

Nez Perce Tribal Police Department Warns of Brightly Colored Fentanyl

Recently, two Fentanyl pills were found at the bus stop area near the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai, Idaho. Nez Perce Tribal Police Officers responded and collected the pills.

If pills, powders or any other unidentified substance is found, it is imperative that a person does not handle or move the substance. Please remain in the area so no one else, especially children, come into contact with the substance. Call 911 immediately to request Tribal Police response to collect the substance. The tiniest amount of Fentanyl can be lethal to an adult, and even smaller amounts can be a lethal dose for young children. It is important that our youth understand the dangers of handling or ingesting any pills, or what is believed to be candy, that may be found lying around.

Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid similar to Morphine, but one that is 50 to 100 times more potent. It is a schedule II drug used medically to treat patients with severe pain. In its prescription form, Fentanyl is known by names such as Actiq, Duragesic and Sublimaze. When prescribed by a doctor, Fentanyl can be given as a shot, a patch that is put on a person's skin or as lozenges that are used orally like cough drops.

The illegally used Fentanyl, often associated with recent overdoses, is made in clandestine labs. The synthetic Fentanyl is sold illegally in several forms. Most common in our area is Fentanyl made into pill form that may



Rainbow fentanyl pills that come in a variety of bright colors, shapes and sizes resembling candy is extremely dangerous and can be lethal for children. (DEA.gov photo)

look like other prescription opioids. Often it appears as a small, round blue pill with an "M" imprinted on one side and the number "30" imprinted on the other side. It is similar in appearance to an Oxycodone Hydrochloride 30 mg prescription pill. It can also be in powder form and put into eye droppers and nasal sprays. Recently, pills have been seized that resemble chewable candy. These pills are manufactured in a variety of colors that resemble Skittles and Nerds. Illegal Fentanyl pills stashed in Skittle and Nerds packaging have been seized by law enforcement in other states.

In this area, officials have come across Fentanyl pills, also called Mexis, Mexican Oxy, Blues, Blueberries and Fentees. These pills are used or ingested by heating the pills on a sheet of foil and then using a "Tooter" (a small cylindrical ob-

ject like a straw or part of a ball point pen) to inhale the vapors given off from the burning pill.

The Nez Perce Tribal Police and Nez Perce Tribe Social Services Department have seen a substantial increase in children that have been exposed to Fentanyl. In most cases, this exposure to the drug is the result of children being present in the immediate area where the Fentanyl pills are being "smoked". This is an extremely dangerous situation and puts the children in imminent danger which requires immediate removal of these children from the home.

Fentanyl has become the predominate drug in our region and has resulted in numerous overdose deaths on the Nez Perce Reservation. The resulting "high" from the use of Fentanyl is intense and short lived, typically lasting 15 to 20 minutes. The addiction to Fentanyl happens quickly while the tolerance to the drug develops rapidly. Tolerance to the drug requires the user to increase pill consumption in order to achieve the same "high" from prior uses.

The Fentanyl crisis is at epidemic levels. Drug overdoses from Fentanyl have skyrocketed,

and it is now reported to be the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45 years of age. In 2021, drug overdose deaths in the United States topped 100,000 for the first time ever in a one-year period. Shockingly, the 2022 Fentanyl overdose death rates are already surpassing those for 2021.

Last year, over 11,201 pounds of Fentanyl were seized by Customs and Border Protection Agencies. This amount is enough to kill every American nearly seven times over. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) has provided laboratory testing statistics that reveal that four out of ten DEA-tested Fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills contain at least two milligrams of Fentanyl—an amount that is considered to be a lethal dose. The DEA has since issued a Public Safety Alert, warning the public of the dangers of Fentanyl.

If you notice any suspicious activity or situation, or have information on a potential clandestine lab, please call 911 immediately and report it. Your name and information will be kept confidential. It is up to us all to be informed, educate others and combat this epidemic together.

Loreal Ellenwood Wraps Up Her Reign as 2022 Lewiston Roundup Princess

6,278 eager rodeo fans packed into the Lewiston Roundup Grounds on Saturday for the final night of the annual tradition that took a hiatus in 2020. Niah Griffin of Deary represented as the Lewiston Roundup Queen for 2022. Along with Loreal Ellenwood of Lapwai as Princess.

At only 19 years old, Ellenwood was honored to represent the Lewiston Roundup as a 2021-22 Princess. She is the daughter of Quincy and Janice Ellenwood. Nez Perce Tribal member, graduating from Lapwai High School in 2021 and is a four-sport letterman in volleyball, basketball, track and softball. She also did seven years of gymnastics and holds many 1st place awards in the events of bars, vault, floor and all around. Ellenwood was ranked nationally for bars with USA Gymnastics, the first gymnast to do so for 360 Gymnastics Gym in Clarkston, Washington. Being in gymnastics taught her discipline, dedication, strength and to never give up. This mindset overlapped into her equestrian journey.

Among Ellenwood's many athletic talents, her true passion is riding horses. She has been riding since she was three years old. She joined



the Lewiston High School rodeo team where she participated in goat tying, breakaway, roping, poles and barrels. As a young girl, Ellenwood would watch the Lewiston Roundup Royalty run into the arena and told herself that would be her one day. She knew she needed to work hard to achieve her goal and decided to run for the Chief Joseph Foundation (CJF) Royalty. Ellenwood was selected and named CJF Queen in 2019. She learned a lot as Queen and took her responsibilities seriously. Her first horse George, she bought from her uncle and began training him for barrels

and breakaway. With no experience in horse training, she took the time to train, with the help of Hahots Shebela, Karen Parvin, Tracy Hammond, Liz White and Mike Ewing.

Ellenwood began to work towards her goal of competing in rodeo and becoming a Lewiston Roundup Royalty Member. Ellenwood represents the Nez Perce Tribe proudly and efficiently. She hopes to inspire other young Native women to follow their dreams and to know that if they work hard, their dreams will come true.

Additionally, Ellenwood qualified for barrels and took 2nd place in am-

ateur barrel racing during the 2022 Lewiston Roundup.

A lot of support from tribes near and far were in attendance to watch Ellenwood perform in the 2022 Lewiston Round Up. The community is proud of her, as she continues to inspire others. "Horsemanship is part of the Nimiipuu culture and way of life," said her father. "It requires courage, commitment, sacrifice and dedication to learn horsemanship, not to mention performing in front of large crowds, making public appearances, public speaking and interacting with other Royalty."

Ellenwood is currently a student at Lewis Clark State College where she seeks her Associate's Degree and plans to transfer to a University to achieve her Bachelor of Science degree to be a veterinarian, specializing in equestrian science.

Ellenwood would like to thank everyone who helped her along her journey to become a Lewiston Roundup Princess, all the Board of Directors for making this year possible and to Royalty Director Jamie for overseeing the Royalty program. She is thrilled to represent the Lewiston Roundup along side Queen Niah and Princess Alli.



WEAVER WEDNESDAY

Meet and work alongside other local weavers in our twice-monthly weaving circle. All ages welcome; youth under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is necessary. Some supplies will be available, but you're welcome to bring your own projects to work on as well.

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Remembering the Battle at Bear Paw

A trip to the Bear Paw Commemoration is nearly a six-hour drive, totaling close to 355 miles. It would take an individual around 118 hours to walk the same distance, traveling for five days non-stop on foot. Not to mention the cold weather and bitter snow on the ground this time of year. That is the history of the Nez Perce people and what they endured as they fled north toward the Canadian border after the battle at Big Hole.

The group consisted of 800 Nimiipuu, including elders and children. The Nez Perce hoped to find refuge in Canada. They traveled 1,170 miles in a matter of 51 days. When they arrived at C'ynnim Alikinwaaspa (Place of the Manure Fire), just 40 miles short of the Canadian Border, they decided to rest, unaware that the next five days would be a battle that would end in siege.

Upon arrival at the Bear Paw Battlefield in October, the beautiful hillsides and rolling plains are quite the sight to



see. At times there's a dusting of snow on the ground with the beautiful mountains in the backdrop. There are several dug-out pits in the ground along the trails that visitors can walk, the pits are where the Nez Perce laid to take coverage during the battle.

There are a number of rocks and areas where visitors leave offerings. At the top of one hillside there is a placard marking where Ollokot, the leader of young men, fell on September 30, 1877. Near the

end of the trail is the burial site of the fallen soldiers. The final point is marked to be near the site where Chief Joseph met with Colonel Miles to surrender his rifle where the well-known surrender speech took place.

"Tell General Howard I know his heart. What he told me before, I have in my heart. I am tired of fighting. Our Chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead. Toohul-hul-sote is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say yes

or no. He who leads the young men is dead. It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them have run away to the hills and have no blankets, no food; no one knows where they are, perhaps freezing to death. I want time to look for my children and see how many I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead. Hear me my chiefs, I am tired; my heart is sick and sad. From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." The words Chief Joseph spoke have been labeled as his surrender speech, but it was in fact, his way to ensure survival of the Nez Perce people.

The Battlefield is located on the Fort Belknap reservation, whose people have a deep appreciation for the Nez Perce and the battle they fought. Every fall, Nez Perce tribal members among other friendly visitors return to the battlefield to commemorate the final battle of the flight of 1877.

Abby Whitman 2nd Place

Abigail Whitman (Abby) of Lapwai placed 2nd in the Senior American Indian Beauty Pageant at Pendleton Roundup on September 16. This year is Abby's first year competing in the pageant.

Abby and her family would like to thank her supporters for preparing and hosting: Joe and Kathy Lewis, camp and horse paaXamnaw'aat; grandmother Rosa Yearout; Joyce McFarland; Lucy Samuels, CJF horse Oscar; CJF Queen Natasha Slimjohn; Jeremy Wolf and son.

Abby's regalia was made by Carla Timentwa, par-

fleche by Keven Peters, and necklace by Jackie McArthur.

Abby is the daughter of Jonelle and Jack Yearout, and the late David Cunningham Jr. Abby is the current Chief Joseph Foundation Princess. As a representative, Abby participates in area rodeos as visiting royalty.

Abby has been riding horses since she was five years old. She also enjoys beading, gathering traditional foods and spending time with her family. She is a 4.0 student at Lapwai High School and plans to study engineering and sciences.



Abby Whitman, of Lapwai shows poise during the American Indian Beauty Pageant on Pendleton's Main Street. (East Oregonian Photo)

2022 Fall Nez Perce Tribe General Council Focuses on New Development

The 2022 Fall General Council was held in person at the Payniwaas (Pi-Nee-Waus) Community Center in Lapwai, Idaho on September 22 through 24.

The Nez Perce Tribal entities discussed many important topics which included the development of new projects completed and currently in the works, staff trainings, tribal funds and provided an overview of each tribal program.

The Aht'Wy Plaza interchange project is moving forward. The interchange has been a priority of the Tribe for 15 years. It will provide safer access to Aht'Wy Plaza residents and businesses including the Clearwater River Casino & Lodge and Nez Perce Express. The project is primarily funded through several federal grants with matching funds coming from the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe). The project will be out for bid later this year with construction anticipated to start in early 2023. "We would like to thank the Tribal Transportation Program staff for their

hard work to make this project a reality," said Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) Chairman, Samuel N. Penney.

The Mamáy'asnim Hi-téemenwees ground breaking event was held in August as the Tribe broke ground on a piece of land at the old Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) grounds in Lapwai for a new Head Start building. This project has been a long time in the making, it is an important investment in the future of the Tribe and the youth who will one day lead it. NPTEC would like to thank the many people who worked strategically and diligently to advocate for building an early childhood development facility. It was said that the new early childhood development center will give the community a sense of pride, bring families together, and most importantly, greatly benefit the children.

Nimiipuu Health is also making progress with structural development. "We are very excited about the new Community Health office space, which is scheduled to be completed

by October 2022," said Nimiipuu Health Executive Director Roberta José-Bisbee. "The patients have a lot to look forward to with more one-on-one interaction for diabetic patients, health and wellness checkups and one on-one-coaching with our dietician," she concluded.

Nez Perce Tribe Executive Director Jesse Leighton is continuing to help these changes evolve while also promoting tribal workforce development on the Reservation. The general council expressed their excitement to see these projects grow.

The Day Labor Program was described as a holistic approach to improving community welfare and morale by meeting the needs of elders, tribal programs and those who have barriers to traditional employment. Several of the contractors reported how the program has significantly helped improve their circumstances, many of which have gone on to gain full employment. Watching contractor's confidence grow as they have had the opportunity to demonstrate their work ethic and skillset is invaluable and healing, for all involved.

The Nez Perce Tribe Maintenance Department will also be doing staff trainings to ensure efficient maintenance services at the highest standard for all tribal facilities. It is their goal to deliver the Tribe with all general maintenance including carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, grounds keeping and roads maintenance.

To support the Tribe's extensive efforts with salmon recovery and the removal of the four lower Snake River Dams, the Tribe has been working for the last two years to establish an alternative energy network by installing solar panels on different Tribal Government buildings. The effort, initially spurred by the weaknesses identified in our electrical network during the

COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown, continues to develop and become a legitimate response to the changing energy needs in the Northwest.

With the recent passage of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, the Federal Government has allocated substantial resources to the development of green energy projects, including projects on tribal lands. The Tribe has developed a strong relationship with the U.S. Department of Energy and is well positioned to take advantage of programs to find opportunities in a way that will impact and benefit dam removal work and climate resilience.

Last year, Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to address the adverse health and economic impacts of COVID-19 on communities. The legislation created a variety of grant programs and funding that tribal governments can access for use in response to COVID-19. These programs include housing, broadband, transportation and food security. The Tribe is currently evaluating the programs and applying for related funds. In addition, the Tribe received a direct allocation of funds, approximately \$34 million, from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. This funding is available through 2024 however, it has restrictions on how the funds can be used.

Using the allocated funds, the Tribe has provided direct assistance to Tribal members with two separate payments of \$1,500. In addition, the Tribe developed a fish buyback/tribal subsistence program and a vaccine incentive program. Funds were also used to offset the loss of revenue experienced by the Tribe during the pandemic-related shutdowns. The Tribe is focusing use of the remaining funds on long-term

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projects, based on survey results received from Tribal members, that will impact generations to come. These projects may include work on a health and wellness facility, senior center, Head Start facility and assisted living center.

The Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises (NPTE) have had great financial performance in FY22, surpassing the annual net income budget in the first three quarters. The combined net income of the NPTE is at 162% of the annual budget through the first three quarters of the year with three months of operations still remaining. Both gaming operations have had a great year, with the Clearwater River Casino exceeding its annual budget by 136% through three quarters. The It'se Ye-Ye Casino has had one of its best years of performance this year and has surpassed its annual budget by 637%. The Nez Perce Express has had a difficult year with the fuel market, experiencing high costs at the pump and through three quarters was at 55% of the budgeted net income.

Camas Express experienced the same fuel market challenges but has been performing up to budgeted

expectations and through three quarters is at 75% of its budgeted income. The Red Wolf Golf Club financial performance has not met its revenue projections for the year and was at 81% of its projected loss for the year through three quarters. However, after including revenue from the CARES Act PPP Loan Forgiveness, the net income rebounded to 53% of the net losses for the year and it looks to be on track to be underbudget.

Zims Hot Springs has posted a small profit for the year through three quarters and has exceeded all budget expectations. Zims Hot Springs budgeted a loss for the year and has already met 90% of its projected revenue with three months remaining in the fiscal year. Overall, the NPTE has met its annual budget goals and has also fulfilled obligations to the Nez Perce Tribe in both sales taxes and fuel taxes for FY2022.

The Nez Perce Express is also a proud sponsor of the Boys & Girls Club of the Nez Perce Tribe. They do several fundraisers throughout the year and all proceeds go the Boys & Girls Club of the Nez Perce Tribe. They also do several sponsors for local tribal youth activities such as baseball, basketball and dance

teams. The Nez Perce Express partnered with Daily Fly in the first ever school supply spree with Staples of Lewiston, raising over \$10,000 to help more than 200 kids get what they needed for school.

The Nez Perce Community Centers provided transportation for youth to attend the Gathering of Native Americans event hosted by the Students for Success Program. It was a two-day conference focused on anti-bullying. Other summer activities included bingo, Asotin County Aquatic Center and necklace making. A back-to-school barbeque was held this year. Shout out to Wayde WhiteEagle and the Nez Perce Tribe Police Department (NPTPD) for cooking burgers and hot dogs.

The NPTPD held an important pinning ceremony honoring Officer Tyson Davis as he was pinned and moved to Corporal and Detective Mike Stegnar was pinned and moved to Sergeant. These two officers were recognized for taking on the responsibility to supervise and help enhance the department, while continuing to serve the Tribe and surrounding communities. The NPTPD conducted more drug operations and one in particular that resulted in confiscation of illegal drugs off of the

reservation: 18.95 grams of marijuana, 110.55 grams of meth and 109 Fentanyl pills.

The Uuyit Kimti Program has had a total of 29 referrals made to the program's office and a total of 19 victims seeking client services and advocacy from May 2022 to August 2022. The program recently hired a new advocate for the Lapwai area, Marquel Greene who is a Nez Perce tribal member. Uuyit Kimti is confidential and voluntary with services available for all genders. The program provides emergency shelter, assistance, advocacy and transitional housing to all who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. The program encourages you to reach out for help if you believe you are being abused, with the message "you are never alone, we are here to help". Uuyit Kimti can be reached at 208-621-4778.

It was a successful General Council with Allen Slickpoo Jr. being reelected as the General Council Chairman and Jasmine Higheagle selected to serve another term as General Council Secretary. Congratulations to the new Resolutions Committee, now consisting of Alice Spaulding, Paulette Smith, Kayla Warden and Ashton Picard.

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What Are the Signs of Domestic Abuse?

By StrongHearts Native Helpline,
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They're not always as obvious as you might think. That's because domestic abuse is about controlling someone's mind and emotions as much as hurting their body. Being abused can leave you scared and confused. It can be hard for you to see your partner's actions for what they really are.

Usually, physical abuse isn't what comes first. The abuse can creep up slowly. A putdown here or there. An odd excuse to keep you away from family or friends. The violence often ramps up once you've been cut off from other people. By then, you feel trapped.

Signs of Abuse: If you're afraid of your partner, that's a big red flag. You may be scared to say what you think, to bring up certain topics, or to say no to sex. No matter the reason, fear has no place in a healthy relationship.

If you feel like you're being abused, there's a good chance you may be, and it's worth getting help. Keep that in mind as you think about these signs.

Your partner bullies, threatens, or controls you: Accuses you of having an affair, blames you for abuse, criticizes you, tells you what to wear and how you should look, threatens to kill you or someone close to you, throws things or punches walls when angry, yells at you and makes you feel small.

Your partner controls your money: Keeps cash and credit cards from you, puts you on an allowance and makes you explain every dollar you spend, keeps you from working whatever job you want, steals money from you or your friends, won't let you have money for basic needs like food and clothes.

Your partner cuts you off from family and friends: Keeps close tabs on where you go and whom you go with, makes you ask for an OK to see friends and family, embarrasses you



in front of others, and it makes you want to avoid people.

Your partner physically abuses you: Abandons you in a place you don't know, attacks you with weapons, keeps you from eating, sleeping, or getting medical care, locks you in or out of your house, punches, pushes, kicks, bites, pulls hair.

Your partner sexually abuses you: Forces you to have sex, makes you dress in a sexual way, makes you feel like you owe them sex, tries to give you an STD, won't use condoms or other birth control.

Signs Someone You Know Is Being Abused: Keep an eye out for things like excuses for injuries, personality changes, like low self-esteem in someone who was always confident, constantly checking in with their partner, never having money on and overly worried about pleasing their partner.

Skiping out on work, school, or social outings for no clear reason wearing clothes that don't fit the season, like long sleeves in summer to cover bruises.

Are the Signs Different for Men? They're often the same and that's true whether the abusive partner is a wom-

an or another man. It may be emotional or verbal, like taking away keys, medicines, or other essentials. Or things like constantly putting you down in public or on social media. It can be physical. To make up for differences in strength, abusive partners may try to attack you in your sleep, by surprise, or with weapons and other objects. They may also abuse your children or pets.

Are the Signs Different for the LGBTQ Community? Again, there's a lot in common, but the abuse may also target sexual orientation or gender identity. Your abuser may make excuses for abuse, like it's just how men are or that you wanted it to happen, tell you that police or others won't help because of your gender or orientation, tell you that you're not really how you identify, threaten to out you to family, friends, and others.

What to Do if You're Being Abused: First, know that you deserve better and that this isn't your fault. If you're in an emergency, call 911. It can be hard to decide whether to stay or leave. That's why it may help to start with a call to the National Domestic Violence

Hotline at 1-800-799- SAFE (1-800-799-7233). Call from a friend's house or somewhere else where you feel safe.

You can also turn to friends, family, neighbors, your doctor, or your spiritual community. Make sure you have an emergency escape plan: Hide a set of car keys. Pack a bag with keys, extra clothes, important papers, money, and medicines. You might keep it at a friend's house.

Have a plan for calling the police in an emergency. You might have a code word so your kids, family, friends, or co-workers know you're in danger. Know where you'll go and how you'll get there.

What to Do if You Think Someone Is Being Abused: Say something. You might have your doubts. But if you're thinking about it, there's usually a reason. Someone's life could be in danger.

When you talk to the person, you can ask if anything is wrong, talk specifically about what concerns you, listen carefully and let the person know you're always there to talk and that your conversations are always private. Offer to help, support the person's choices.

StrongHearts Native Helpline Statement 2022 Domestic Violence Awareness Month

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, StrongHearts Native Helpline once again is raising awareness about domestic violence and supporting and honoring survivors and victims. As in past years, StrongHearts asks that domestic violence advocates, tribal leaders, reservation and urban Indigenous community members, service providers and Indigenous organizations come together to support and strengthen the movement to prevent and end domestic violence once and for all.

According to the National Institute of Justice, domestic violence disproportionately impacts Native Americans and Alaska Natives, with more than 1.5 million Native women and 1.4 million Native men experiencing violence during their lifetime,

often by non-Native perpetrators. Domestic violence has many faces: physical, sexual, emotional, cultural, financial and digital. Domestic violence doesn't discriminate; and anyone can experience domestic violence, including children, women, men, elders and LGBTQ2S+ individuals. There is also a strong connection between domestic violence and thousands of Missing and Murdered Relatives.

Native nations in the Lower 48 and Alaska Native Villages continually go underfunded for life-saving domestic violence services. Now in its fifth year of operation, StrongHearts has received more than 25,000 calls from relatives requesting critically needed support to deal with intimate partner violence.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month,

StrongHearts Native Helpline is dedicated to eradicating domestic and sexual violence by utilizing a core message of healing. "As traditional people, it is customary to put our loved ones before ourselves; we do this because we love them and want to take care of them," says StrongHearts Chief Executive Officer Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "When it comes to healing, we must make the fundamental decision to take care of ourselves and to teach our children that whatever it takes, it's okay to love ourselves enough to heal from the trauma of domestic and sexual violence."


"With tenacity, StrongHearts Native Helpline will continue our mission to restore power to our relatives impacted by domestic violence by providing a system of safety, sov-

ereignty, support and healing," says Jump. "During October and, indeed, throughout the year, we envision the restoration of our traditional lifeways where everyone is safe, domestic violence is eradicated, and sacredness is restored."

About StrongHearts Native Helpline: StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon at strongheartshelpline.org. Advocates offer peer support, crisis intervention, safety planning and referrals to Native-centered services. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a proud partner of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center.

NEZ PERCE TRIBE
AUGUST '22

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



ALEXIS COOMER
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*"Alexis consistently goes above and beyond for the Teweepuu Community Center. She puts her heart into designing and facilitating activities for the members of the community. She cares about ensuring the facility is pleasing for the people who visit there by planting flowers, gardens, etc. Her efforts are noted on social media where tribal members express their gratitude for her commitment to her position. She is willing to offer a hand when there are meetings/events and will take the time to setup the center beforehand and be available at a moment's notice if needed. The Tribe is fortunate to have an employee so passionate and community oriented."
-- Stacey L. Kash Kash*

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Divilbiss (1987-2001) followed his stint at L-C State, where he went 310-122 (.718), with seven years at the University of Idaho. He also coached at North Idaho Col-

Pfeifer, who coached 18 years at L-C State, the last 16 as head coach (295-206), started his coaching journey with three years at his high school alma mater in St. Ma-

Coeur d'Alene High graduate Orlandi (2013-16), set to enter her sixth season on the Warriors' women's staff and third as associate head coach,

Leighton (2009-14) came to LC State from nearby Lapwai as a sprinter and left as one of the school's top distance runners in program history, winning the NAIA Outdoor marathon as a senior after placing ninth as a junior. She was 31st in cross country nationals as a senior.



On August 27 Wide Receiver Xavier Guillory was named Player of the Game in his game vs University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). Guillory had 73 yards and four receives. The following game Guillory was named Player of the Game on September 10, against San Diego State with 94 yards and three receives. Guillory was again named Player of the Game on September 24, against Northern Colorado with 120 yards and seven receives. With a touch down in each game.

Tribal Energy Vision for the Columbia Basin Released

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission today announced the public release of the Tribal Energy Vision for the Columbia River Basin. This Energy Vision was developed to ensure that the energy transition taking place to combat climate change is done in a way that also protects already imperiled Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead populations.

"Renewable resources will play a larger role in meeting future electricity needs in the region," said CRITFC executive director Aja DeCoteau. "Under the right conditions they will reduce greenhouse gases and benefit Columbia River salmon, but without proper integration and siting, they will harm fish and other tribal resources."

The goals for the new Energy Vision are: Create a regional energy portfolio that protects and enhances environmental quality, treaty protected resources, and supports the restoration of Columbia Basin's fish and wildlife to healthy and harvestable population levels. Prevent new and reduce ongoing damage to Columbia Basin resources, including fish, wildlife, water quality, and tribal cultural resources, by recognizing the relationships and interdependencies of natural and built systems including

the Northwest's energy system. Provide increased protection for both fish and wildlife and utility customers against unanticipated events, such as drought, fire, and market aberrations while providing an adequate, economical, and reliable electric supply. Mitigate climate change impacts to protect Northwest ecosystems by replacing fossil fuel electric generation and reducing the reliance on fossil fuels for power and transportation.

The original 2003 Energy Vision was produced after energy shortages prioritized electricity generation over fish and wildlife protection measures, which had a significant negative impact on salmon survival.

The updated Energy Vision has been in development for nearly two years. It expands the scope of the original into a comprehensive and holistic plan to deal with both the changing energy environment and the changing climate.

"We must address climate change to protect salmon and the environment that sustains us, but if we don't have a plan, hasty energy transition decisions could make things worse for Columbia River salmon and other tribal resources," said CRITFC Chair Ron Suppah (Warm Springs). "The

Tribal Energy Vision provides a blueprint on how to make sure energy production and the energy transition aren't built on the backs of salmon."

The Vision's 43 recommendations fall into nine broad categories: Improve river configuration and operations. Amend the Columbia River Treaty. Reduce peak loads. Maximize energy efficiency. Harness renewable resources. Strategically site renewable resources. Increase resource adequacy. Minimize transmission and distribution systems. Address the climate crisis.

"CRITFC and its member tribes are committed to working with other regional interests to lead the region to a brighter and healthier future," said DeCoteau. "Affordable and reliable power is important to all the region's families and businesses, both tribal and non-tribal. The true wealth of our region begins with the health of our rivers, fish, and the ecosystem they support, which is our shared culture, history, and future."

The new Energy Vision was reviewed by over 30 specialists from state and federal agencies, legal and environmental organizations, and power production agencies representing fields including economics, en-

ergy production, public utilities, law, and environmental protection. Below are some of the comments received:

"The Commission's updated Energy Vision provides a useful framework for thinking about how Oregon decisions will affect the Columbia River Basin and its inhabitants," said Oregon Department of Energy Director Janine Benner. "Many of the Vision's recommendations – from focusing on thoughtful new renewable energy development to reducing dependence on fossil fuels to enhancing demand response and energy storage – align with the Oregon Department of Energy's mission to balance energy needs and impacts in our state."

"I have followed some of the deliberations and work that have gone into the NPPC's draft 2021 Power Plan and believe the CRITFC [Energy Vision] provides a more sensible approach to the region's electricity needs than does the NPPC draft," said Roy Hemmingway, founding member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

Visit the Tribal Energy Vision page <https://critfc.org/energy-vision/> on the CRITFC website for more detailed information and to download the complete report.

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION



Be part of the intertribal work to protect Columbia Basin salmon and tribal treaty rights.

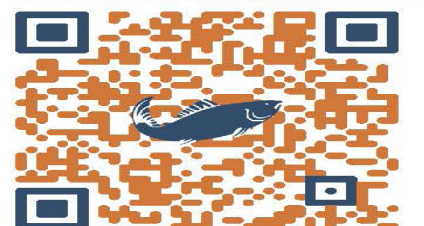
Open Positions

- Watershed Dept Manager **\$124-132K**
- Fish Science Dept Manager **\$124-132K**
- Chief Financial Officer **\$xxx-xxxK**
- Sr. Fish Biologist/Habitat Lead **\$92-102K**
- Sr. Programmer/Analyst **\$88-91K**
Fully or partially remote in OR, WA, or ID
- Data Architect **\$88-91K**
Fully or partially remote in OR, WA, or ID
- Public Information Specialist **\$65-75K**
Portland office or remote in OR, WA, or ID
- Police Officers **\$53-63K**
Hood River or Boardman, OR
- Dispatcher/Comms Officers **\$41-45K**
Hood River or Boardman, OR
- Maintenance Techs **\$16.58-\$17.69/hr**
The Dalles, OR



*Positions based in Portland unless otherwise noted.

Applying is fast and easy. Visit critfc.org/jobs or scan the QR code for full position details and application materials.



Kamiah & Lapwai Instructors Attend Workshop to Strengthen Relationships Between Native Students & Families

By Alicia Wheeler,
STEP Program

On August 15-16, the Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) Program coordinated a Tribal Family Engagement workshop for teachers from the Kamiah and Lapwai school districts. Seven staff from Lapwai and six staff from Kamiah attended the two-day workshop. Dr. Bernadette Anderson (Nez Perce) and Joyce Smith from Academic Development Institute (ADI) in Illinois facilitated the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop was to help strengthen the school staff's understanding and relationships with tribal students and families within their schools and communities. The staff learned ADI's building blocks for a strong school-commu-

nity partnership focuses on Shared Leadership, Goals and Roles, Communication, Education, and Connection. With hands-on activities, the workshop participants explored how to build meaningful engagements and rapport with their students and their parents or guardians.

Another resource that was shared was the Native

Star Culture and Language Indicators that can be used when planning family engagement activities. Two of the indicators focus on education programs for staff and parents on local tribal history, culture, customs, values, and language. Having tribal mentors available for non-Indian staff and others who request it is another indicator that schools

are encouraged to develop. Finally, to increase community engagement, the participation of tribal elders, speakers, and leaders in planning and providing school events that feature Native American culture is another important indicator.

As a follow-up to the Tribal Family Engagement workshop, the participants will plan a family engagement event in their schools. Some of the teachers took the course for one college credit from Lewis-Clark State College. Since 2013, the STEP Program has offered 20 professional development events and 32 college credits to Kamiah and Lapwai school staff on culturally responsive education strategies to improve academic achievement and whole child development of Native American students.



Exploring What it Truly Means to be Nimiipuu

By Emily Pearce,
Moscow-Pullman Daily News

Nimiipuu: It's not just a name, a title or something that appears on paper, Nakia Williamson-Cloud said. It's a life people carry that's connected to this land and a big part of who the Nez Perce people are.

The Nez Perce Cultural Resources Program collaborated Tuesday with Washington State University to show materials associated with the 1877 Nez Perce War as a part of the WSU Common Reading Program. "Sharing Nimiipuu Traditional Knowledge on the Plateau Peoples' Web Portal": led by Williamson-Cloud, Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Resources Program director, presented significant artifacts from Nimiipuu, or the Nez Perce Tribe, along with videos created to help share the culture meaning of these objects.

WSU has the unique privilege of viewing a collection of items from the Nez Perce tribe, associate dean

of WSU Libraries Trevor Bond said, adding that the stored artifacts from the 1800s include archives, manuscripts, clothes and weapons. Bond said the collection is important because it documents a large piece of the history of the Northwest.

The Nez Perce Cultural Resources Program has been working on creating videos to upload online to help share the cultural significance of these items. Bond said the program has received grants from the Washington State Digital Heritage Program that have allowed him to hire students to film educational videos.

"I think it's a beautiful thing to see the young people engaging in all of these collections," Williamson-Cloud said. "In this day and age that we live in, it's an opportunity for us to give our perspective on what it truly means to be Nimiipuu or Nez Perce."

WSU student Payton Sobotta said he originally joined the program looking for a job

and "hopped on" when he could look through his ancestor's items and explore the collection. Nakia Cloud, WSU student and Williamson-Cloud's son, said the projects they have been working on are a humbling experience because he is able to work with his own ancestors and elders. He added that he's grateful to interpret the cultural meaning behind these sacred objects within the collection.

"What we're doing is using items to give people a better understanding of what our true identity is," Cloud said. "And relaying to the general public, letting them know who we truly are and showing them what this means to us."

At the panel discussion, the program showed a video of Nez Perce warrior Yellow Wolf's whistle — Williamson-Cloud said it's made from a wishbone from a crane or goose and wrapped in buckskin string. This sacred item, he said, was transferred from generation to generation and has a sense of

individuality and community.

Williamson-Cloud said items transferred within a family lineage have spiritual gifts and attributes used by an individual that is believed to benefit a broader community, and that the items in the collection had an important role in the 1877 Nez Perce War.

The program will continue to create more videos on items from the collection. Bond said the program will present videos of items in the collection in California in the next few weeks.

"I think it goes beyond just providing information out there to individuals," Williamson-Cloud said. "It's given us the opportunity to speak with our own voice and relay our experience as people, as human beings are to this place, which is everything to us."

To learn more about the Nez Perce Cultural Resources Program and items in the collection, visit nezperce-cultural.org or bit.ly/3QYzPHT.

Congress Holds Hearing on Two Bills to Strengthen Sacred Sites Protection

The Washington Post,
washingtonpost.com

Washington, DC—The House Natural Resources Committee today held its first hearing on two bills designed to strengthen tribal co-management of public lands and allow Tribes to weigh in on cultural sites protection.

The Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act and Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Lands Act, introduced by Representative Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), have broad support from Tribes, Native organizations, and environmental groups.

"These bills address a significant gap in sacred sites protection," said Judith LeBlanc (Caddo), executive di-

rector of Native Organizers Alliance. "Too often the fate of our most sacred places where we hold ceremonies, gather food and medicines, and get our drinking water, is controlled by whoever is in the White House. These bills codify the protections, like Tribal consultation, that are so important to protecting and maintaining sacred sites."

"When Tribes are not engaged in the planning and management of our ancestral lands," said LeBlanc, "and when we do not have the ability to consent to their protection, development, or care, we are left to defend them through the court systems or direct action like at Standing Rock."

Among other provisions, the Tribal Cultural Areas Protection Act would: establish a national Tribal Cultural Areas System that consists of sites on public lands that are culturally significant to Tribes; direct land management agencies to identify potential tribal cultural areas; and empower Tribes to engage in co-management of public lands through cooperative management agreements with federal agencies.

"Nobody knows our ancestral lands better than our own people," said LeBlanc. "Incorporating Indigenous knowledge through co-management will benefit everyone and helps us protect these places for many generations to come."

The Advancing Tribal Parity on Public Lands Act would require public land managers to consult with tribal governments. As of now, they are only required to engage State and local governments. The legislation would also enable the purchase or transfer of public lands to Tribal nations, something that has only been available to State and local governments.

"These are common-sense laws that should have been enacted long ago to uphold tribal sovereignty and honor the treaties," said LeBlanc. "It's past time that Congress take action to strengthen sacred sites protection by passing these two laws."

Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Services Update

Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Services (NPTVRS) current reminders: The NPTVRS program is fully open and ready to help anyone who qualifies for the program. NPTVRS will continue to provide services by walk-ins, scheduled appointments and phone calls. However, if you are feeling sick, please call or text in advance to complete a meeting over the phone or to reschedule your meeting. The NPTVRS program still requires temperature checks and masks when entering the NPTVRS office. The NPTVRS program is still providing gloves and masks for appointments.

NPTVRS news stories: The NPTVRS program was apart of the 'Get Outside! Independent Living Conference' with Disability Action Center (DAC). The 2-day conference was held at the Clearwater River Casino. The workshop also included key note speakers from other local programs such as: Clearwater Trekkers, Asotin Community Services, Camping Life Hacks, Able Savings Account, WSU Parasports and ERAP Training, etc. The Independent Living Conference took place on September 14-15, 2022. The event includ-

ed a \$45.00 entry fee, and was open to the community members who are looking to sign up for the NPTVRS programs and those seeking employment. The NPTVRS program covered the cost for NPTVRS clients. The NPTVRS program also hosted a soap making class as their next cultural making class on September 28.

The NPTVRS had a successful cultural corn husk weaving class that was recently held and taught by Gail Bear. 4 participants showed up and enjoyed the cultural experience. The cultural class showcased the creative ways of corn husk weaving and its importance within ancestral history. The NPTVRS program appreciates Gail Bear for illustrating her knowledge and the NPTVRS participants for taking part in the cultural event.

The NPTVRS program wants to welcome Feather Holt as the new full-time Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. The program is extremely thankful and happy to have Feather and all of her expertise on board. Feather will be in the Kamiah location twice a month and Orofino location to meet with participants as well. The NPTVRS program

looks forward to helping our program grow and continue to provide the best services possible for NPTVRS participants.

The NPTVRS program currently has five brand new CPUs in the training center. The CPUs are installed with the newest tools of Microsoft office and are for participants in the program to use them to develop resumes, letters and fill out job applications.

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

The NPTVRS program keeps close tabs on the recent job openings located within the Lewis-Clark Valley and

any Vo-tech options located at Lewis-Clark State College. The NPTVRS program encourages any participant who is currently enrolled in the program to stop by for assistance with employment and work force training opportunities.

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

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
45 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
NEZ PERCE TRIBE TANF PROGRAM

286.75 What must be included in the Tribal Family Assistance Plan?

(a) the Tribal Family Assistance Plan (TFAP) must outline the Tribe’s approach to providing welfare related services for the three year period covered by the plan including:

(6) assurance that a 45 day public comment period on the Tribal TANF plan conducted prior to the submission of the TFAP. The public comment period will be held

August 26, 2022 through October 12, 2022

The TFAP can be found at 298 Agency Road, Lapwai, Idaho or by clicking here:
TFAP Download ([https://www.nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/FY22-TANF-3-Year-Renewal-Plan .approved.1.pdf](https://www.nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/FY22-TANF-3-Year-Renewal-Plan_approved.1.pdf))

Please email your comments to: Consuelo Guillory @ (consuelog@nezperce.org) (<mailto:consuelog@nezperce.org>) or Jackie McArthur at (jackiem@nezperce.org) (mail to: jackiem@nezperce.org)

Emergency Dials

America’s Suicide Prevention
and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline
988 - Behavioral Health Crisis and/or suicide Ideation
911 - Emergency Requiring Law Enforcement
and/or Medical Services
211 - Resource Gathering
988:
What it is and what Idaho’s doing (nezperce.org)
For more information please visit - <https://idahocrisis.org/>

Upcoming Dates

- Budget & Finance Subcommittee**
Thursday, October 6, 2022
(1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)
8:30 a.m. NPTEC Chambers
- Climate Change & Energy Subcommittee**
Thursday, October 6, 2022
(1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month)
2:00 p.m. NPTEC Chambers
- Tribal Employment Rights Commission Meeting**
Thursday, October 6, 2022
6:00 p.m. Boards & Commissions Building
- NPTEC Meeting**
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
(2nd Tuesday of the month)
8:00 a.m.
- Nez Perce Tribe Closures**
Wednesday, October 5, 2022 - Bears Paw Memorial
Monday, October 10, 2022 - Indigenous Peoples Day
- Human Resources Subcommittee Meeting**
Monday, October 17, 2022
(1st & 3rd Monday of the month)
8:30 a.m. NPTEC Chambers
- Law & Order Subcommittee Meeting**
Monday, October 17, 2022
(1st & 3rd Monday of the month)
2:00 p.m. NPTEC Chambers
- Natural Resources Subcommittee**
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)
8:30 a.m. NPTEC Chambers
- Land Enterprise Commission**
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
(1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month)
2:00 p.m. NPTEC Chambers
- Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting**
Monday, October 24, 2022
(2nd & 4th Monday of the month)
5:00 p.m.
- Special NPTEC Meeting**
Tuesday, October 25, 2022
(4th Tuesday of the month)
9:00 a.m. NPTEC Chambers
- Lapwai Homecoming**
Saturday, October 22, 2022
1:00 p.m. Lapwai Field

* Please Note: All meetings are subject to change due to closures and unforeseen circumstances

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

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

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NOVEMBER 2022

ATTENTION NATIVE ARTISTS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is pleased to announce a call for entries from Native Artists living in Idaho.

One of the primary methods in which the NRCS celebrates American Indian Heritage Month is by supporting and distributing an outreach poster created by an American Indian artist. This poster has been in production for more than 20 years. The theme for this year’s poster celebrating American Indian Heritage Month is:

“The Three Sisters of Indigenous American Agriculture”

Rules for the competition are as follows:

- Only one painting will be selected for the American Indian Heritage Month Poster.
- The artwork is to be an original, size 18” x 24”, in acrylic, oil on canvas, or digital artwork will also be accepted.
- A written narrative about the artwork is to be included with each entry, along with the name of the piece.
- The deadline for submitting the artwork to NRCS Oklahoma will be October 3, 2022. The artwork will be submitted to Dr. Crouch at carol.crouch@usda.gov.
- A high-quality digital photo of the artwork should be submitted with the narrative and title for the poster to carol.crouch@usda.gov.
- Each participating state will have a judge on the selection panel.
- The artwork will be judged on by Oct. 6, 2022.
- The winning piece of artwork will shipped to NRCS Idaho.
- The artist of the winning entry will receive \$2,000.00 for their artwork. NRCS will pay the winning artist and secure copyrights of the artwork.

The artwork will be judged on:

- Creativity and originality.
- The realistic portrayal of something related to the heritage of American Indians and depiction of an aspect of American Indian culture.
- The essence of the poster competition theme in the artwork.
- Craftsmanship and skill.

Please contact Dr. Carol Crouch should you have any questions at carol.crouch@usda.gov.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

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Employment Opportunities

Nimiipuu Health

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/09262022-NMPH.pdf>

Nez Perce Tribe

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Sept.-26-2022-NPT.pdf>

Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/09-26-2022-NPTE.pdf>

UYLC Recovery Event

UYLC Recovery Presents: Paint night with Candice Crosby

Who: Everyone is invited!

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

What: We will do a Halloween themed painting, great for all ages! Cost to you: \$20 and we pay the other \$15!

Register by Oct. 19th and pre-pay to reserve your spot.

When: Friday, October 21st at 5:30pm

Where: Kamiah Fire Station, Conference Room

Why: Socializing is an important life skill and a lot of people who use substances isolate themselves.

Learning to break that habit is vital to recovery.

The goal in recovery is to learn that skill, and many more.

Plus, it's always fun to try new things and develop new hobbies!!

To register and pay,
call Amber at (208) 745-2775
or email uylcrecovery@gmail.com

NMPH Announcement

ATTENTION



Nimiipuu Health
Lapwai

October 3-5, 2022

**Pharmacy Drive-Thru
will be Temporarily
Closed for improvements
& Bear Paw Memorial**

**Your meds can be picked up inside
NMPH at the Pharmacy window**

Kamiah Education

The Kamiah Education Foundation (KEF) will host an elegant fundraising event on October 15th, 2022. The "Kamiah Education Foundation's 3rd Annual Alumni Dinner and Auction" event will be held at the Kamiah American Legion Hall. Doors open at 5:00 for a No-Host Happy Hour and silent auction bidding, followed by a delicious catered dinner by "A Taste of Art." There will be entertaining games, and the Master of Ceremonies, Greg Johnson, will keep the crowd entertained. At 7:00 pm, auctioneer Ted Weeks will take the stage to begin some lively bidding wars for items that range from custom-made jewelry to weekend getaways to things for the home and even exotic vacations. There is something for everyone.

Tickets can be purchased from KEF Board members or the Upriver Youth Leadership Council office at 405 Main Street. The \$40 ticket price includes (1) a Single Dinner Ticket; a complimentary glass of champagne, Chocolate; and a Commemorative Souvenir. Pre-purchase is encouraged, as this is a sit-down catered meal, and only a limited number of seats will be available.

The delectable menu will include Smoked and Grilled Tri-tip Steak with Garlic Horseradish Aioli, Caesar Salad, Roasted Tri-color Potatoes, Honey Ginger Carrots, Roll

Medley, and a Gourmet Dessert. There will also be a silent auction for a select few decadent desserts. Partner up with your tablemates and bid on a delectable dessert to share!

According to the KEF Facebook page, "The purpose of The Kamiah Education Foundation is to enhance education in Kamiah Schools. We are visionaries who value education and advocate for our students and teachers. We build partnerships in our community and encourage giving time, talent, and money. We invest in the future of our youth as we broaden horizons and prepare students to experience life in and beyond our beautiful valley."

Some of the KEF's past projects have included High School Art and Music supplies, Biology Kits, Chemistry materials, and CNA equipment; Middle School Science Kits and Special Education Adaptive Technology equipment; Elementary Science Kits, Kub Pride program awards, and Native Culture and Language Team support.

The Foundation is always open to new members and invites you to join in the efforts to enhance our Kamiah student's education. For more information on Kamiah Education Foundation and the "Kamiah Education Foundation's 3rd Annual Alumni Dinner and Auction", please email the Foundation at KEF@kamiah.org.

Fitness & Climbing

On September 3, 2022 four Nez Perce Tribal members summited Kamiak Butte in Whitman County, WA with funding provided by the American Alpine Club's 2022 Catalyst Adventure Grants for Change.

This grant is for BIPOC/LGBTQ+ climbers who face barriers in reaching climbing goals, such as the cost of equipment and gas money to climb.

Team Yew'nin'wees are all over 50 years old, except for volunteer climbing

assistant, Shane Taylor who accompanied his elders to help them up the mountain.

The team wants to inspire youth and other tribal members to reclaim climbing as an important part of our Nimiipuu heritage. Team Yew'nin'wees' ultimate fitness goal is to continue training to reach the peak of Pilot Knob (7,135 feet) to attain that ancient Nimiipuu milestone not as young adults, but as young elders.

June Paine, 81, Spokane, WA



She loved to cook, bake, sew and read. Her favorite place to be was in the kitchen and she was known for her chili and frybread. Throughout her life she worked as a CNA. She also created life long friends while working for McKay's Shows. She also had her own special clients that she cleaned houses for until her health prevented her from continuing.

June Rosemary Paine was born in Lapwai, Idaho on October 25, 1940 to Daniel and Louise Taylor. She passed away on September 15, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family. June was married to Phil Paine and together they had five children: Robert Paine, Darrell Paine, Lorena (Lori) Paine, Lisa Allgood and Edward (Ed) Paine. Phil and June knew they were better apart and thus she raised their kids in Spokane. June devoted her life to her family and 10 grandkids: Jesse, Cody, Josh, Nic, Tyler, Crystal, Zeke, Skylar, Roni Jo and Levi. She was blessed with 24 great grandkids.

June had a big heart and an open door to her home.

June is survived by her daughters Lori and Lisa of Spokane; her son Edward of Spokane; Sisters Darlene Reuben of Spokane and Kay Sabotta of Hermiston OR; her best friend Janet Rhoads of Spokane; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Daniel and Louise Taylor; her sons Robert and Darrell Paine; brothers Butch (Larry); Joe (Gale) & Ted (Theodore) Taylor; sister Myrna (Carol) Seyler.

A memorial service will be held Friday, October 7th at 1:00 PM at Hennessey Funeral Home, 2203 N Division St in Spokane. A dinner will follow at Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, 6616 N Market St in Spokane

COVID-19



NIMIIPUU HEALTH COMMUNITY COVID TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS

As of September 9, 2022

1. Following exposure to a positive COVID-19 case, quarantine is not needed for a patient who has had COVID-19 in the prior 90 days.
2. COVID-19 testing will be conducted for those who are symptomatic with COVID-19 symptoms on day 3 of symptom onset.
 - ... a. If your COVID-19 test is POSITIVE, begin a 5-day isolation period from the onset of symptoms with subsequent mask use recommendation for 5 additional days.
 - i. Your symptoms must have improved AND you must have been free of a fever x 24 hours without medication for 5-day isolation to end.
 - ... b. If your COVID-19 test is NEGATIVE, no activity restrictions will be recommended, except mask use, unless directed by your supervisor or clinical staff.
 - ... c. Immunocompromised and high-risk patients may receive case-by-case clinical direction by a provider for testing and isolation.
3. Quarantine is not recommended for an asymptomatic patient after exposure to COVID-19. A well-fitted mask may be used x 10 days for risk reduction.
 - ... a. If testing is desired after exposure, this should occur on day 5 AFTER exposure when you are asymptomatic.
 - i. If your test is positive, begin a 5-day isolation period from the date of the test with subsequent mask use for 5 additional days.
 - ii. If your test is negative, no activity restrictions will be recommended.
4. Regardless of vaccination status, you should isolate yourself from others when you have COVID-19.
5. Please continue routine safety measures for risk reduction for COVID-19, such as hand washing and staying home while you are sick.

Samuel Paul Davis Memorial



Sam's Wife & the grandchildren would like to extend their appreciation to families & friends.

Memorial will be held Saturday October 15th, 2022 in Lapwai, Idaho at Pi-Nee- Waus Community Center.

When: October 15, 2022
Where: Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center Lapwai, ID
Time: 9AM- 1PM
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