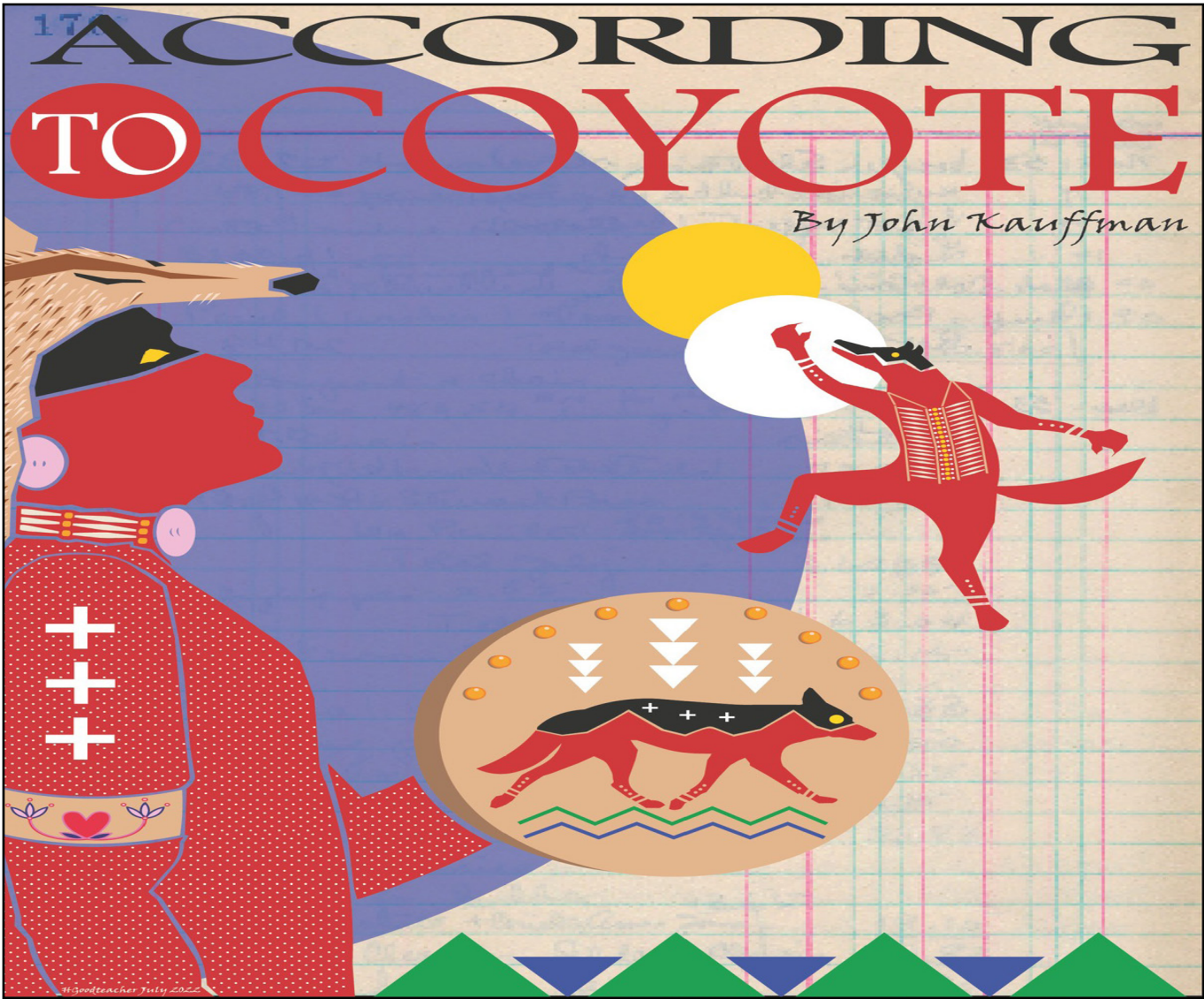


‘According to Coyote’ Comes to Nimiipuu Country

The play According to Coyote originally debuted at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in 1987 and now it has made its way home to the Nez Perce Reservation. The play, centered around trickster a.k.a. coyote, was written and directed by John Kauffman, actor/playwrighter and member of the Nez Perce Tribe. Kauffman wrote the play that shares stories of the trickster of Nez Perce stories, and performed throughout the Northwest and Hawaii until his death in 1990.

Decades later, the show still holds a special place in director Josephine Keefe’s heart, Kauffman’s niece, Keefe grew up watching recordings of her uncle’s play on repeat. “I was a young girl at the time, but I remember one of my earliest childhood memories sitting in front of a an old television with a VHS recording of the performance at the Kennedy Center, and my uncle, kind of dancing and moving in and out of this light on the stage,” said Keefe. “It was very grainy, not the high resolution that you would have today, but I remember being just transfixed by it.” And so, directing the show has always been a desire for Keefe.

Actor and dancer Kellen Trenal Lewis is also a Nez Perce tribal member and the



lead performer of this one-man show. Lewis has a long resume of performing, most recently appearing on the Sterlin Harjo and Tauja Waititi’s acclaimed series Reservation Dogs. “Kellen was the first person that I thought of for this role,” Keefe said, mentioning both his cultural background and knowledge of the material as well

as his extensive dance training. “He understood what was ahead of him with this piece of text and you have to have a performer who has the stamina, the strength and the ability to be the dancer, the performer, at times the singer. It really requires someone who can embody multiple genres of art within this one performance.”

Lewis has enjoyed diving into the role. “It’s been a great journey so far,” said Lewis. “Being able to get a deeper understanding and a means of connection, as well as our shared connection to the different legends and texts that come through in these Coyote tales.” Lewis takes on

the role of Coyote and several other supporting characters as he brings a series of adventures to life on stage.

It’s fun for the whole family. The hour-long show highlights the cultural importance of passing down stories from generation to generation as well as the origin story of the Nez Perce Tribe. According to Coyote was showcased during the 2022 Nez Perce Tribe’s employee Christmas gatherings at the Clearwater River Casino and at the community centers in Lapwai and Kamiah. It is exciting that the storytelling of this play has made it’s way home to the Nez Perce people for these special performances.



Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune Comes to an End

To the faithful readers of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune: This is the end of the Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune. Nimiipuu Tribal News will transition into a solely online outlet titled Nez Perce Tribal News and will be accessible on all major media platforms.

With printing costs continuing to rise and the decline of hard copy subscribers, it is in the best interest of the Tribe to make the switch to electronic news. This will allow for quicker timely news, the ability to cover more content and for other media options such as videos and livestreaming.

With this transition we will also start producing a quarterly hardcopy newsletter that will be mailed to all enrolled tribal members 18 and older at no cost.

Majority of the tribal membership will have the opportunity to stay up to date with important announcements, news, activities and events in the most effective manner. The Nez Perce Tribe Communications Department will be collaborating closely with tribal entities, departments and programs to ensure the most accurate and timely information is being distributed. In the event we cannot post flyers at local community buildings and businesses, we strongly encourage friends and family members to reciprocate important information to those who do not have social media.

We feel extremely fortunate to have worked for such a long period of time in the age of hard copy newspapers with great support from local and surrounding readers. Although change can be uncertain, we are excited and look forward to starting this

next phase as a major media outlet for all Tribal Nations to follow and refer to.

Hard copies of past Nimiipuu Tribal Tribunes cannot be reprinted and will only be available until that issue has run out. Archives will remain, and can be accessed on the Nez Perce Tribe website and can be printed from a computer and printer.

If you should have any questions please contact Chantal Ellenwood, Nez Perce Tribe Communications Creative News Coordinator.

We would like to send out a huge thank you to all the families and departments, past and present that have supported and continue to support Nez Perce Tribe Communications. It has been an honor building relationships with our readers and getting to know our communities over

the last several years. We look forward to continuing to serve you in this new capacity.

For more information, contact Chantal Ellenwood at 208-621-4807, chantale@nezperce.org or Nez Perce Tribe Communications Manager Rachel Wilson at rachelw@nezperce.org, 208-621-4772. For future media coverage, please email communications@nezperce.org

To view Nimiipuu Tribal Tribune archives, please visit <https://nezperce.org/nimiipuu-tribal-tribune-archive/> View the Nez Perce Tribal News Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NezPerceNews> and to view the Nez Perce Tribe Facebook page please go to <https://www.facebook.com/NPT1855>.



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Hunting Stewardship Program Completes Second Annual Youth Hunt Camp



Leo Jackson and Isaac Holt both put in scouting and cutting work to help the team get the job done

By David Moen,
Nez Perce Wildlife Division

The Wildlife Division's Youth Hunt Camp was developed to give on-reservation tribal youth who may not have access to hunting mentors an opportunity to connect with expert hunters within the Tribe. It provides an opportunity for young hunters to learn about the values and skills it takes to be a successful hunter within the context of Nimiipuu cultural stewardship traditions. The first annual hunt camp began last year with funding from an ANA grant. One of the key educational components of the camp focuses on the importance of using non-lead ammunition for animal harvest to benefit family health and protect scavenging wildlife species from lead-exposure.

Participants stayed at the Buford Ranch on the Precious Lands Wildlife Area near Paradise, OR, and used the associated 1,540 acres as a base-camp for hunting op-

erations, while also traveling to nearby National Forest lands for field experience.

Two hunt camps were held this year with mentors from both Kamiah (late-October) and Lapwai (mid-November). Hunting mentors included Tei Tall Bull, Reuben Black Eagle, Thomas Tall Bull, Lee Whiteplume, Andre Picard Jr. with cooking assistance from Al Wheeler Jr. and Ramona Whiteplume. Conservation biologist David Moen assisted in a support role for both camps. Tribal youth that signed up ranged from ages 11 to 19. Those that attend the first camp included Aiden Broncheau, Lance Steffy, Isaac Holt, and Leo Jackson. Jesse James, Alonzo Picard and William Picard attended the second camp.

Upon arrival, the students received hunting backpacks, water bottles, hats, socks, first aid kits, headlamps, ear protection, and fire kits. Some students also received knives. Many of these

items were generously donated by regional outfitters- Cabela's in Missoula, REI in Spokane and Boise, and the Lewiston chapter of the First Hunt Foundation (www.firsthuntfoundation.org) Qeci'yew'yew'!

Lessons included firearms safety, fire building, field gear and ammo selection, zeroing in a rifle scope, target practice, as well as skinning, butchering, and meat care lessons. Hunt mentor Tei Tall Bull summed up the experiences saying, "It was a successful hunt and all the students enjoyed it."

The hunt crew was out till dusk and up hunting before dawn from Friday night until Sunday morning with field observation and cooking on an open fire in between. After Sunday morning's hike and hunt at the ranch, the rest of the day was spent butchering and packaging the precious meat gifts received. It was a fantastic learning experience for everyone involved and many look

forward to next year's camps, which will include intergenerational learning with a focus on including multiple families.

At the end of the experience, students learned about community provision responsibilities and the importance of contributing to a give-away. Four deer were harvested in the first camp and three deer in the second. All the meat was processed by mentors and students and given to the Tribe's elder's centers and children's home to provide venison for youth and elders. Below, participants from the second camp: Andre Picard and his two sons, Lee Whiteplume, Jesse James and Al Wheeler Jr.

To see more photos of this learning adventure, check out the Tribe's Fish and Wildlife Commission Facebook page. For more information on the Hunter Stewardship program and the advantages of lead-free hunting, visit the Wildlife Division's new webpage: www.nezpercewildlife.org



Several deer were harvested with Hornady GMX lead-free ammo



Target shooting practice on the National Forest

Nez Perce Tribe Hosts Renewable Energy Conference

On December 8 and 9, the Nez Perce Tribe hosted a conference on renewable energy at the Clearwater River Casino.

The conference brought together tribal leaders and experts in the field of renewable energy to discuss the potential benefits and challenges of transitioning to renewable energy sources for the provision of electricity.

The wide range of topics discussed during the conference included the potential of renewable energy to provide economic development opportunities for a tribe, the benefits of distributed renewable energy production and funding for renewable projects, and the challenges and barriers to implementing renewable energy projects on tribal lands.

The two-day conference also included presentations from climate change



NPTEC Vice-Chair Shannon Wheeler, David Conrad, NPTEC Chairman Sam Penney, Jigar Shah, and Matt Ferguson at the Nez Perce Tribe Renewable Energy Conference.

experts, renewable energy companies, and the United States Department of Energy.

In addition to these presentations, the conference also included a panel discussion on energy regulation in

Indian Country and a tour of several of the solar projects on the Nez Perce Reservation.

"We would like to express our gratitude to our federal partners for visiting Indian Country and sharing vast

amounts of information on the programs and opportunities available for tribes to respond to the impact of climate change," said Vice-Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Shannon F. Wheeler. "We also would like to thank WSU for their participation in the conference and their work in this area."

The press release from the NPT states that overall, the conference was well received. The NPT says they plan to continue exploring renewable energy options and working with partners to support the development of renewable energy projects on tribal lands across the Northwest.

"As we continued to experience the harshness of the climate crisis, I believe that we as tribes learned more about the tools available and our potential to affect change," said Wheeler.



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Pandion Institute in Enterprise Wins \$10,000 in National Competition

By Josh Rindfleisch,
Wallowa County Chieftain

The Pandion Institute, a nonprofit organization based in Enterprise, recently won \$10,000 in a national competition designed to showcase youthful entrepreneurs working to create change in their communities.

Pandion, which works with Native educators to run outdoor programs in Wallowa County and beyond primarily for Native youths, sent two representatives to the Ambition Accelerator Summit, held earlier this November in Irvine, California. Clark Shimeall, 23, the co-founder and executive director of Pandion, attended the session along with Devin Reuben, 17, who has participated in Pandion's programs.

Pandion focuses on land-based learning, such as cultural and ecological educational programs on topics such as rafting, backpacking and skill-building. It works with adult Native educators to run outdoor programs in Wallowa County and beyond, with Native youths who are predominantly Nez Perce and Cayuse descendants.

Shimeall said that the institute promotes a crucial system of values to participants who are purposely im-



Devin Reuben and Clark Shimeall prepare to make a pitch for Pandion at the recent Ambition Accelerator Summit. (Gowri Tumkur/Contributed Photo)

mersed in Indigenous ways of existing, and are empowered to carry these perspectives into their broader lives.

Pandion was among 26 teams from 14 states selected to attend the summit, sponsored by the Taco Bell Foundation and Ashoka, a global network of social entrepreneurs. During the summit, teams had the opportunity to expand their knowledge about everything from budgeting to social media. Each team received a total of \$1,500 in seed funding for their social venture and finalists were invited to a competition for a chance to pitch their idea to secure the top award of \$25,000.

"The teams who were

there all had a kind of project which had some sort of social impact to it," Shimeall said. "We were in the top five teams and we got to pitch Pandion to a big crowd and compete for more money," Shimeall said.

The winning pitch came from the Onyx Incubator, a program in Cook County, Illinois that works with youths who have experienced incarceration.

But Shimeall and Reuben came in a close second, and earned \$10,000. The winnings will go toward Pandion's guide-training program, with the goal of placing and supervising more Native youth in internships with outdoor recreation outfitters in the region.

"It was really life-

changing to see that our little nonprofit could go that far, and really eye-opening as well. It was a really big event and it is a big part of who we are as people," Reuben said.

Shimeall and Reuben have been rafting together with Winding Waters River Expeditions, an outfitter partner company based out of Joseph. With the assistance of Shimeall, Reuben spent last summer working toward getting a river rafting guide license. If all goes according to plan, he hopes to acquire the license next summer.

"I am hopefully going to become the first Nez Perce river guide of my generation, which is pretty big for my culture, because it's getting out there on the land and rediscovering who you used to be," Reuben said.

Visitors who participate in the activities with Pandion guides will experience not only what Wallowa County has to offer, but also the rich history of the guide's Native heritage. Shimeall said 80% of the Pandion board is Native.

"We're on Nez Perce homelands, Wallowa County, this whole big area, and for them to have access to that land and really tell their story to the people who come to this place, is very special," Shimeall said.

Soa Moliga

Nez Perce Tribal member, Lapwai High School student and keynote Speaker at the 35th Annual Inter Tribal Agriculture Summit in Las Vegas, NV

THANK YOU SOA MOLIGA FOR YOUR BRAVERY AND PROFESSIONALISM REPRESENTING THE NEZ PERCE TRIBE. THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STAND AND ADVOCATING FOR OUR HEALTH!

LAPWAI FOOTBALL

CONGRATS TERRELL ELLENWOOD-JONES

Congratulations Terrell Ellenwood-Jones White Pine League Offensive Player of the Year Lapwai senior quarterback, Terrell Ellenwood-Jones took home the honor for the second year in a row! Ellenwood-Jones accounted for 46 touchdowns, averaging more than 170 yards per game on the ground. He was also named second team offense this year.

Jeff Lau is Acting Palouse District Ranger

Kamiah, ID- Jeff Lau has accepted the position of Acting District Ranger on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests' Palouse Ranger District headquartered in Potlatch. Lau takes the position following Stefani Spencer's temporary promotion to Acting Director of Public and Government Relations and Grants and Agreements in the Forest Service's Northern Region Office in Missoula, Mont.

Lau began his natural resources career on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest as a fuels and timber crew lead while he pursued a bachelor's degree in Forest Resource Management at the University of Idaho. He later worked in multiple forestry positions with the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon. He has also served as the Timber Management Assistant on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, the Timber Management Officer on the Idaho Panhandle National Forests and, most recently, the North Idaho Shared Stewardship Coordinator.

Lau was one of the key players that established the Good Neighbor Authority agreement on the Idaho Pan-



Jeff Lau

handle National Forests, building relationships that have greatly aided the success of the shared stewardship effort. "Working with our land management neighbors is the most effective way that we can have a measurable difference across landscapes," said Lau.

Lau is an avid outdoor enthusiast that enjoys all the great opportunities that North Idaho provides. He and his family are all proud born-and-raised Idahoans

who look forward to continuing to work, live and play in the beautiful forests of Idaho.

Spencer has served as the Palouse District Ranger since 2015. Previously, she worked in her hometown of Salmon, Idaho on the Salmon-Challis National Forest, and as a waterbird ecologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the southeast. In her free time, she enjoys riding her horses, tending her sheep, and hiking with her



Stef Spencer

husband and dogs. Spencer is expected to return to the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests in February 2023.

Acting, or temporary, positions allow the Forest Service to keep critical roles in the organization filled while providing beneficial job experience to the individual in the acting role.

For information about visiting the Palouse Ranger District, please call (208) 875-1131 or stop by the office in Potlatch (1700 Highway 6).

Forest Service to Conduct Additional Analysis in Hungry Ridge Project Area

Kamiah, ID- The Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests intends to prepare a supplemental environmental analysis for the Hungry Ridge Restoration Project in response to a June 2022 court order enjoining the Hungry Ridge and End of the World projects on the forest. The supplemental analysis will provide updated information about the Hungry Ridge Restoration Project's environmental effects related to old growth and both projects' cumulative effect on old growth forests, providing forest managers additional information to issue an updated project decision. A notice of intent to prepare

a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register on December 7. The next opportunity for members of the public to provide comment is expected around January 2023.

The Hungry Ridge Restoration Project is located on the forest's Salmon River Ranger District approximately 17 miles southeast of Grangeville within the Mill Creek and Johns Creek watersheds, tributaries to the South Fork of the Clearwater River. The 2021 project decision proposed timber harvest on approximately 8,000 acres designed to reduce hazardous wildfire fuels in high-risk fire sheds and im-

prove forest health and resiliency. The decision also proposed approximately 12,000 acres of prescribed burning in the project area to reduce hazardous wildfire fuels. Hand thinning was proposed in areas adjacent to private property to further reduce the risk of high-intensity wildfire.

Other land management activities proposed through the 2021 Hungry Ridge Restoration Project decision were designed to improve wildlife and aquatic habitats and to conduct soil and meadow restoration. Road work associated with the project would contribute to aquatic habitat restoration by reducing run-

off and erosion and replacing failing or undersized culverts.

The Forest Service will send interested individuals project updates and solicit future public involvement on the Hungry Ridge Restoration Project via the GovDelivery email notification system. To sign up for GovDelivery and take advantage of these electronic notifications, please visit the Hungry Ridge Restoration Project webpage.

Questions about the Hungry Ridge Restoration Project can be directed to Jeff Shinn, Salmon River District Ranger (208-839-2103) or Jennie Fischer, Interdisciplinary Team Leader (208-983-4048).

Open Letter to the Editor - Blood Quantum

Wisdom Sits in Places

First and foremost, I want to say Qeci'yewyew to my elders who have spoken up over the years on the critical issue of Blood Quantum (BQ) and for voicing what many of us have felt at General Council (GC).

For those who do not know me, my name is dr. renée holt. I am a mother, aunty, sister, niece, granddaughter, and friend and ally among our people. My Diné name is Adzhaan Bii'nay (Woman full of life) which was given to me by my late grandmother. My Nimiipuu name is Layk'enyut (Woman along the edge) which belonged to my grt-grt grandmother who was from Stites, Idaho.

Over the last thirty years I have lived here in Nimiipuu weteespe BQ comes up at least once a year at GC. To date, we have yet to conclude or see any progress regarding this critical issue that has plagued Indian country and our community for too long. When it comes to the issue of BQ, several families have spoken up, and this year I heard the urgency in many of the People's voices at community listening sessions.

At the Fall 2021 GC, elder Bernice Moffet expressed her plea to NPTEC re: BQ and from what I could hear, her fragile voice cracked with wisdom as she put the onus on NPTEC to not only resolve this issue, but to reestablish once and for all our sovereignty. Fast forward to the Spring 2022 council and BQ was deferred to a committee of concerned tribal members. No actions were made and at Fall 2022 council, from what I observed, the committee came up with a proposed resolution that did not appear to be well thought out. It moved from the floor, however, it failed to be presented to the GC and is now back at the committee table.

What I witnessed was a committee attempt to organize, however, no mention of public meetings and invitations to discuss and flesh out a sound proposal have been announced. I wondered, can we the Nimiipuu People attend? When thinking about this more, the way the proposal moved onto the floor without NPTEC input we should have had more voices. Today we need our leadership and cultural voices to speak up. It is long overdue and time for us, we the People, Nuun Nimiipuu to enroll our descendants. By any means necessary, and moving forward into the Nimiipuu future, it's important we do more than talk about BQ. It is time to finalize the decision to work towards reestablishing and exerting our sovereignty. The act

alone will assert and reclaim what is rightfully our decision to resolve enrollment of our descendants.

As a community BQ affects many families. We have tribal members in Lapwai, Orofino, Kamiah with family and extended kin who live off the Rez and live away from here who are disconnected, especially in the urban landscapes across the country. In my opinion, BQ is also about identity and involves cultural practices and connection to the land. As a Dine/Nimiipuu, my ontology is grounded in K'é and Himyuuma and believe we have a broad and diverse spectrum of Nimiipuu who represent us well locally, regionally, and nationally. No matter what side of the river we sit on, the very fabric of who we are as Nimiipuu also comes down to how we work together respectfully despite any differences.

According to the U.S. Census in 2020 the Native American population has increased by 86% and we have grown from 5.2 million in 2010 up to 9.7 million in 2020. Native Hawaiians and those with mixed Hawaiian racial identities make up 1.6 % of the population and American Indians/Alaska Natives represent 4% of the U.S. population. From an academic perspective, I follow the research which has proven if we continue to follow the federal Indian policies, in 100+ years, we will indeed be erased. While the information about BQ has been limited, not because it isn't available, but because it has been put back on the shelf for the next year's tribal council table. I heard this will take time and we shouldn't rush this issue. I agree. Indeed, it will take time, however, going over and over the same question becomes redundant and counterproductive when council is unable to sit down and resolve this critical issue with the concerned tribal members.

It is time NPTEC takes action to enroll descendants and to stop putting it on a committee who seems to keep getting the paper pushed to next council's agenda. I don't understand and would like to know, how do you comprehend taking this long and what meaning is it for us to postpone yet again? Is it because there is language needed for the document? As a tribal member, I have questions.

Blood makes us family

While I come from two nations, on one hand I am Diné and on the other I am Nimiipuu. I am also one of those members who is a Relocation Baby who was born in the oceanside city of Los Angeles. My

saving grace has been (and continues) to be being born into and raised among Diné matriarchs. Although I am an enrolled Nez Perce tribal member, my Diné cultural teachings live through me. One thing I can share, we define who we are as Diné through K'é and matriarchy consists of everyone born into your four clans who thereby treated with respect that centers kinship.

When I moved here, I remember back then, very few families remembered or practiced the ancestral way of himyuuma. I met my grandmothers and extended folx and sat with tribal elders talking story with them wanting to understand and learn as much as I could to make up for lost time. I learned enough to know back then the cultural teachings were fading. As I reflect on moving here to Nimiipuu weteespe it was solely to understand and learn myself. In Diné matriarchy, we are taught our first two clans are who we come from, and our second two are our grandparents' clans and where or who we receive teachings from. With a good handle on knowing my identity as a Diné, at that time, I did not know much about being Nimiipuu. Up to that point I thought Alvin Josephy was an "expert" on Nimiipuu history. He was a soyapo ally who used his white privilege and helped where he could with his writings about us as a warrior nation on the interior Columbia Plateau.

At the time I began my journey of learning about my family, I was living in the Phoenix metropolitan in Tempe, AZ., I was in communication with my Pops who was living back east in D.C. working for the National Education Association. He also worked in media and provided cable TV in Lapwai and was coowner of a TV station in Billings, MT., with my late stepmom Muriel One Bear. The time I took to learn about my family was intentional. I knew it was my birth right and something I know disconnected and reconnecting Natives may not have been born with, especially due to adoption and being fostered out or not having any cultural knowledge keepers or teachings in their family.

Although I was not fostered or adopted by non-Natives, I was raised in the SW where red or green chili is a common convo, corn is a staple diet, and water is our religion. I was attending Arizona State University as a Political Science major before I moved here in 1993. I fell in love with our homelands the day I stepped foot here. While it took me some time, I eventually transferred all my credits

to LCSC in 1994 and started school and a family and graduated in 1999. Thereafter, I went on to the University of Idaho and graduated with my Master's degree in 2001.

What I learned through family oral history is I am the great granddaughter of the late Lucy Corbett Viles, who was the daughter of ancestors Annie Moody and Levi Corbett from Asaaqa and was the mother of my Qalaaca, the late Lewis B. Holt. My Ele was the late Cora Ellenwood, who was the daughter of Ellen Hill and Joseph Ellenwood of Stites, ID., and the granddaughter of Annie and John Hill aka Shot in the Hand. There is a photograph of him at the NPNHP, and whenever I see him, I am reminded he believed in something greater than a piece of paper. He was the son of a Northwest Fur Trade Co tradesmen known as Delaware Tom Hill whose father was European. Looking back, I knew I had some learning to do and imagine what it was like for me to discover I had white ancestors!

I recently started a genealogy and learned I have more European settler heritage than I knew. With Scottish descent, I also have Welsh, Irish, Norwegian, Northern Italian, Bolivian, Peruvian, and Portuguese listed as where some of my ancestry comes from. I exercise that knowledge as a part of my family genealogy project to help me to locate and learn more about who I am. As Indigenous people, we were all affected by colonization and the unresolved historical and grief and trauma happened. The residual effects linger and it's time we begin to heal.

Guidance is wisdom

Despite the erosion of our culture in the last two hundred years, we still have some cultural influences and ways that can help us to begin decolonizing and define for ourselves who we are as Nimiipuu. From a cultural perspective, we can still teach our youth about himyuuma through Nimiiputimt kinship terms. Through kinship we can also relearn and reclaim how to acknowledge all our relatives and practice an ancestral way of being that can help descendants, and future enrollees, to know who they are vs. a settler colonial construct that has interrupted and permeated our society for two hundred years too long.

At this stage in my life, I am growing into my role as a matriarch and think of our ancestors differently. My formal schooling began at Kaibeto Boarding School with my

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non-English speaking grandmothers in our household. I learned from them early on that education is not only a way of life, but also a value. My late grandfather who was one of the first educators in Western Navajo Agency returned from WWII and as a Navajo CodeTalker shared with his siblings what he saw across the great big water and our family's future depended on education. Consequently, he was given the responsibility to help his nieces and nephews at boarding school. He was instrumental in helping establish the Western Navajo education programs in Tuba City, AZ., and worked with Annie Dodge Wauneka who was the firstborn daughter of one of the last living Chiefs among the Diné people. To this day, my family have remained and work in education and are bi-lingual educators, teachers, administrators, and advocates of higher education. Most still live and work in Tuba City and carry on service to the Office of the President of Navajo Nation. What my family continues to share and teach our youth is that education is how we learn to help ourselves and where we learn to co-exist with other human beings.

From my grandparents Diné cultural teachings, I learned education was a responsibility and we are to grow and evolve following a principled way of life that is supposed to be used to help the People. In the process, you not only help yourself, but your family, and ultimately your nation. I was 19 and home on spring break when my dad from down south was very clear of why I was in school. I was to also learn to have love, compassion, kindness, and contribute to my walk following the principles and teachings of sa'ah naaghai bi'keh hozhoon na'sha. To this day, I am reminded of these and share them with you all so we could find a way to think critically on how to end this issue of BQ using Indigenous knowledge systems for our People.

If there is anything we might learn from Native history, it is important for us to work together intentionally. To work with family and friends who are descendants and to welcome them into our community with official enrollment through our culture regardless of what historical side of the treaty our ancestors sat on. Whether you are a descendant of non-treaty or treaty, the time has come to squash how the colonizer has been working to divide and conquer us since they arrived in 1804.

If the numbers from the 2020 census indicate an increase, this seems to be the time to act on enrolling descendants so that

by the next census in 2030 we will have something written for our future leaders to work with. The opportunity would create a combination of increased medical health and socio-economic benefits for all our nation, not just the enrolled, but the descendants as well. And to the tribal members who deny people enrollment because they think descendants don't need to be enrolled to get medical health benefits, here is where I disagree and declare, enrolling descendants won't take away from you or your family. Enrolling descendants will increase the dollar amount of funding our nation receives from the federals explaining the extrinsic side of what enrollment could mean for us. It never ceases to amaze me when I hear people state an argument that ignores research and lacks sense that reveals a deficit model of thinking and scarcity mindset which is a clear and direct settler colonial tactic of divide and conquer.

Nimiipuuneewit

From a critically trained perspective, I have observed enough unresolved historical grief and trauma circulating among our people and BQ is a one example of how divided we are. I have heard racial epithets that reek of internalized racism and oppression that indicates we have more healing to grow through. It's time our people learn about what it means to pass healing down to our children instead of trauma and to help one another.

This OpEd is intended to open dialogue and build on the momentum when it comes to BQ. It is important to note there is current research available and NPTEC has information for the People. It doesn't take much to research BQ and read about what other tribes are experiencing. It is not uncommon to hear about the disenrollment of tribal members for what appears to be related to resources. I believe that could very well be us in the future if we don't act now and create a succession plan that supports our future leaders.

We are growing and contribute significantly to the local economy every Thursday on CRC and NPT paydays. The township of Lewiston/Clarkston did not grow without our contribution to the local economy via our enterprise and tribal organization. We are significant to the local economy and its time for us to own it. With increased enrollment of descendants, we have an opportunity to set up our future tribal members and leadership that does not diminish our sovereignty.

After listening to the voices of the People, I understand we still have folx who have concerns over what will happen to those who are

currently enrolled. What will be sustainable for all of us? What happens with the current disparities such as the housing crisis? Each are great questions; however, that deficit model of thinking and scarcity mindset needs to be challenged. Today, we have more resources available to help the People and there is plenty to go around that will not take away from anyone.

BQ research proves there are inherent values among our communities and personally, I believe individuals have a responsibility if they seek to be enrolled. Once enrolled, if the individual is 18 & over, ought to uphold some citizenship requirements through an application process that is led with principles of kinship through Nimiipuuneewit and our own definitions of policy. For our leadership this is for you all to contemplate and think about how to engage and participate with the People especially because we have an opportunity to exert our sovereignty.

To add light to this concerning issue, it is important to share we can create service-oriented goals and other intrinsic motivations that can ultimately become primary reasons for individuals who seek enrollment to carry into the future. For example, taking a language class and relearning how to speak Nimiipuutimt, or taking a Nimiipuu history course, or community involvement with cultural community events can be used to help descendants learn cultural knowledge. We currently have classes, so why don't we use what is in place to help descendants?

Culturally speaking, it is Indigenous Knowledge Systems or Nimiipuuneewit that will clear the blurred lines of BQ. At present, we have members in our communities who are descendants that are born and raised on the Rez, yet they are not enrolled. From what I have observed, some of these individuals practice a cultural way of life that is values and principles based. Grounded in Himyuuma, these people honor their families and our community with their presence and work among our People in community. I have observed when they do a good job representing our nation in basketball, we are quick and proud to claim them, however, when it comes to voting and supporting community decisions of enrollment, we don't include them even when they are contributing members of the Nez Perce community in good way.

The reality is it reveals the erosion of our culture and tells me the time has come where every member of our leadership council must see the value in determining for ourselves who is

Nimiipuu. For example, as a nation, we could potentially create an annual opportunity for those who live off the Rez to return to the homelands for an annual Nimiipuu Homecoming. The event could be co-hosted in Wallowa where members could return to Nimiipuu weteespe to relearn, reclaim, and remember who they are by activating their cellular blood memory.

As Nimiipuu we can meet and welcome those relatives to rejoin and reconnect the broken circles that were often not by our doing, but federal Indian policies. I then ask, would our tribal communities from Lapwai, Orofino, and Kamiah welcome the idea of co-hosting a Nimiipuu Homecoming? The tribal event would begin a collective Nimiipuu healing event that can be used to overcome the invasion and violent interruption of our Nimiipuu'neewit and cultural ways of being.

We live in the 21st Century with technological access and an economy that supports community nation building. When we move forward and work beyond survivance, we can create a vibrant Nez Perce community where we can thrive together and grow beyond what the settlers intended for us. We are too small of a nation to ignore and pretend we don't see the many beautiful and intelligent Nimiipuu who have made it out in a world that is twice as a cold as the local Bordertown we have tolerated since it's illegal establishment in 1861.

Here we are, 166 years later, and "we" the Nimiipuu people, (the ones the ancestors spoke up for in 1855) are disagreeing on who is Nez Perce due to federal guidelines and not our own cultural guidelines. To date there has been little research that shares how BQ is good for any tribal nation. In my opinion, and culturally speaking, increasing BQ for descendants is one step towards decolonization and building more bridges of understanding and insights into creating a revitalization of Nimiipuuneewit.

It's taken me a long time to stand up and speak up about BQ because I wanted to understand the breakdown of what it would mean for our nation, and tbh, I'm not certain I understand why our own people continue to cut this thread short? It's time for us to help our relatives who are descendants to become enrolled and time for us to begin collective healing and time to end the divisive and oppressive settler colonial agenda.

Imeeqis qeci'yew'yew for reading this and yox kalo,

Sincerely,
dr. renée holt

Radon Poster Contest

January is Radon Action Month. Students across the Northwest are encouraged to get creative and bring awareness about the dangers of radon gas through participating in the 2023 Northwest Radon Poster Contest.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can buildup in our homes. Both old and new housing can have radon problems. Testing is the only way to know if your home has radon because it is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. Long-term radon exposure is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second-leading cause of lung cancer in smokers.

Youth between the ages of 9 and 14 living in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington are eligible to participate in the poster contest. Students must either be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home school, or be a member of a sponsoring club, such as a scouting, art, computer, science, or 4-H club. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Contest deadline is March 10, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. Winners will be announced by April 17, 2023. Find contest submission forms, lesson plans, and rules at <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/northwest-radon-poster-contest-2023>.

[radon-poster-contest-2023](https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/northwest-radon-poster-contest-2023).

First, second, and third place winners will be selected from each state (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington). A regional grand prize will be selected from the winning submissions. First-place posters from each state will be submitted to the 2024 National Radon Poster Contest. All participating students will learn about radon and how to reduce their risk of exposure.

The Northwest Radon Poster Contest is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Nez Perce Tribe, Oregon Radon Awareness Program, Spokane Tribe of Indians, and Washington Department of Health - Radon Program in collaboration with the Northwest Radon Coalition and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10.

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- *Washington Department of Health:* DOH-PIO@doh.wa.gov

Water Use Permit

The following Water Use Permit for Use of Tribal Water Rights has been issued by the Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division: NLCS2201

The applicant proposes to divert water from Lapwai Creek to circulate water through two fish hatchery acclimation ponds. For additional information, please contact the Water Resources Division at 208-843-7368; or for a full description of the Permit and its conditions, please see

<https://nptwaterresources.org/water-rights-legal-notices/>.

Any applicant, or any objector, including the Nez Perce Tribe or any tribal department or agency, not satisfied with the issuance or non-issuance of a Permit shall request a hearing before the Nez Perce Tribal Water Rights Administration Commission and submit a filing fee on or before 01-23-2023.

Forms are available at

<https://nptwaterresources.org/water-rights-forms/> and filing fees are available at

<https://nptwaterresources.org/water-rights-fees/>.

Employment Opportunities

Nimiipuu Health

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/12122022-NMPH.pdf>

Nez Perce Tribe

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/December-12-2022-NPT.pdf>

Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/12-12-22-NPTE.pdf>

NMPH Announcement

Nimiipuu Health Providers have recently discussed the mask mandate and agree that the number of cases who developed immunity through vaccination or infection have fostered protection for this recommendation to not mandate masks at Nimiipuu Health. Community transmission is currently low with 7 active cases, and Nimiipuu Health has also implemented several safety measures and will continue to monitor cases closely and make changes as needed.

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/>



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.

For questions, please contact Danielle Scott via email at dnscott@uidaho.edu OR call/text 208-791-4087.

Time: 5PM to 7PM

Dates: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Every Month

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

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Catch up with us on social media!



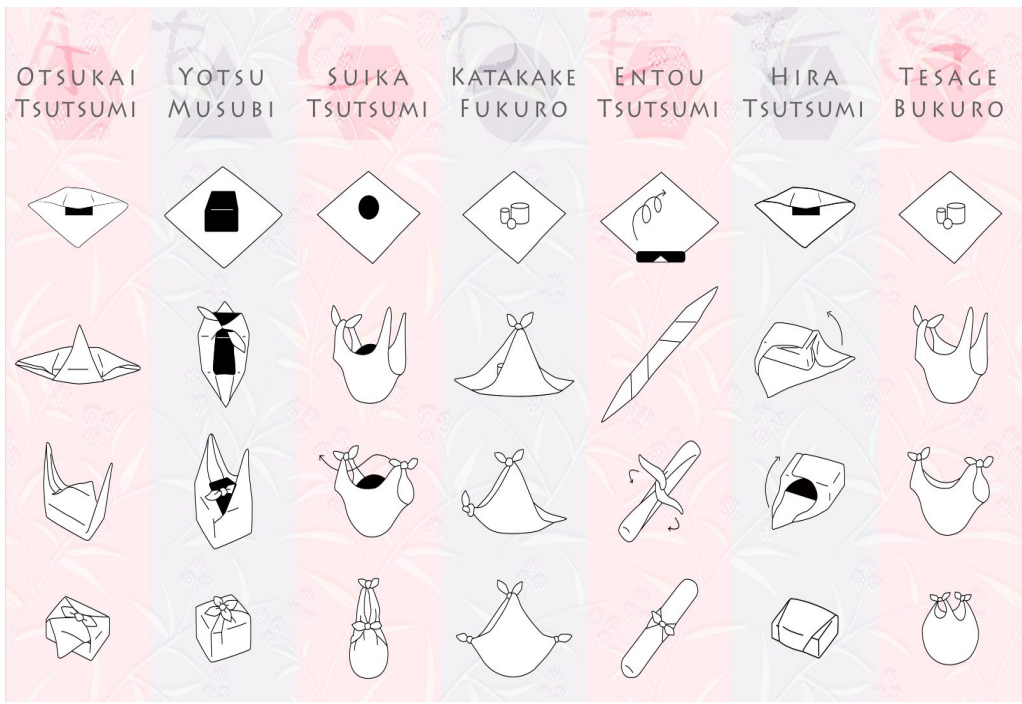
Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—Dec. 2022

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- Respect and take care of the earth.



Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division - Solid Waste and Recycling Program
Lapwai Contact: Jon Van Woerkom . (208) 791-3965

FUROSHIKI—Learning furoshiki takes some practice, but once you get the hang of it you may never need to use a plastic bag or wrapping paper again! Give it a try!
See instructions below or look it up on YouTube!



The recycling program is always looking for training opportunities and new information to help our staff and improve our program! Two of our Recycling Staff attended LCSC Forklift Training this month, practicing driving backward for better visual, driving through an obstacle course, and keeping the load on the forks low to the ground when going forward. Lessons learned:

Slow is smooth and smooth is fast!



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Wishing you all peace and joy – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

“Talkin’ Trash”

Tips for wrapping presents:

Keep it simple: **The fancier the bags or the paper, the less recyclable it becomes.** “Only simple glitter-free, non-laminated paper bags and wrapping paper can go in your recycling bin. All those glitter-laden bags, cellophane wrapping paper and shiny bows are not recyclable and end up in the trash.

Or **embrace furoshiki** from our Sept 2021 newsletter—see box on the left—find a nice piece of **reusable** cloth and try one of these wrapping methods!

Other great holiday ideas:

Put out the recycling bin during parties

Choose experiences over products—gifting an experience, like movie or concert tickets or a long weekend out of town

Bring your own reusable shopping bag



Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling

December 1, 15, & 29

Páyniwaas Parking Lot , 11 am—1 pm

Office Collections

December 8 & 22

Ronald Stephen Holt, 78, Lapwai, ID



Ronald Stephen Holt Sr., Nez Perce tribal member and resident of Lapwai, passed on in life to Heaven's Gate. Ronald was born to Lewis B. Holt and Elizabeth Cora Ellenwood on Nov. 26, 1944. Ron passed early morning Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, from health complications.

Ron was preceded in death by his beloved and dearly missed wife, Muriel Onebear; daughter Victoria Holt; brothers Norman Holt, Maynard Holt Sr., Levi J. Holt and Farris Holt; and sisters Marcelene Holt Anderson, Claudia Holt Barnes and Geneva Holt.

He left behind brothers Lewis Holt and children Virgil Holt Sr. (Sandy) and sons, David C. Holt (Sarah) and children, and Adrian D. Holt (Angel) and children. Also left behind are daughters Mignon Holt, Elizabeth (Betsy) Holt, Tana Holt, Robyn Pakotas (Ira), Renee Holt, Clarissa Jean Skeets, and sons Ronnie Holt Jr. and Jesse Craig Holt (Moses). Grandchildren

who he raised as his children, Rainbow McNeal and Blue Star McNeal, and 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, who will miss him dearly.

When he married Muriel she introduced him to Catholic faith, always celebrating Lent, and he wanted God's bounty for his children. He was a God-fearing man and loved his family. He had a unique relationship with each of his children. Whenever a family member traveled somewhere he always asked for a local newspaper of where they were visiting. He was proud to be a Nez Perce Tribal member and enjoyed NPT Senior Citizens activities.

Ron went to Columbia College in Hollywood, Calif., where he majored in journalism, film and television. Ron also attended Sawyer College in Washington, D.C., where he majored in business administration.

Ron was a worldly individual who knew and worked with people from all levels of life. He was a humble and loving person who enjoyed work and family. Ron was well-known in Indian Country, having worked with many tribes and tribal leaders throughout the U.S. Ron was elected to the Nez Perce Tribal Employment Rights Office as commissioner in 2008 and served in that role until his passing. He was truly an entrepreneur known nationwide for his work in radio and television broadcasting. Ron also provided for the publication of newspapers and magazines. Ron started the Nez Perce Tribal

newspaper, formerly known as NeeMeePoo News, in the '90s.

Ron was station manager for Dull Knife Public Television in Lame Deer, Mont., from 1984-86, the first Indian-owned television station in the U.S. He was president and CEO of KHMT-TV located in Billings, Mont., from 1995-2002. The station was FOX's first-ever full-time station in the state of Montana according to FOX news release from Beverly Hills, Calif. He was a TV anchor for KTVQ and had a half-hour show called "Indians in Progress," where he interviewed successful Indians throughout Indian Country.

As president and manager from 1980-99 of Red Eagle Production, he provided cable TV to the city of Lapwai with American Indian Telecommunications. Ron worked with many media production businesses in the local area, as well as the state of Montana. He created documentaries addressing diversity education issues and multicultural services across the country. His services as a media specialist and public relations will live on.

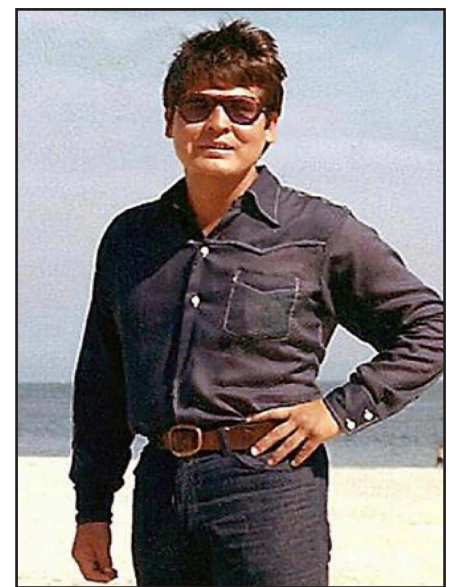
At the National Education Association located in Washington, D.C., Ron was a senior professional media associate. His duties consisted of radio and television productions. He conducted training and technical assistance in telecommunications. There he also served as an adviser and consultant to other national media organizations, such as Indian Country Today, Native Peoples

Magazine and served on the editorial advisory board for the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Ron loved to cook early in life and started making homemade doughnuts and selling them to his siblings. He achieved one of his dreams and was a chef at the Seattle Space Needle.

His love of music was evident as Ron loved playing the bass guitar and listening to the radio, always searching for that one song. As a young man, he provided entertainment in many Native clubs in southern California and enjoyed traveling Indian Country. He loved to listen to the Moffett and Jackson sisters sing hymnals.

Mass services were held on Friday December 16, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lapwai, Idaho at 6:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at the North Fork Presbyterian Church, located in Ashahka. Dinner followed at the Tee Wee Puu center located in Orofino.



Get your well water tested for free!

The Nez Perce Tribe's Water Resources Division is assisting the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality with testing drinking water quality in Nitrate Priority Areas.

If you are a private well owner within a nitrate priority area and are interested in learning more about this opportunity to have your private well water tested free of charge, please contact either IDEQ at 208-799-4370 or the NPT Water Resources Division at 208-843-7368.



Calling all Water Users!

Do you use water on Tribal land within the boundaries of the 1863 treaty reservation? If so, the Water Resources Division strongly encourages you to reach out to them at 208-843-7368 for more information about filing a water use permit.

In reference to Nez Perce Tribal Water Rights Administration Code (Chapter 53-3, "Code"), the Nez Perce Tribe Water Rights Dept. is responsible for administering the Tribal water rights decreed during the Snake River Basin Adjudication. Therefore, anyone who uses the Tribal water rights is required to file a Water Use Permit with the Nez Perce Tribe's Water Resources Division ("WRD"). Water use permits are required for all purposes except emergency fire fighting and sweat house/lodge uses in an amount not to exceed 15 gallons per day.

Loretta Sue Taylor, 65, Lewiston, ID



Loretta Taylor died early Friday morning, Dec. 9, 2022, from a heart attack. Loretta was born in Lewiston on Nov. 28, 1957, to Ernest Roy and Gladys Taylor. The love of Loretta's life were her children, grand-

children and great-grandchild, but she shared companionship with the father of her children, Oliver Jackson Jr., and later Michael Lopez.

Loretta lived in Lewiston, Clarkston, Craigmont, Portland, Ore., Salem, Ore., Bellingham, Wash., and Blaine, Wash.

Loretta's education consists of a certificate of professional development in promotional strategies for the gaming industry from the University of Nevada; a Bachelor of Science in management technology from Lewis-Clark State College; and a certificate of accounts clerk from Lewis-Clark State College.

She worked many jobs but worked for the Clearwater River Casino for more than 25 years as the promo-

tions and marketing manager. She worked as a strawberry picker, mushroom picker, forklift driver, combine driver, pit boss, seamstress, camp crew, loan officer, upward bound counselor, C-store manager and many others. She also owned Jive Time Java coffee shop in Lewiston. Loretta retired as a collections officer from the Lewiston Tribune.

Loretta liked shopping, reading, dancing, bicycling and sitting pool-side with her grandkids. She didn't like to drink but there was the rumored quest for the perfect margarita. Loretta loved going to powwows, traditional dancing, weaving yarn bags and making shawls.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Albert Taylor and her

sister Elizabeth Taylor. She is survived by her siblings Violet "Lou" (Ciel) Crossman, Bruce (Nora) Taylor, Shirley "Ernie" Taylor, Bert (Linda) Taylor and Bill (Marcelle) Taylor; her children Daniel Jackson Sr., Alexander (Rebecca) Jackson and Angela Jackson; her grandchildren Carolyn, Daniel Jr., Jarron, Alius, Alexander, Avery, Isabel, Taylie and Grace; and one great-granddaughter, Olive.

Loretta Sue Taylor services was nondenominational combined memorial and funeral service on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Pi-Nee-Waus Lapwai. Head cook was Jasmine Higheagle. Donations toward funeral expenses may be made at P1FCU under "Donation for Loretta Taylor" or gofund.me/618e62e5.

Marguerite Faye "Foo-Foo" Werner, 84, Lapwai, ID



Marguerite Faye "Foo-Foo" Werner, 84, completed her life's journey and went home to the Creator on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022, surrounded by her beloved family.

Faye was born March 4, 1938, to William Albert Johnson Sr. and Lucy Hill in Lewiston. She was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation: Chief Joseph Band of the Nez Perce. Faye was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend.

Faye grew up in Lapwai, where she attended and graduated from Lapwai High School,

Class of 1957, where she enjoyed school activities with her friends. In her younger years, Faye was a majorette for Lapwai High School. She had a lifelong love of the outdoors and being a provider for her family. She enjoyed spending time beading, planting flowers, camping, reading books and sending cards to anyone she came in contact with. Faye had a love for her whole family near and far. She had the gift of being a good listener. Faye had a strong love of Pow-Wow traditions and very strong love of her Native blood. She danced until her health declined and she could not be on the floor with her family. She continued to be front and center on the side enjoying the music and dancers. Faye lived a fulfilling life, during which she accomplished many great and wonderful things.

Faye married Douglas Ankeny on July 13, 1936, and shared their daughter, Marguerite "Maggie" Lucy Ankeny. They later divorced. She later met and married the love of her life, Mark Werner, on Aug. 11, 1989.

Faye started working as the secretary at the St. Joseph Mission up until they closed the school. She was a housewife for a moment then started working full-time at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where her final title was education specialist and she retired at the age of 55. Faye and Mark purchased a very large fifth-wheel and began their snowbird years to Arizona every winter for 18 years. Traveling to Arizona and visiting with their snowbird friends was one of their biggest joys, but they had to return home full-time because of Mark's declining health, and she continued caring for him up until his passing at the family home.

Faye is survived by her daughter, Marguerite "Maggie" (Kip Reed) Ankeny, and lives on through all of her grandchildren, Douglas (Pauline) Bisbee, Bandon (Tasha) Bisbee and Jerry (Alicia) McCor-

mack Jr. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Brandon Jr., Cobi, Shaylee, Krisalyn, Heewekse, Latamo, Arreis, Karvehl, Haven, Bisbee and Jereese and Jerardi McCormack, and great-great-grandson Gabriel Bisbee, all of Lapwai. She is also survived by her sisters, Donna Peterson, of Los Angeles, and Barbara Wheeler, of Webb, Idaho.

Faye was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Werner; parents William Albert Johnson Sr. and Lucy Hill; her brother, William "Chief" Johnson Jr.; and her sisters, Dorothy Ezekiel and Claire Johnson.

A private dressing ceremony and viewing will be held at the Nez Perce Longhouse at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, with Walusut Services at 7 p.m. Sunrise Services will begin at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, with final resting place and burial at Webb Cemetery.

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Obituaries, Death Notices & Memorials
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Dewayne Kenneth Ellenwood Sr., 77, Kamiah, ID



Dewayne Kenneth Ellenwood Sr. was born July 7, 1945, in Martinez, Calif., to Audrey "Ordie" Lessor and Donald Jody Ellenwood. His Creator called him home to join the ancestors Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022.

Dewayne, a citizen of the Nez Perce Tribe, is a descendant of Old Chief Joseph. Dewayne enjoyed a lifetime of being a trickster and filled those around him with much joy and laughter.

He is a graduate of Andrew P. Hill High School in San Jose, Calif., where he met his first wife, Roberta Staiti. They were married from Feb. 19, 1963, to April 30, 1970, and their union brought three sons (Kenneth, Donald and Dewayne Jr. Ellenwood) and a daughter (Catherine Ellenwood). Their marriage later ended in divorce.

Dewayne married the love of his life, Annie Amy Ellenwood, on Dec. 24, 1971. They referred to each other as Lover and got their wedding bands to reflect this union. Their union brought two sons (Darryll and Travis Ellenwood) and a daughter (Cheryl Ellenwood).

Dewayne's love for basketball built a network of Indian basketball players who would carry him to basketball tournaments across Indian reservations throughout the West Coast. For decades, there wasn't an Indian in the city or reservation who couldn't be tricked by Dewayne's famous under-the-hoop move, where he put the ball between his legs.

Throughout his life,

Dewayne was a man of many trades. He first attended welding school through the BIA and continued to hone his craft wherever he was. At one point, Dewayne sold pizza from the Wa-A'Yas Community Center kitchen. By the 1980s, he was an iron worker walking high rise buildings in Los Angeles. By the 1990s, he was a skilled welder who wielded his torch throughout the Bay Area, from FMC to Westinghouse, where he worked on nuclear submarines including the Seawolf. Upon returning to his homelands of Kamiah in the 1990s, Dewayne welded throughout the Pacific Northwest including working for TERO and rebuilding bridges in Kooskia, Kamiah and Cherry Lane. In his later years, he worked on dam shutdowns, including Dworshak, Grand Coulee, Ice Harbor, Little Goose, among many others along the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Dewayne loved his family and children. In California, Dewayne enjoyed attending the basketball and baseball games of his sons Kenny, Donald, Dewayne Jr. and Darryll. In Idaho, though his work required much travel, Dewayne eagerly traveled back to Kamiah anxious to see his son and daughter play sports. He held a deep love for his family and often built custom porches and other projects for his mother and his wife.

Dewayne was also a fancy dancer and later a traditional dancer who traveled to powwows in the West. Dewayne entered the powwow circle with the generosity of those around him and he continued that generosity by supporting others who wanted to dance. Dewayne made colorful fancy bustles for himself and all his sons. He made many friends on the powwow circuit whom he would cherish into his later life. Above all, Looking-glass Powwow was his favorite and he enjoyed the closeness of the community and circle.

For Dewayne, basketball continued to be life well into his 40s, 50s and 60s. He played with other local legends such as Wendell Davis, Leroy Seth, Albert Pinkham Jr., Jesse Curry, Kub Ellenwood, John Strombeck and countless others. To keep young, he continued playing at open gyms in Kamiah and Kooskia, where the local young bucks were introduced to his famous move. His love of the game was also evident in his support for local high school ballers on the reservation.

Dewayne enjoyed exercising his sovereign treaty rights in usual and accustomed places to hunt, gather and dig roots with his sons, grandsons and friends on his homelands.

His favorite teams were the Kamiah Kubs, Oakland A's, Gonzaga basketball and he recently enjoyed attending Raider games with his brother.

Dewayne was a trickster and could make anyone smile with his humor. He generously shared his oral traditions with anyone. His specialty was sharing tall tales with such detail and energy that one might not know if they were true or not. To this day, no one knows what happened to his finger.

After completing his journey to the spirit world, Dewayne will be greeted by his parents; his sister Betty

Hardridge; his sons Kenneth and Darryll Ellenwood; and his daughter Catherine Ellenwood. He will also rejoin his wife and "Lover," Annie Amy Ellenwood — reuniting just in time to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve.

Dewayne's legacy will continue within his sons (Dewayne Jr., Donald and Travis Ellenwood) and daughter Cheryl Ellenwood. He is also survived by his brother Chester Jr. and Terri Lessor. In Ellenwood tradition, Dewayne is survived by his grandsons (Ryan, Joshua, Dakota, Jayden, Codey, Korbin, Candyn, Austin, Lorenzo, Awan, and Moses as well as Teo Castro and Luca Castro) and granddaughters (Sarah Kempner, Amanda Ellenwood, and Quyntz Ellenwood). And many great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces, all of whom he loved immensely.

Dewayne danced throughout his lifetime, and he is now dancing fast and fancy to the beat of the drum, with his lover Amy at his side.

A memorial service was conducted on Dec. 8, at Wa-A'Yas Community Center in Kamiah, with the Rev. Mary Jane Miles officiating. Funeral services were held on Dec. 9, at the Wa-A'Yas Community Center. Burial at the Nez Perce Tribal cemetery on No Kidd Lane in Kamiah.

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