work led by culture keepers and healers to help make our people whole again.

This grant will support Native healing by providing support to those individuals who are leading ceremonies whether they are Smokehouse Lead Workers/Caretakers, Longhouse Lead Workers/ Caretakers, Bundle Keepers, Song Carriers, Sundance Leaders, Sacred Tobacco Ceremony Leaders and those who make ceremonial gear: traditional makers of cedar hats, drums, rattles, regalia, caskets and other traditional items for ceremony purposes (those who sell nothing commercially).

As Native people we know that we need to heal ourselves before we can help others. Ceremony provides the place to heal through prayer, use of our indigenous languages, connecting to the land, reviving our culture, and supporting one another.

Now is the time to pass on these teachings before our knowledge keepers cross over. For this and many other reasons, our two organizations together plan to support the power of our Native ceremony and respect the healing it brings through offering this grant.

What We Seek to Support: We seek to fund Indigenous/First Nations individuals who dedicate their time to leading ceremonies in Indigenous communities. Big House or Longhouse Leaders will need to name the house on the application and apply for the one main house where they are the lead worker/caretaker.

We intend these funds to be spent on what you need to run the ceremony you lead in your community. We trust our people who are awarded will use the funds in the way they know best to support their community.

Virtual Gathering: Na'ah Illahee Fund will host one virtual gathering of the recipients of this grant to connect with each other. A Collaboration Between Na'ah Illahee Fund & Potlatch Fund

The Power of Ceremony & Healing Grant is a collaboration between Na'ah Illahee Fund and Potlatch Fund. This partnership is the first of its kind between our two organizations. Through collaboration and the combining of efforts and resources we support each other and our communities in a good way.

The Story of America's Final 'Indian War' Through the Eyes of its Participants

By Jim Alkon
Booktrib.com

What is historical fiction all about, anyway? The very best of the genre introduces us to a slice of history we may or may not be aware of, creates authentic fictional characters to play out the drama and teaches us a historical, philosophical or moral lesson or two, often expressed by the author's distinctive approach and point of view.

Julia Sullivan is author of the eloquently written, meticulously researched and historically based novel "Bone Necklace" (Brandylane Publishers), which recounts the 1877 last stand against all odds of the Nez Perce tribe in the American West, told through a host of marvelous characters.

But as much as a tribute to the outcome of the actual battle, the book is a study in coming to terms with the effects of war (in any time period), examining relationships between loved ones and having the characters develop an understanding for the enemies they spend most waking hours hoping to outwit, outmaneuver and bring to their knees.

Enemies, allies, and bystanders: The history is about the land. Apparently, a government-appointed chief was bribed into relinquishing millions of acres in the Camas prairie, where the tribe had lived for more than 10,000 years and always claimed as its own. Terms called for the Nez Perce to move to and remain on the reservation, which they did not, thus creating conflict.

The story is brilliantly told through three primary characters. Jack Peniel, the troubled and often-drunken son of a tough-nosed U.S. sheriff and military volunteer, sees his father's house burned to ashes by the Nez Perce while his father's wife, Sally, is caught within.

Running Bird, a Nez Perce warrior responsible for the destruction, seeks revenge on the people who murdered his father in cold blood. Jack, who in a drunken state failed to remove Sally to safety as he was instructed, volunteers to join the military to seek his own revenge and drive the tribe back to the reservation.

As the U.S. military forces the Nez Perce through Yellowstone National Park, we are introduced to a vacationing English painter Nicole Lowsley, who had made acquaintance with U.S. General William Sherman while he and his family also were on vacation, and who eventually finds herself face to face with Running Bird.

Warrior comes of age: While the historical narrative plays out in dramatic fashion, we get revealing insights into the characters and their feelings.

Author Sullivan writes: "The war hadn't broken Running Bird, but the scars ran deep. The nightmares. The numbness. The continuous replaying and second guessing of every split-second battlefield decision. The naked fear that gripped him every time he let Prairie Dove [his wife] out of his sight…The time spent wondering, pointlessly, endlessly, what he might have done differently. How he could have stopped it all."

Running Bird finds that war isn't all about glorious vengeance. "War wasn't the adventure he'd expected. It wasn't a journey and a return. It was a closed circle of grief and suffering. It poisoned the soul."

As Running Bird reflects on war, the author offers some of her most poignant insights into his character: "Violence had entered his heart like a chilling rain, drip by drop, washing away what was good in him. He was disconcerted by what he's become, and yet he could be nothing else now … Life wasn't hammers and nails. It was people who took care of each other and people who didn't. It was looking into your brother's bowl to make sure he had enough, not to see if he had something you could take."

Different sides of the story: Sullivan does equal justice in helping us understand Jack: "Jack was a loner, an alcoholic, a mercenary. The Nez Perce represented everything his life lacked. Community. The will to live. The capacity to hope."

The author effectively intertwines the journeys of Jack, Running Bird and Nicole, and offers a few surprises to help bring it all together.

"Bone Necklace" has everything one could hope for in a historical novel, overlaid atop beautiful descriptions of the terrain from Idaho to Montana and through Yellowstone, and some masterful writing that tells the incredible story through characters you totally can understand and believe in.

Perhaps Virginia ("Ginny") Sloan, Former Counsel, Judiciary Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, says it best when she describes "Bone Necklace" as "a real and well-researched history lesson, as well as a love story — not only the love (platonic and otherwise) of the Native Americans for each other, but also for the country that was theirs and that we stole."

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Pine Wood Village	Elderly; Disabled	1; 2	7032 W Heritage St, Rathdrum ID	pwv@viridianmgt.com	(509) 447-0207
Murray Apartments	Family	1; 2	238 Sherman Ave, Priest River ID	murr@viridianmgt.com	(509) 447-0207
Beardmore East	Elderly; Disabled	1	390 E Harriet, Priest River ID	bme@viridianmgt.com	(509) 447-0207

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

NMPH Announcement

The new pharmacy and drive-through window
at the Lapwai Nimiipuu Health Clinic is now OPEN!
An opening ceremony and blessing was held
Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Here are a few things to remember before approaching the drive-up window:
There will be no more Pharmacy Runners/Curbside Pick-up
The drive-up window is for READY refills
or to drop off scripts ONLY
Please do not walk-up or ride your bike to the outside window
Patients may request refills/pick-up medications inside at the pharmacy reception as well
Pharmacy Hours will remain 8:30am-5:00pm
Pharmacy Refill line: 208.621.4963

The counseling room is also open.
WE have missed meeting with you!
Community Health Entrance will remain in the back of the building for the time being

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.

Online Webinar

The University of Idaho Extension in Clearwater County is offering: "Climate Change & Salmon in the Snake River Basin". While there has been a lot of news lately regarding Snake River salmon and potential dam removal, less has been reported on how climate change is currently influencing, and is projected to influence, anadromous fish runs along the Pacific coast, and the Snake River in particular, with or without dams. Last summer, for example, a persistent dome of high pressure in the Pacific Northwest created record high temperatures, with the Lewiston Tribune reporting water temperatures in the lower Salmon River above 70ºF. Climate studies suggest these events will become more common with climate change. Lisa Crozier, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Research Scientist, will present the findings of the latest research on how climate change is affecting chinook and steelhead runs coast-wide and in the Snake River basin, what climate projections portend for the future of these populations.

When: Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: On-line
Cost: FREE
Register On-line: uidaho.edu/clearwater-events
Email: clearwater@uidaho.edu
Phone: 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

Nimiipuu Elders Gathering

July 21, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sharing a day with our
Tribal Elders 55 years and older
"from here at home"
Sponsored by the Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizens Program
Sorry no travelers, children or
child caregivers please.

Bingo - Doorprizes - Lunch
* * * This is NOT Elder Day * * *

Anne Frank Memorial Fun Fact

The legacy Anne Frank left for human dignity is one that resonates strongly in Idaho. In 1995, a traveling exhibit on Anne Frank drew in tens of thousands of visitors from around Idaho. This overwhelming interest sparked the idea for a more permanent tribute.

Today, there is an Anne Frank Memorial in Boise, Idaho where you can find a corner spot for Indigenous Tribes in Idaho, donated by the Nez Perce Tribe's Lime Quarry.

The Anne Frank Memorial location is
770 S 8th St, Boise, ID 83702.
You can find additional resources or schedule a virtual tour on the Anne Frank Memorial website at annefrankmemorial.org.





Employment Opportunities

Nimiipuu Health
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/06272022-NMPH.pdf

Nez Perce Tribe
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/June-27-2022.pdf

Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises
https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/06-27-2022.pdf

Upcoming Training

Save the Date
August 2 - 4, 2022
NW Tribal Environmental Public Health Gathering

Building Tribal Community of Practice for Environmental Health
Join us and NW Tribes Environmental Health experts in our first bi-annual gathering.

Location:
Coeur d'Alene Casino
37914 S Nukwalqw St. Worley, ID. 83876
(800)-523-2464

Main focus: Tribal networking, EH toolkit, Traditional Ecological Knowledge, climate justice, environmental health equity, along with interactive booths, cultural activities and much much more!

Contact information: ehteam@npaihb.org
Hosted By: Environmental Public Health Program

Solar Panel Announcement

The Nimiipuu solar installers harvested the first vegetables from the garden at the Thunderhill Road Solar Farm last week. The crew used the space in between the rows of solar panels to grow a food garden with strawberries, potatoes, cantaloupe, peppers, beets, salad greens, beans and tomatoes.

The garden consists of a food plot, bee and butterfly pollinator garden and a native prairie section. The solar garden is designed to improve wildlife habitat, provide food and make energy from the sun.

Each harvest is donated to groups in Lapwai and harvest will start to happen weekly as summers comes on..

The vegetables harvested from the solar garden are donated to groups in Lapwai to provide nutritious meals.





Upcoming Meetings

Budget & Finance Subcommittee
Wednesday, July 6, 2022
(1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)
8:30 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

Energy / Climate Change Subcommittee
Wednesday, July 6, 2022
(1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)
2:00 p.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

Natural Resources Subcommittee
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)
8:30 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

Land Enterprise Commission
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)
2:00 p.m., NPTEC Chambers

Human Resources Sub Committee
Monday, July 18, 2022
(1st & 3rd Monday of the month)
8:30 a.m., NPTEC Chambers

Law & Order Sub Committee
Monday, July 18, 2022
(1st & 3rd Monday of the month)
2:00 p.m., NPTEC Chambers

Special NPTEC Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2022
(4th Tuesday of the month)
9:00 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 & unforseen circumstances.*

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

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Job Announcements

C.R.I.T.F.C. is hiring the following positions:

Office of the Executive Director
Deputy Director
Salary: $125,000 - $142,000 (DOQ)

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

Office of Executive Director
Public Information Specialist
Salary Range: $65,137 – $71,651 (DOQ)

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

Fishing Site Maintenance Department In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites
Fishing Site Maintenance Worker
Three (3) Vacancies
Wage Range: $16.58 - $17.69 hourly (DOQ)

These positions will provide the maintenance of the 31 Tribal In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites located along 150 miles of the Columbia River. The FSMD crews perform work that involves a variety of trade practices to maintain, repair, and improve existing public facilities. Skills include painting, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, electrical, custodial work, and maintaining sanitation standards in all facilities. Maintenance workers use hand and power tools to accomplish the work. Classification: Regular, Full-time. Location: The Dalles, Oregon. Closing date: open until filled. Please visit our jobs board to apply, www.critfc.org/jobs

Enforcement Department Hood River Office
CRITPD-Police Officer
Multiple Vacancies
Salary: $53,061 - $57,948 (DOQ)

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Police Department (CRITPD) is based in Hood River Oregon. The CRITFC Police Department provides 24-hour policing focused on the 150 mile stretch of the Columbia River from Bonneville to McNary Dams and adjacent lands by vehicle and boat. CRITPD has commissions from all four CRITFC member tribes (Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce), the Bureau of Indian Affairs, some Washington counties, and are Oregon-certified officers. The department enforces treaty fishing regulations and criminal laws, responds to search and rescue emergencies, and provides archeological resource protection. CRITPD also provides full police services on tribal lands along the Columbia River. Classification: Regular, Full-time. Location: Hood River or Boardman, Oregon. Closing date: open until filled. Please visit our jobs board to apply, www.critfc.org/jobs

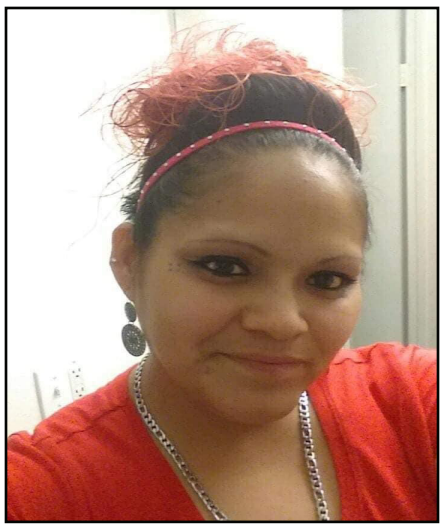
Enforcement Department Hood River Office
CRITPD-Dispatcher/Communications Officer
Multiple Vacancies
Salary: $41,135 - $44,971 (DOQ)

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Fishery Science Department Hagerman, ID
Genomics Researcher
Salary: $51,068 – $65,906 (DOQ)

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Simone Lamere, 38, Lewiston, ID



Simone Angelica Miller Lamere, "Monie", age 38, passed away Thursday, June 23, 2022 around 12:30 a.m. Her husband, Nathan Lamere, passed away with her in a car wreck.

Simone was born November 6, 1983, in Lewiston, Idaho to Arnie Miller and Carrie Lou. She was raised by her Grandmother, Delores Willig and got her G.E.D in 2013. On December 3, 2018, Simone married Nathan Lamere.

Simone is survived by her 3 siblings along with her children, Pedro Chavez, Martina Black, Tyiesha Black, Anndrea Jackson, Niechell Enriquez, and Zi'ennah Stewart. She is also survived by her family on Native Hill.

She is proceeded in death by her parents, Arnie Miller and Carrie lou, Grandparents, Delores Willig and Stanley Broncheau, her niece, Samantha fignani, and her husband, Nathan Lamere.

Simone was beautiful inside and out. She always had her loved ones backs no matter what. She had a beautiful laugh that could make anyone smile. She was talented, strong, caring, smart, and gorgeous. She loved her family, especially her children. Her favorite things were the colors purple and red, horses, cats, dogs, drawing, silver jewelry, loud music, christmas, Halloween, taking pictures, and singing. Her favorite foods were ice cream, pizza, and chocolate covered cherries. Simone considered herself a loud, outspoken woman and considered her kids her best friends. Simone was the life of the party. She enjoyed having drinks and simply having a good time. She will be missed by many.

Michael Murphy, 68, Lewiston, ID

Michael Kenneth Murphy was born November 27, 1953 and died May 4, 2022 at his home in Lewiston, ID.

He spent most of his life growing up in Lapwai, ID and graduated high school in 1971.

He was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps from 1971 until 1977.

He was released with an honorable discharge.

After serving, he worked for Potlatch Paper Mill and semi-retired from the mill.

Later, he attended North West Indian College and graduated with
2 Degrees: BS Native Environmental Science & BS Fisheries Management & Technology.

He worked for a short period of time with Nez Perce Fisheries Department from October 2013 until June 2018, he then retired on June 30, 2018.

Relatives and friends were welcomed and gathered for burial and shared stories of him on Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10:00 AM, at Jonah Hayes Cemetery.

Dwight Williams, 74, Lapwai, ID



Dwight was born March 3, 1948, in Lewiston, ID to Genevieve "Penny" Switzler and Kenneth Williams of Lapwai and passed away June 26, 2022 due to complications of diabetes.

He is survived by his loving wife Jenny of 53 years, April Skahan, Jenifer Williams and Alice and Dan Spaulding their four children Pauline (Shayley & Krisalyn), Loretta (Tuff & Breia), Daniel and Betsy, all of Lapwai, and his grandson Sky Watters of Sweetwater, granddaughter Lydia Skahan-McCloud & her husband Red Bear McCloud and great-grandson, Red "Baby" Bear William McCloud also of Lapwai. He is also survived by his stepfather, Donald Jones, his brother Alex Williams Sr. his wife Joyce, and his sister Wilma Williams and her granddaughters Krystal and Callie, Virginia "Ginger" Williams, Maria Williams, and Titus Williams as well as Kim Taylor and family. He was proceeded in death by his mother Penny and brother Kenny Williams Jr.

He is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; he is also Nez Perce and Assiniboine Sioux. He is incredibly proud of his culture and Native heritage. He often shared his traditional knowledge.

Dwight retired as the Facilities Director from the Clearwater River Casino, after 19 plus years of dedicated service.

He was a long-time, practicing member of the Bahai Faith active in the local Lapwai community, and was also recognized as a spiritual elder within the Sundance community. He participated in Sundance for over 20 years in Montana and North & South Dakota. Recently, he participated in the local Sundance along with his nephews and nieces.

Dwight loved hunting, fishing, and harvesting traditional roots and materials with his family. He was self-taught and enjoyed playing the Native American flute, listening to R&B and soul music from the sixties, and Powwow jams. He had several woodworking projects in progress. One of his greatest joys was watching his granddaughter, grandson-in-law, and great-grandson dance at powwows. He was an avid Lapwai Wildcat sports fan. Dwight especially loved cheering on his grandsons and many nephews during basketball season. He, his family and grandpup made the trip to the boys' state basketball tournament each year.

Dwight enjoyed traveling across Indian Country. When Sky and Lydia were young, they would take summer trips to powwows, national parks, and the mountains. They marveled at the wonder of the Grand Canyon and drove through picturesque Yellowstone National Park where Dwight was always on the lookout for wildlife. He looked forward to buffalo hunting trips to Montana with his daughter, granddaughter, and nephews.

Always an activist, he was among the first group of warriors who defended Tribal fishing rights at Rapid River. He took his nephews to Standing Rock to stand with the Water Protectors and added the Nez Perce Flag to the row of tribal flags along the entry of the encampment.

Services will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 10:00am at the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai, ID. Burial will be at the Jonas Cemetery in Sweetwater, ID following the services with a dinner at the Pi-Nee-Waus.

Arlene Henry will serve as Head Cook for the family.

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