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# Wisteqn'eemit - The Nez Perce Way of Giving and Sharing



Lapwai, ID. - Wisteqn'eemit or the "Nez Perce Way of Giving and Sharing" is a Nonprofit under the Internal Revenue Service code 501(c)3 the Board Members are

President Albert Barros, Vice-President McCoy Oatman, Treasurer Ann McCormack, Secretary Dan Kane, Board Members are Shannon Wheeler, Liz Arthur-Attao, Thomas Rickman, Lyn Craig and Anthony Broncheau. The Board has delegated daily operational duties to the Working Committee consisting primarily of Ann McCormack, Lyn Craig and Anthony Broncheau with in-house legal counsel from our Managing Attorney Julie Kane. Ann McCormack, Lyn Craig and Anthony Broncheau serve as primary contact for daily operations, grants, funding needs, research, contributions and donations.

"The Nonprofit was started in FY 2016 when Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) created and awarded \$50,000 towards the development of the Nonprofit Startup fund. The primary reason the Nonprofit was created was to create another vehicle of applying for funds through the non-profit, foundation and private sector that specifically requires the employment identification number (EIN #) of a 501(c)3. An application was filled out through the federal IRS and we were awarded the designation of a 501(c)3. In 2016, we held several working committee meetings, including strategic planning sessions and development meetings. A board was developed in the fall of 2016 and held its first board meeting in December of 2016. We have been meeting once a quarter ever since," said Anthony Broncheau.

The ultimate goal of Wisteqn'eemit is for Tribal Departments, programs

and staff to apply for funding through funding agencies that require the designation of a 501(c)3. The mission of Wisteqn'eemit is to protect and advance the social, cultural and economic prosperity of the Nez Perce People by raising funds and providing support to strengthen the Nez Perce Tribe. A strategic planning process resulted in a community capitals program map with the focus areas mentioned above as most important to the Wisteqn'eemit. The three focus areas inherently connect and overlap, as does Wisteqn'eemit's mission of giving and sharing, therefore a braid has been chosen as the appropriate logo for Wisteqn'eemit.

"Our logo has been developed to closely resemble a braid in a circle with feathers hanging down from the circle and our name and meaning within the circle," commented Broncheau.

The board meets quarterly and will be meeting on future development of the Nonprofit. There are many goals and objectives for Wisteqn'eemit including branding, marketing, promotions, publications, trainings, grants and funding issues.

"We have actually already received several emails and inquiries about the non-profit, but were not set up at the time. We are able to receive

funding, donations, and contributions at this stage. Any donations, contributions, gifts or grants will need to be approved by the Board of Directors. The Tribe is ready to accept donations through payroll deductions, so if tribal employees would like to donate to the Wisteqn'eemit either once, multiple times or on a regular payroll deduction plan please fill out the payroll deduction form and select Wisteqn'eemit as the fund of choice and send to Payroll in the Finance Department. The Finance office will collect the donations and transfer the funds to Wisteqn'eemit on a monthly basis," continued Broncheau.

A grant has been submitted for Wisteqn'eemit that will solicit, recruit and survey the artist population as well as the business population.

"We need to find out how many artists are on or near the reservation as well as businesses that reside on or near the reservation that need assistance, capacity development or services," said Broncheau.

As most businesses know, grants and funding usually are not allowed for individuals or businesses. Wisteqn'eemit will be able to apply for grants that either offer training, education, services and development needs.

"We will be surveying the community on artistic and business needs. So, please keep an eye out for surveys that are either conducted by Wisteqn'eemit, Nez Perce Tribe or partners with the Tribe and please complete any surveys you receive, it is a cost to any organization that is conducting the survey. We need to collect data on certain topics from tribal members, community members or certain demographics," said Broncheau.

Right now the Nez Perce Tribe is the sponsoring entity for Wisteqn'eemit and the current offices will house the two staff members at 120 Bever Grade, Lapwai, Idaho 83540. Wisteqn'eemit board and working committee usually meets at the Casino meeting rooms or conference rooms in the Veterans' Administration building.

"Right now we have a VISTA member provided by Lewis Clark State College. Her name is Sarah Davidson and she will be helping with local business assistance. If our grant is awarded through the Potlatch Fund, she will be involved with the business side of the grant deliverables. At the moment, we don't have events coming up that would need volunteers. We

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## The Nez Perce Tribe Officially Endorses Paulette Jordan to be the next Governor of Idaho

BY KAYELONI SCOTT

Lapwai, Idaho- On Monday, May 7, 2018 Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Paulette Jordan, met with the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee (NPTEC). She discussed her campaign and was able to hear about issues that are important to the Tribe.

Jordan spoke to the nine NPTEC members and shared with them her reasons for running to be the next governor of the state of Idaho. During the meeting, she emphasized that she intends to be a voice for all people, including the indigenous population. She voiced that it is time for a change of leadership in Idaho. "It all comes back to humanity, beyond the politics, it is about the people," said Jordan.

Her primary goal for meeting with the Tribe was to encourage folks to get out and vote during the upcoming May 15<sup>th</sup> primary election. She hopes to carry this voting trend into the general election, occurring in November. She remarked on the low numbers of ethnic groups voting, and how this needs to improve if we expect to see change. "People have to be engaged, and get to the polls," Jordan stated.

"We cannot continue to sit idle and not vote. I need you, and I need



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action," she urged.

Jordan's visit was welcomed and appreciated by all those in attendance. At the conclusion of Jordan's address, each NPTEC member voiced their encouragement, support, and pride in her campaign and what she is attempting to accomplish. Following her discussion with the NPTEC, Jordan stayed for photos and interaction with the youth, employees, and community members.

During the meeting, Jordan relayed her regrets over the recent miscommunication about a scheduled appearance at the Tribe's General

Council. Although Jordan had been invited, there never was confirmation that Jordan was available to attend. Representatives from the General Council Committee confirmed these facts, indicating that an invitation was made but official confirmation about Jordan's availability was never received.

During the meeting, the NPTEC gave Paulette Jordan the Tribe's official endorsement to be the next Idaho Governor. The Tribe stands beside Jordan and would like to reiterate her request of the people to get out and vote on Tuesday, May 15th, 2018.

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his community by working within the Tribe after he earns his degree and hopes to be a part of helping his Tribe succeed within their tribal businesses.

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## Nikoli Greene

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipient, Nikoli Greene. Nikoli is an enrolled tribal member of the Nez Perce Tribe. He currently works full-time at the tribal casino in the finance department and is a sophomore at the Lewis-Clark State College. He is seeking his Bachelor of

prompted his supervisor to suggest he take some college courses. Once he successfully completed those initial courses, Nikoli decided to pursue his degree. His eight years of experience in multiple areas of the casino gave him knowledge that has helped in his studies. Nikoli wants to give back to

## Senators rebuke Trump administration over challenge to Native Americans' health

A group of senators today pushed back against a Trump administration plan that could require Native Americans to find jobs to keep their Medicaid coverage, warning against "potentially devastating" ramifications for tribes' access to care.

The growing fight over Native Americans' health care, detailed in a recent POLITICO report, centers on tribes' request to be exempted from new Medicaid work rules being introduced in several states, citing Native Americans' status as separate government.

The Trump administration is failing "to recognize the unique legal status of Indian tribes and their members under federal law, the U.S. Constitution, treaties, and the federal trust relationship," 10 senators — led by Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) — wrote HHS Secretary Alex

Azar. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) was the only Republican to sign the letter.

The Trump administration has rejected the tribes' request, telling them in January that they were seeking an illegal racial preference.

"HHS believes that such an exemption would raise constitutional and federal civil rights law concerns," an HHS spokesperson told POLITICO last week. The department did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the senators' letter.

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The Ta'c Tito'oqan will accept submissions for consideration by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. If the 20<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend, submissions will be accepted the following Monday.

This includes: **Letters-Birthday Ads -Reports-Stories-Photos-Announcements-Notices-Obituaries**

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## Ta'c Tito'oqan News

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## Project Venture Gearing Up

There is still time to sign up for Project Venture classes. Project Venture starts on June 9, 2018 and will conclude on June 29, 2018.

Classes concentrate on wellness and community leadership. The overall purpose of the program is give Native Youth an opportunity to gain new life skills and experiences in an outdoor setting.

Native American youth ages 10-14 (or entering 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades) are invited to apply. Applications are available from the Students for Success

office. Please contact Abe Broncheau at (208) 621-4613 ([abeb@nezperce.org](mailto:abeb@nezperce.org)) or David Scott at (208) 621-4607 ([davids@nezperce.org](mailto:davids@nezperce.org)) for application details.

Participants will be required to complete a series of classes to qualify for the end of session rafting trip. Some of the activities included in this summer's session are mountain biking, fishing, hiking and camping.

David Scott helping at the Students for Success informational booth during Earth Day activities.

## Job Announcement

Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Skilled Lead Carpenter

The NPTHA is looking for a skilled and experienced residential construction worker to provide extensive home repairs and improvements to Nez Perce Tribal owned homes located throughout the reservation. This is a temporary/seasonal position based on grant funding. Home repairs often include water leaks, water damaged floors, walls, cabinets, repairing and replacing roofs, handicap ramps, door/door jambs, sinks, baths, toilets, light fixtures, and outlets, along with floor installation, electrical troubleshooting, plumbing and handicap renovations. All repairs are to be performed to cur-

rent International Residential Codes and regulations. Applicants must be self-starter, reliable, have the ability to track costs, calculate measurements, provide detailed paperwork, troubleshoot home repairs, estimate project specifications and have remodeling experience along with a valid driver's license. NPTHA is a Drug Free Workplace/Indian Preference does apply. **OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

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Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority  
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Lapwai ID, 83540  
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will reach out to the community in the near future," commented Broncheau.

"Please contact either Ann McCormack or myself, Anthony Broncheau. We will get back to you at our earliest convenience. Thank you and looking forward to working with you in the future," said Anthony Broncheau.

Wisteqn'eemit is a virtual board like all other boards and commissions. Our PO Box is 503 Lapwai, ID 83540 for mail delivery and the staff reside at 120 Bever Grade, Lapwai, Idaho for other deliveries, office and business operations.

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## Annual Earth Day in Lapwai

Lapwai, Idaho- On Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the beautiful Lapwai Community Garden, several waves of adults and children came out to join in the celebration of Earth Day. Booths were set up to offer information on tribal programs, care for honey bees, water cleanliness, and more. Many offered hands-on learning opportunities such as making bags from recycled t-shirts and planting seedlings in recycled containers.



they learned how we could all do our part to care for Mother Earth.

This was the first time this annual event was held in the Lapwai Community Garden, and a new trend has arisen. The sun came out, accompanied by a cool breeze, keeping folks comfortable while birds chirped a happy tune. The event was an overall success, with room for growth next year.

Young children strolled through the displays in colorful sunglasses, courtesy of Students for Success, Keep Tobacco Sacred program. Participants enjoyed tastes of homemade salsa and solar cooked food. Attendees shared hearty smiles and joy for learning, as

Thank you to all of the participants and the planning committee for putting this event together. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Danielle Scott, UI Extension Educator for the Nez Perce Tribe via email at [dmscott@ui-daho.edu](mailto:dmscott@ui-daho.edu) or text/call 208-791-4087.

## Nez Perce Tribe Files Lawsuit against Manufacturers and Distributors of Opioid Drugs

**Lawsuit alleges violation of federal law for companies' distribution of opioids on Nez Perce Reservation**

Lapwai, Idaho – On May 18, 2018 the Nez Perce Tribe filed suit in the United States District Court for the District of Idaho against various manufacturers and distributors of opioid drugs including McKesson Corporation. The complaint alleges that the opioid crisis arose from the manufacturers' deliberately deceptive marketing strategy to expand opioid use, together with the distributors' equally deliberate efforts to evade restrictions on opioid distribution. In particular, the manufacturers misrepresented to doctors and patients that the risk of opioid addiction was low and that opioids were safe for long-term use.

The Nez Perce Tribe devotes significant financial and human resources to address the impacts opioids have on the Nez Perce Reservation. Although the Tribe has been working to confront the opioid epidemic through health-care, justice, and social programs, statistics show that the overdose death rate and prescription opioid death rate is higher for Native Americans than any other ethnic group in the United States. The rate is so high that the Nez Perce Tribe's programs are unable to match the need. The magnitude of the

problem has reshaped the daily reality of life on the Nez Perce Reservation. As a result, the Nez Perce Tribe will be pursuing legal remedies that will help abate the crisis the manufacturers and distributors of opioids have created.

"The Nez Perce Tribe believes this lawsuit is necessary to ensure the parties that have created the opioid crisis in Indian Country, and in particular on the Nez Perce Reservation, are held accountable for their actions," stated Shannon F. Wheeler, Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. "The destructive effects of opioid addiction have been felt throughout the Reservation," continued Wheeler. "Our health clinic, courts, law enforcement, and social services programs have had to deal with the economic and social cost of the use of these drugs, and the toll it has taken on our tribal community has been devastating. This lawsuit is for the protection of our people into the future."

The Tribe is represented by the Seattle-based law firm Keller Rohrbach L.L.P. in this litigation. For more information or a copy of the complaint, please contact the Nez Perce Tribe Office of Legal Counsel at 208-843-7355 or go to <https://www.krcomplexlit.com/practiceareas/opioids/> and click the "List of Current Cases" tab.

## Resolutions Committee Meetings

June 11, 2018	Kamiah-WaAYas Kitchen
July 9, 2018	Orofino Teweeppu Center
August 13, 2018	Lapwai Pineewaus- Conference Room
September 10, 2018	Kamiah-WaAYas Kitchen

Meetings start at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, Please feel free to contact any of the Resolutions Committee Members:

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# Veterans Town Hall

## Tuesday, June 12, 2018

### 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



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# Hanford Update

THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERIES OF STORIES ON THE TRIBE'S PARTICIPATION AT THE HANFORD NUCLEAR RESERVATION. WE WILL COVER THE HISTORY OF THE SITE AND A NUMBER OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE RELATED TO THE LAND, WATER, AND CLEANUP EFFORTS.

## \$2.3B Hanford Spending Bill Pushes For Cheaper Nuclear Waste Treatment

BY ANNETTE CARY

RICHLAND, WA - The U.S. House is proposing spending more money next fiscal year at Hanford than requested by the Trump administration, including paying for a tank waste demonstration project.

Supporters of a proposal to encapsulate some waste in concrete-like grout rather than treating it at the site's vitrification plant could save billions of dollars.

The House Appropriations Committee voted Wednesday to send a spending proposal to the full House that includes \$2.3 billion for the Hanford nuclear reservation in fiscal 2019. Money for safeguards and security will be added to that total.

### House Budget Details

It is nearly \$247 million more than the administration's request to Congress in February, according to information from the staff of Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Wash.

"As this bill moves to the entire House, I will continue advocating for the federal government to fulfill its obligation to the people of Central Washington to complete this cleanup job while ensuring safety for workers," Newhouse said.

Spending would be lower than the current Hanford nuclear reservation budget.

In March, the U.S. House and Senate approved a spending bill for the fiscal year that started Oct. 1, 2017, of about \$2.4 billion.

The administration's request for fiscal 2019 included increases at some Department of Energy environmental cleanup sites.

But the increases were at the expense of important cleanup activities at Hanford, the Idaho Site and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the House bill report said.

"The committee's recommendation continues to fund a balanced approach that sustains the momentum of ongoing cleanup activities more consistently across all DOE cleanup site," the bill report said.

The House budget would add about \$42 million to the amount requested by the Trump administration for the next fiscal year for the Office of River Protection for a total budget of almost \$1.5 billion.

The Hanford office is responsible for the 56 million gallons of radioactive waste in underground tanks and the \$17 billion vitrification plant being built to glassify the waste. It is left from the past production of plutonium for the nation's nuclear weapons program.

The House budget for the Rich-

land Operations Office, which is responsible for all other environmental cleanup at Hanford and operating the site, would be \$863 million. That's \$205 million more than requested by the Trump administration.

The total does not include safeguards and security spending, which was not available on Wednesday.

### Grouting test project

The bill report did not break down spending for specific Hanford projects.

But it did say that \$15 million of the budget should be used for the next phase of a demonstration project of grouting Hanford tank waste.

The project "is important to lay the foundation for future DOE decisions regarding the potential for treating, stabilizing and disposing of Hanford LAW (low activity waste) in a form other than glass," said a report in September by the Energy Communities Alliance, a nationwide coalition of local governments affected by Department of Energy projects.

If the project is successful, it could speedup the closure of Hanford's waste storage tanks, reducing cleanup costs by billions of dollars and resulting in decades of schedule improvement, the report said.

Last year the project, called the Test Bed Initiative, tried grouting three gallons of Hanford waste and sending it off site for disposal at a Texas waste disposal facility built to accept low level radioactive waste from federal projects.

The grouting was done just off the Hanford nuclear reservation at Perma-Fix Environmental Solutions in Richland.

The next phase would grout 2,000 gallons of waste. A third phase, which the \$15 million would not cover, would grout 100,000 gallons or more of the tank waste.

The Washington State Department of Ecology, a Hanford regulator, said after the first three gallons of waste were treated it still expects all Hanford tank waste to be turned into glass at the Hanford vitrification plant.

It also said that if the grouting were further tested the state permit for Perma-Fix likely would need to be changed and

that the process would require public input.

Grouting would only be considered for waste in the tanks that is low activity radioactive waste. All high-level radioactive waste would be vitrified.

However, the majority of tank waste is low activity radioactive waste and to vitrify all of it in a reasonable time, the vitrification plant would likely need to be expanded.

DOE's focus now should remain on getting the vitrification plant operating to start treating waste, according to the Department of Ecology. A decision on how the additional waste would be treated does not need to be made for another 15 years, it said.

The treated low activity tank waste had been planned to be disposed of at a Hanford landfill, which requires Department of Ecology approval, before Waste Control Specialists developed the Texas disposal site.

### More bill requirements

The House bill report also directs DOE to continue work on the parts of the vitrification plant that will handle high level waste.

DOE has been ordered by a federal court to start vitrifying low activity waste by 2023, with full operation of the plant and treatment of high level waste is not required until 2036. Technical issues related to high level waste have halted engineering and construction on some parts of the plant.

If DOE wants to place two large facilities that will handle high level waste in "preservation mode" for an extended period of time, DOE must first notify Congress, the bill report said.

The bill language also directs DOE to have an independent assessment done of determine the full extent of quality assurance problems in vitrification plant buildings.

A Government Accountability Office report in April said DOE had not shown the plant has the quality needed to operate safely when it begins treating radioactive waste.

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## Out-of-state Home For Hanford Waste May Get New Life

BY ANNETTE CARY

RICHLAND, WA - The U.S. House passed legislation to move forward with the licensing of the Yucca Mountain, Nev., repository for high level radioactive waste on Tuesday.

The repository would give the Hanford nuclear reservation a place to dispose of high level radioactive waste encased in glass logs at the Hanford vitrification plant, as well as used nuclear fuel left from producing plutonium at Hanford for the nation's nuclear weapons program.

The vote was 340 to 72.

However, the legislation could have a tougher time in the U.S. Senate.

The Energy Communities Alliance said that its fate is less certain there, with Sen. Dean Heller, R-Nev., opposing the bill. His seat is considered to be one of the more vulnerable Republican seats in the mid-term elections this fall, the alliance said.

"The House's approval of this legislation is an important step forward for the federal government to fulfill its promise to clean up defense nuclear waste currently being stored on the Hanford Site," said Rep. Dan Newhouse, R-Wash.

The Obama administration terminated efforts to construct the repository, but the Trump administration has stated its commitment to get the project back on track, Newhouse said in a speech on the floor of the House.

Yucca Mountain was designated by Congress as the site of the nation's repository for the high level radioactive waste and used nuclear fuel from the nation's defense programs, and also used fuel from commercial nuclear power plants.

The federal government is legally required to collect and dispose of used nuclear fuel, including from the Columbia Generating Station near Richland, the Northwest's only nuclear power plant.

"Earlier this year we marked a troubling milestone — 20 years of government failure to meet its legal obligation to take possession of used fuel," said Maria Korsnick, president of the Nuclear Energy Institute.

Electricity customers have contributed more than \$40 billion to a fund to finance a fuel disposal program, and U.S. taxpayers have paid more than \$6 billion in damages.

"What have they received from the federal government for the paying of these fees?" Newhouse asked. "Absolutely nothing — not one ounce of waste has been collected."

The House legislation includes provisions intended to protect ratepayers' previous investment and assure that long-term funding is available for the repository project.

The bill also would:

- Authorize the Department of Energy to contract with a private company to store nuclear fuel.
- Address financial support associated with a nuclear waste management system for states that are the site of a repository or interim storage facility, including allowing local communities to negotiate directly with the federal government.
- Remove potential impediments to license approval for the Yucca Mountain site by clarifying certain regulatory and permitting requirements.

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# 9-12 GRADES

**JUNE 18th- JULY 12th**

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- 9AM-11AM: Nez Perce Language Activities & Conversations
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- 12PM-12:30PM: Lunch on Your Own OR Traditional Foods Menu provided (must sign up ahead of time).
- 12:30-2:30: Gathering, Fishing, Hunting Curriculum (Tools, Clothing, Techniques)
- 2:30-2:50: Journal Writing
- 2:50-3:20: Powwow Sweat




**\*\*Some days will require traveling to gathering, fishing, hunting sites so be prepared for field trips (possibly overnight). Schedule will be given out a parent meeting.**

**\*\* Students that are eligible will receive weekly stipends and a final incentive for completing all projects and final presentation.**

**\*\* Eligibility: Incoming 9th-12 graders, be enrolled in a tribe or be of Nez Perce descent, be able to commit to the entire 4 weeks of the program.**

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## Hard Work Pays Off as Victoria Weaskus, Co Valedictorian Graduates Early

Lapwai, ID. – Senior Victoria Weaskus completes her graduation plan within three years. Graduating June 1, 2018,



she is an Upward Bound student and is a member of the Gear Up Cohort, which began seven years ago at the Lapwai Middle/High School. It is now under the direction of Brett Boyard, who is currently the math tutor for both intervention and accelerated math both are funded by the Gear Up Grant.

This year's senior class were a part of the gear up cohort and were eligible to receive a \$2,500 scholarship if they choose to remain educated in the state of Idaho. The gear up funding has also provided a variety of different tutoring and academic intervention programs available to the senior class throughout their educational history.

"Victoria and I talk about the opportunities that Lapwai students are receiving this year and over the past 3 years. The Lapwai Counseling Center in partnership with the University of Idaho has become the Lapwai higher education center. The main objective of our office is to provide a wide variety of supports for students both social emotional and academic," continued Josh Nellesen, "Students at Lapwai have access to taking dual college credits, online dual college credit, and credit recovery. Out of this office students are currently taking courses in newspaper, broadcasting, College Prep math, video game designing, drone ology, and a variety of other online courses."

Randi Bennett is the director for Upward Bound and works in a close partnership with Josh Nellesen to ensure that students at Lapwai middle school and high school receive support from the University of Idaho in accelerated learning. Eric Gower also works for Upward Bound under the direction of Randi Bennett. Eric's main objective at Lapwai high school is to assist students daily with the monitoring of their academic standing, assisting with accelerated opportunities, and supporting the student needs.

Victoria Weaskus graduated with her class of 2018. She has taken full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Counseling Center she has completed both online courses and multiple years of summer school to provide herself the opportunity to graduate one full year early.

This early graduation provides Victoria with an additional scholarship of \$1,600 renewable each school year. Victoria is also eligible for the Idaho opportunity scholarship, which will award her \$3,500 each school year renewable.

Victoria completed her application for the Idaho Governor's Cup scholarship, which is a high academic scholarship for students in the state of Idaho.

Victoria is an outstanding student of Lapwai high school and her hard work both in the classroom and in our community should be honored. She plans to attend Lewis-Clark State College in the fall. She will be eligible to receive multiple scholarships from Bob Sobotta's program.

"I have greatly enjoyed working with Victoria this last school year and I'm very impressed with her hard work and determination. She is an outstanding young woman and I am confident that she will be successful with all of her future endeavors," said Nellesen.

A strong will and dedication to summers, striving to complete early, Victoria has set out to achieve her goal in graduating a year early.

"My favorite topic in school is math. I am going to attend college at Lewis-Clark State College. I haven't yet chosen a degree just going to do my general classes for now. I do have a few college credit already. I would like to thank my parents for always pushing me to do my best and never letting me give up on my dreams. I would also like to thank all of my siblings (Asia, Natasha, Phillip, Alan, Mahalie, and Wahlitits) for always being there when I need them most," continued Victoria Weaskus, "I would also like to thank my best friend Dawn-Rose Ratcliff for helping me with life in general. She is always there for me when I need help on an assignment or need to vent about my life. I would like to thank my boyfriend Ted George Jr. for pushing me to continue graduating early when I just wanted to give up. These people mean the world to me and I wouldn't be where I am at today without them."

## "LAPWAI: STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE" Co Valedictorian Victoria Weaskus

Data: 77% of 9-12th grade Lapwai students surveyed report "Moderate" or "Great Risk" when asked "How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them?" (Pride Survey 2016-2017)

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## "LAPWAI: THE STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE" Co Valedictorian Heewekse Wisdom

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Data: 90.2% of all Lapwai students grades 6-12 surveyed report they have "Never" had 5 or more glasses of beer, coolers, breezers or liquor within a few hours (Pride Survey 2016-17)

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## Pork Chop Project is Complete

Lewiston, ID. - Last year at the Nez Perce Transportation and Idaho Transportation Department District 2 quarterly meeting where updates on

itive impact to safety near the egress/ingress at the west entry. Presenting the Alternative early, fall 2017 to NPT provided the approval to move



current and future projects were discussed, Mary Beth Frank Clark, Transportation manager for the Nez Perce Tribe provided update on the Aht'Wy project.

"We discussed the Pork Chop project, which was still, in the distance due to Environmental Studies and locating approximately \$18 million to construct. Safety issues and concerns were discussed by both NPT and ITD; at that time, NPT/ITD agreed that staff would coordinate together to research accident rates and approaches to 'help' in lowering the safety hazards, while the work on the Interchange continued. The NPT Transportation Program and ITD Engineers worked together and came up with an alternative that may have pos-

it forward. It was a coordinated effort: ITD District 2 provided overall management, engineering, bidding, and construction management while the Tribe Transportation Program provided the funding. The NPT Transportation Program ensured that federal regulations and were followed due to the funding source." said Mary Beth Frank Clark.

Researching the accidents within a 10-year period, majority of the accidents happen at the west entry due to people crossing over heading south bound on Highway 95/12. The "Pork Chop" project will eliminate that left turn onto HWY 95/12 from Aht'Wy west entry.

The project had a 10-day window and was finished on May 11, 2018.

## Three Fishers Rescued from Columbia River

At about 10:40 am May 9, 2018, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement (CRITFE) officers responded to a distress call for a capsized fishing boat and its three occupants in the water near the Wyeth Treaty Fishing Access Site, six miles east of Cascade Locks, Oregon. Upon arrival at the incident site, CRITFE officers encountered a Warm Springs tribal fishing crew providing assistance and had already rescued one person from the river. The officers located the partially submerged boat mid-channel downstream of Wyeth and rescued a survivor who was still clinging to it. The civilian crew rescued the third survivor who was floating nearby. By 11:00 am, all three occupants were safely ashore and being treated for hypothermia by the Cascade Locks EMS team.

"The quick and efficient response of both the Warm Springs fishing crew and CRITFE saved three lives today," said Jaime Pinkham, executive director of CRITFC.

The boat capsized after waves from the high springtime Columbia Gorge winds swamped it as the fishers were returning to the Wyeth dock with their morning catch. The water was 55 degrees F, a temperature at which hypothermia-caused exhaustion or unconsciousness would occur in one to two hours.

The boat occupants were Nez Perce tribal members engaged in the

spring ceremonial chinook fishery. All were wearing floatation devices and had followed recommended emergency procedures including staying near the boat and keeping in close proximity to one another, which contributed to the positive outcome of the incident.

"For some of the CRITFE officers, this was not their first rescue operation," said CRITFE Chief Mitch Hicks. "Our training and experience, along with CRITFE's partnerships with the Oregon State Marine Board, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other local law enforcement agencies enabled us to respond rapidly and efficiently. Their quick response made a difference in the lives of not only the three survivors, but also their families and friends."

Media Contact: Jeremy FiveCrows, 503-731-1275

*About CRITFC. The Portland-based Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is the technical support and coordinating agency for fishery management policies of the Columbia River Basin's four treaty tribes: the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the Nez Perce Tribe.*

*CRITFC, formed in 1977, employs biologists, other scientists, public information specialists, policy analysts and administrators who work in fisheries research and analyses, advocacy, planning and coordination, harvest control and law enforcement.*

## Wildlife Division Host Non-Lead Ammunition Workshop

The Tribe's Wildlife Division continues to expand the conversation about the ecological impacts of lead ammunition and what can be done about it. In early May, Division staff hosted a half-day workshop titled, "Conservation Hunting and Ammunition Selection" to engage leaders on how to better protect wildlife, hunting, and human health from lead impacts. The Tribe wants to conserve all three and is urging a voluntary switch to non-lead, copper-based, ammunition.

Wildlife researchers from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in two states converged at the event to present the latest research on how lead exposure is having greater consequences than previously thought.

USGS biologist, Todd Katzner, is finalizing a national study on lead exposure in eagles. This study concludes that each year vultures, ravens, eagles and a host of other scavenging species are picking up lead fragments in the remains of animals harvested with lead bullets. Since lead is a soft metal it fragments into hundreds of tiny pieces upon impact and ends up getting into the food web as other animals consume gut piles and small game, such as ground squirrels are shot with lead ammunition and left on the landscape. This research is showing us that numerous scavenging animal populations are being exposed annually on some level, throughout the world. Most individuals that become exposed from lead through consumption may experience lethargy, nerve damage and other sub-lethal permanent effects, while others simply die from its toxicity.

There were more than 50 workshop attendees, with participation from local, regional, and national hunting and conservation organizations, State and Federal fish, wildlife, and land management agencies, as well as a number of Tribal entities. There was also participation from the manufacturing and retail segment of the hunting and shooting industry. In post-event surveys, attendees typically described the workshop as,

"Pro-active, Informative, Forward-Thinking, Concerning, Interesting, Engaging, Timely, Valuable, Useful, and Well Done."

Nez Perce elder, Alan Pinkham, addressed the crowded room to open the workshop, ending with a prayer. Staff biologist, David Moen, who helped organize the event, noted, "He appealed to the participants' sense of conservatism embedded in the wildlife conservation theme that most hunters take pride in." Moen further observed, "When Mr. Pinkham spoke you could've heard a needle drop. He is the best storyteller I have ever heard. He masterfully transferred that sacred trust Nimiipuu have been given- to be a voice for the voiceless- to all the rest of us present. He quietly urged all leaders to take action on this and come together for the good of the larger community."

The informational meeting was held at the Jack O'Connor Center at Hells Gate State Park in Lewiston. The Center donated their educational facilities for the event. Subway donated the lunch, with manufacturers and retailers such as Nosler and Barnes Bullets, Sportsman's Warehouse, and North 40 providing boxes of non-lead ammunition and shooting targets, while other companies familiar to hunters, such as Yeti Coolers and Vortex Optics, donated items for the drawings that were conducted throughout the day. Ovis Consulting provided a facilitator and helped underwrite some of the costs associated with hosting such an event.

Nez Perce Wildlife Division Director, Neil Thagard gave the closing statement, explaining, "The torch of conservation has been passed down through time to us standing here on the front lines. It's now incumbent upon us as leaders to take the next step and get the lead out- not only to safeguard our health and wildlife, but also to ensure hunting exits well into the future." Chris Parish of NANLP Presenting Workshop Panel Discussion Lead bullet versus non-lead bullet comparison before and after firing

### CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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**If you are interested in submitting stories for Titwaatit Time, please email the address. You can tell the story yourself over the air or have the radio personality tell it.**

**Submissions can be anonymous on request or you are welcome to use your "Indian Name" for your submission.**

**Thank you for your consideration. It would be so wonderful if all the Nez Perce could hear the beautiful stories of our people. Yox Kalo**

**WHITEBIRD  
MEMORIAL**

*June 17, 2018*



## Tamkaliks Celebration



WALLOWA – The Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland announces its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Tamkaliks Celebration in Wallowa, Oregon. July 20-22.

Ample camping is available, come early to get a good site.

Tamkaliks is held at 320 acres on the Wallowa River near a traditional summer village. At the center of the grounds is a beautiful dance arbor. Vendors set up their booths close by, offering food and hand crafted goods during the celebration.

Showers and vault toilets are available as well as potable water, though there are no Hook-up sites.

Friday night the festivities begin with roll call and social dancing at 7 p.m.

Saturday begins with the memorial horse parade at 9 a.m. This year a local outfitter is supplying additional horses for those who want to participate in this ceremonial representation of the returning of the Nez Perce to their homeland. Please call the office to reserve the use of a horse. For those planning to bring their own horses to the event, corrals and grazing are available.

Competition dancing begins at 1pm on Saturday. Roll call for a second session is at 7pm. The evening's dance session includes a ceremony honoring veterans and this year's special dance competition will feature War Bonnets.

Fred Hill said bringing the war bonnet special to Wallowa is long overdue. Fred is a board member of the Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland and chairman of Tamkaliks Celebration Committee in addition to his role as a Sahaptin linguist and teacher of culture at Nixyaawii School on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation.

Bringing out an ancestral war bonnet is sharing a personal piece of

history. Thomas Morning Owl, in addition to Hill, emcees at Tamkaliks. "The war bonnets signify leadership roles in the family," Morning Owl said. "This is a time for people to bring their heirlooms out in the public."

Sunday morning the Washat service begins at 9 a.m. in the new Wallowa longhouse. The Friendship Potluck held with Wallowa County residents is at noon. Roll call for final competition dancing is at 2 p.m., wrapping up the weekend's events.

Friday and Saturday mornings are available for namings and memorials. Please call the office in Wallowa if you would like to schedule a family event one or to get more information. 541-886-3101 or visit [www.wallowanepzperce.org](http://www.wallowanepzperce.org).

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded at the Celebration - one each for a native youth and a local youth. The application deadline is June 29<sup>th</sup>. See our website for more information.

Tamkaliks Celebration is a drug and alcohol-free event.

IN ADDITION – Alongside this year's Tamkaliks Celebration traditional canoeing will be honored in the Wallawas. Paddlers from across the northwest will camp at Tamkaliks the night of July 19. A ceremonial paddle around Wallowa Lake commences at sunrise on Saturday, July 20.

Cece Whitewolf who is helping organize the event said the ceremonial paddle follows ancient tradition. The Canoe Journey is described as a way to honor Elders, inspire youth, document history, and build on cultural strengths and assets.

"As is the canoe protocol, each canoe has to ask permission of the descendants of the old Joseph Band of the Nez Perce if they can come ashore," Whitewolf said.

A breakfast on the north shore of Wallowa Lake will follow Friday morning's ceremonial paddle. Back at the Tamkaliks campground in the afternoon, canoe protocol singing, dancing and drumming will take place in the arbor.

## Second Annual ICIO Inmate Family Fishing Day



INMATES SHARE TIME ON THE POND, FISHING WITH FAMILY.

Orofino, Idaho- On Saturday, April 28, 2018, the second annual Idaho Correctional Institute-Orofino (ICIO) Inmate Family Fishing Day took place at Tunnel Pond in Orofino. ICIO staff, inmates, and families were able to enjoy nature together while fishing for Rainbow trout. The fishing day event was a collaboration between the Nez Perce Tribe, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the ICIO.

To be eligible to participate, inmates had to be near their parole date and have excellent behavior over the last year. Three inmates participated in this year's activity. One inmate's family traveled all the way from Nevada to be able to spend time together during this special event. Two of the participants were dads with daughters and one participant had a son.

For the children, it was their first time fishing. Each child caught their two fish, and beamed with pride as they walked the fish to the gutting and cleaning station manned by ICIO Lieutenant Frank Welch. Welch has been a champion for this event as an incentive and reward for inmates. "We put this event on to remind and encourage inmates to pursue other outlets; like fishing, there are many positive activities available."

In addition, other ICIO staff were in attendance with their families. One staff member fired up the BBQ grill cooking burgers and the freshly caught trout, while another staff member took photos to share with the families. U.S. Fish and Wildlife employee Jill Olson brought the poles and tackle for participants to use. The Orofino Guide Shop donated the bait used for the event.

Even though the weather was slightly chilly and overcast, all attendees were able to mingle and enjoy Tunnel Pond together. Overall, the ICIO Inmate Family Fishing Day was a great success. As long as there continues to be interest, the event will continue to occur on an

annual basis.

The Nez Perce Tribe began construction on Tunnel Pond in 1999. Upon completion in 2000, the Nez Perce Tribe opted to open the trout pond to the public. The hope was to use the pond to encourage family outings and create a deeper appreciation



CHILD BEAMS, WHILE LIEUTENANT FRANK WELCH CLEANS CHILDS FIRST CATCH

for the outdoors. The pond is regularly stocked with hatchery Rainbow Trout by the Nez Perce Tribe's Department of Fisheries Resource Management Trout Ponds Project.

The late Nez Perce Elder, Elmer Crow was a large advocate for this project. He grew up in the area, and the area of Tunnel Pond just happened to be his swimming hole as a boy. He is commemorated for all his efforts by a photo and plaque near the pond.

Tunnel Pond is a regular venue for fishing events such as this one, Kids Fishing Day, and Veterans Fishing Day. Many local groups and families for special events also use the space.

For more information regarding fishing and permits to Tunnel Pond, please visit: <http://www.nptfisheries.org/Resources/FishingInformation.aspx>.

## Contingency Fund

The Nez Perce Tribe Contingency Fund was established to provide one-time funding for unanticipated, emergency or extraordinary expenses, including medical or funeral costs. These types of circumstances cannot be planned for in advance and cannot be absorbed within another funding source.

This year, a large number of requests have come to the Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee (NPTEC). The NPTEC has approved the majority of these requests. This has left the remaining balance of the Contingency Fund quite low, and the amount cannot be replenished until the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019 (October 1<sup>st</sup>).

With the fund running low, and four months left in the fiscal year, we are at risk of being unable to assist those with their unanticipated, emergency,

medical or funeral expenses.

That said, NPTEC will be following the Contingency Fund Policy strictly. Requests for assistance from the Contingency Fund, must be for a dire emergency or extraordinary assistance, pertaining to medical or funeral expenses. Items such as light bills, water bills, rent, etc. will not qualify for assistance from the Contingency Fund.

A detailed request for assistance from the Contingency Fund must thoroughly describe the need, explain why it is considered an emergency or extraordinary expense, and provide a list of funding sources that have denied assistance. Understanding the unanticipated struggles we all face, the NPTEC will strive to continue assisting as many individuals as possible with the remaining funds; consistent with tribal law and policies.

### Nez Perce State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) Project



## SAVE THE DATE

6th annual Native Education Research Summit (K-12), Nez Perce Country



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The Native Education Research Summit is a STEP project collaboration between the Nez Perce Education Dept., Idaho State Dept. of Education, Kamiah School District, Lapwai School District, Academic Development Institute, and Lewis-Clark State College.

Our 2018 Summit is also coordinated with the Washington State University Tribal Liaison's Office.



# Lapwai Wildcats Baseball is the Start of Something Great!



TUI MOLIGA II PITCHES ENTIRE GAME

Lapwai, ID. – A learning curve takes place every time a new organization begins to teach the fundamentals of a new strategy.

Each season, for the Lapwai Wildcats Baseball team the improvements are there, as fans witnessing the development of greatness. The dedicated, show up to perform to the best of their ability and yet the light shines bright for the team, as they work together to achieve success.

Head Coach Winfred Perez, Tui Moliga, Bert Williamson, Luis Arenas and Skip Williamson are the coaching staff of the Lapwai Wildcats Baseball team.

“Winfred and myself coached these young men when they were still in little league,” said Tui Moliga, Assistant Coach.

Tui Moliga II, Issiah Coomer, Keith Kipp Jr., Maceo Henry, Darek Whitman, Sonny Wisdom, Anthony Spencer, Steven Samuels, Justin Rabago-Johnson, David Morrell, Dion CrazyBull, Dominick Williamson, Sonny Reuben, and Mosik Nish the boys season record was 11-9 they finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the state.

“We won a District play-in game against Clearwater Valley 11-7 to qualify for districts and state. Four teams from our Whitepine League made it to

state, which was held in Orofino this year,” said Moliga.

The team has come a long way from boys to young men. A few seniors have plans to go on to college ball. Keith has already committed to play college football with the Lewis Clark Loggers. Issiah Coomer is undecided, but staff will put in a few calls to college coaches on his behalf.

“We plan on getting our lone senior Issiah Coomer playing junior college baseball somewhere where he can pursue his goals of becoming a fisheries biologist. He’s a great kid with tremendous potential because of his abilities to play multiple positions on the diamond but also possesses amazing bat speed and power. Looking forward to seeing him be successful at the next level,” said Head Coach Winfred Perez.

“Our boys have all the talent in the world. Not having baseball in Lapwai for all of those years has put some

anybody else in the league. Getting them playing more will only benefit them and our team,” said Moliga.

The core of the team are juniors this year. They will have a good senior presence on the team next season. All of the returns and newcomers will be a great asset to the team.

“As far as our juniors that will become seniors next season, I’m very excited to see them come full circle and

really make a push to go undefeated the entire season. My assistant coach Tui Moliga can see the potential in this group of young men. We also plan on them playing baseball at the collegiate level,” continued Perez, “Tui II is playing summer ball with a team from Spokane called CREW and will be competing

against some of the biggest college prospects in the country. My son Maceo Henry Perez will compete in San Diego, at the 22nd Annual Baseball Showcase from July 12-15 with 100’s of college scouts from some of the top programs in the country. Later in the summer he will be with the Under Armour Baseball Factory in Omaha competing and showcasing his skills.”

The spirit and unity of this team runs through the veins of the community, as they continue to support the rising stars of the Lapwai Wildcat Baseball organization. Not only are the committed to one another as a family, they are committed to the game.



WILDCATS ON TO STATE FINALS



ISSIAH COOMER SCORES A RUN



DOMINIC WILLIAMSON AT BAT AGAINST CLEARWATER VALLEY

of them behind as far as knowing the game. But they are right there with

## Class of 2031 Graduate Headstart of 2018



do know is that time passes by and it’s what you do, with your life, which leaves a mark. Whether you serve your community or you go off and live elsewhere, be of service to those around you,” said Mitchell.

Proud family members screamed their child’s name in support of their success. The Lapwai Elementary was pack with friends and family to enjoy another accomplishment of the younger members of the community.

Lapwai, ID. – The Early Childhood program celebrated 2018 with the class of 2031’s graduation from the Headstart program. Students had their listening ears on as Casey Mitchell. The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee member announced the name of the outgoing graduates. Close to 39 students will move onto the Lapwai Elementary for the 2019 school year.

“I remember back when I was in Headstart, we wore the painted paper boxes for our hats, which we made ourselves. I still hang out with some of the kids I graduated with and remember some crazy things that I won’t go into at this time. One thing I

### TALMAKS COOKS NEEDED

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## Tribal Salmon Camp

July 29-August 4, 2018 · Hosted by the Yakama Nation at Camp Chaparral

Want to learn about the science of salmon? How about help with a stream restoration project? Have you ever wanted to know more about tribal salmon culture? Then Salmon Camp is the place for you! Twenty incoming 6th-8th grade Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce students will be selected for this week-long summer camp. This year’s camp will be hosted by the Yakama Nation. To learn more and to see the kinds of activities to expect at Salmon Camp, visit [www.critfc.org/salmon-camp](http://www.critfc.org/salmon-camp)

We are also looking for individuals to fill paid counselor and junior counselor (high school student) positions at Salmon Camp. Find out more information on the Salmon Camp website listed above.

Salmon Camp is a project of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRIFTC). For more information, contact the Tribal Workforce Development & Outreach office at 503-238-0667 or [workforce@critfc.org](mailto:workforce@critfc.org)

Salmon Camp is free. Space is limited. Participants are selected through an application process. Application available online. Applications must be received by **June 1, 2018**. All meals and lodging are included. A stipend will be provided upon successful program completion.



## Vision Seekerz Perform at Gathering Of Nations and Rock the Canyon



Doug Marconi, Vision Seekerz Manager.

Soon the Vision Seekerz would find Prescott Speedis a Yakama native form Wapato and began practicing in his garage for another month or two before they were asked to play for other housing events, like fairs and employee appreciation days, birthday parties and eventually clubs.

"We have gone through two lineup changes. We have had a different bass player and now

Lapwai, ID – Indian Country recognizes their own as "Vision Seekerz" performed at Gathering Of Nations Stage 49 Albuquerque New Mexico this past April. They will be performing at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock the Canyon Festival in Shonto Arizona at the end of May with their unique style of Native Fusion that mixes traditional vocals with rock beats.

have added a female singer for some shows and special performances, and have 6 members when we are all together," said Marconi.

Members include Vaughn Yellowwolf, lead guitar Nez Perce enrolled Colville Tribe. Lonnie Sammaripa, guitar & lead vocals, enrolled Walker River Paiute Tribe Nevada, now living in Kamiah Idaho. Eric Smiskin,



VISION SEEKERZ PERFORMED AT GATHERING OF NATIONS

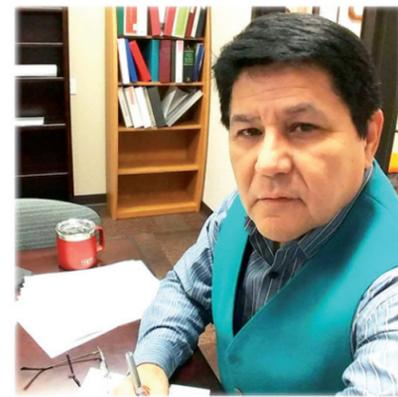
"We stared about six years ago, while Vaughn Yellowwolf and I worked together for the Yakama Nation Housing Authority, where someone told him and I about each other playing guitar. We met and decide to form a band and looked for a singer, bass player and drummer. I found a singer at a local joint hosting Karaoke, and just so happened he was native, and he began to practice with us. We started making music and writing songs. The Housing Authority Vaughn and I worked at wanted entertainment for an event and asked us to play, so the three of us just jammed at first, because we didn't have a bass player and drummer yet," said

Bass guitar enrolled Colville Tribe, Nespelem Washington. Prescott Speedis, Drummer enrolled Yakama lives in Wapato WA. Jerry Palmer back up drummer, who played at Albuquerque Stage 49, enrolled Colville Special Grand Coulee WA. and performs with Cristina Del Rosario Cello player, New Mexico tribal descendant.

The two Nez Perce tribal members are Marconi and Yellowwolf.

The Vision Seekerz have performed in approximately 100 events or shows. They played in the local club scene, tribal casinos and tribal community events. The biggest shows were at Albuquerque NM Gathering Of Nations Stage 49 and a special Water is Life event for Standing Rock at Bing Crosby Theater in Spokane WA. Vaughn also traveled and played live at Standing Rock Oceti Sakowin Camp North and South Dakota.

"It feels special to have our music out there in Indian Country on Tribal Radio stations & newsprint, and being able to show the younger Native generation that hard work and dedication can pay off to be able to Represent Native Talent," said Marconi.



DOUG MARCONI, MANAGER

Vision Seekerz play several styles of music, Blues Rock, Alternative, Classic Rock and some Country. They also have what they call native Fusion, which mixes traditional vocals with rock beats.

"The satisfaction comes from when people enjoy our style and sound and the inspiration people receive at the end of performances is rewarding and keeps us motivated. Very few people are naturally talented so practice until it sounds right. Biggest tip is to pick a genre and style, then pick a song, then another song and soon you will have learned a handful of songs to encourage yourselves of the progress you can make," said Marconi.

Doug Marconi is always on the hunt for guitars, amplifiers and gear, but always by what you afford and put to use. It is like a tool to do the job, take care of them and they will make you money. The recent invites to the Vision Seekerz by the various selection committees that eventually lead to the performances is a several month process before acts are notified. "Rock the Canyon" is a large outdoor festival compris-

ing of musicians and other media artists. There will be 40 bands in two days to share Native Arts and Culture of All tribes, in the beautiful Navajo Mountains of Shonto Canyon Arizona. Vision Seekerz will headline the June 1<sup>st</sup> performance.

"We want to thank all our families from the area reservations for their continued support and encouragement and of course the cool Nez Perce Tribe for this shout out and the fans, you know who you are," said Marconi.

Vision Seekerz started out writing and performing original music, and soon discovered businesses, clubs, bars and Casino's primarily want Cover bands.

"It is great to perform an original song in between sets, which by the way (usually four hour total gig time, and that's before any travel, set-up and tear down time. Not including rehearsals before and learning new songs.) It's the turning point that bands need to decide early on," said Marconi.

"I was always encouraged by people saying, 'don't you want people to recognize and sing your songs on the radio'. Lesson: Sure, play your own material but when you are hired, as entertainment and the audience wants to be entertained, you have to learn what the venue and audience want. At that point, it's like having a dream job. You

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## Dana Sotomish crowned Miss Tutxinmepu

On April 7, 2018, Dana Sotomish was crowned "Miss Tutxinmepu 2018-2019." The Native American Student Center, in conjunction with the Native American Student Association and the University of Idaho, hosts the Tutxinmepu Powwow each year. Tutxinmepu is a Nez Perce word meaning "the place where the deer loses its spots." Dancers, drummers and audiences come from across the Northwest and Canada to participate in this visual and artistic representation of the strength and vitality of the Native culture.

She attends Northwest Indian College at the Nez Perce Tribe satellite campus located in Lapwai, Idaho. Dana has made the President list for grades of

excellence. She currently works for the Nez Perce Enterprises at the Clearwater River Casino. Dana Sotomish is Nez Perce/Quinault.

Dana is the daughter of Scherri Greene and David Sotomish. Maternal granddaughter Loretta and Ron Halfmoon and the late "Ip-Sus-Nute V." Paternal granddaughter to the late "Inky" and "Betty" Sotomish. She thanks those that supported her efforts by purchasing tickets or attended to witness her crowning. She looks forward to the upcoming pow-wow season and representing the UI with this title. Dana will host a special next year during the pow-wow and hopes that people mark their calendar early!



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## The Science of Condor Breeding Meets Up With a Nez Perce Ceremony



LTOR: TATE MASON, EDUCATION DIRECTOR, NAKIA WILLIAMSON, SILAS WHITMAN AND ALAN PINKHAM.

Boise, Idaho- The Peregrine Fund boasts the largest California condor (**Gymnogyps californianus**) breeding facility, which is only one of four in the nation. The Fund anticipates their first condor chick of the year to hatch from its 57 day incubation cycle this Monday, April 9, 2018. In honor of the occasion, the World Center for Birds of Prey will be hosting elders from the Nez Perce Tribe, of north-central Idaho, who intend to conduct a ceremony, welcoming this newest member of their community.

Nez Perce elder Silas Whitman says, "All the birds started the original drum, they all had to be there for it to start, and they took those words up high and made them into song and so began the first ceremony. No bird ever sings off key. They all harmonize. And Condor has his place in taking things from down below, up high; he flies the highest. His voice is not high like Eagle's, but everybody has their role to play. Nature is one community with many members. If we treat the other members we share this land with the way we want to be treated, we thrive together. If not, then we need to make up the difference before we no longer have the opportunity. It has always worked this way. It is why we welcome salmon home; it is why we thank water as life; and it is the reason we are here to honor Condor and welcome this next generation."

In late 2016, the Nez Perce Tribe began working on a habitat suitability study to assess the possibility of returning these iconic birds to their homeland, where they once flew along the Snake River in Hells Canyon. The last condors reported in Idaho were seen cleaning up dead sheep in the foothills, above Boise during the mid-1890. Although condors have not been seen in Idaho for two generations, tribes across this region still have cultural ties to this bird, with the largest wingspan of any in North America.

Condors once lived as far north as the Frazier River in British Columbia, Canada. Currently no condors fly free in the Pacific Northwest, despite two breeding facilities located in the Oregon and Idaho regions. The Tribe's Wildlife Division was awarded a two-year grant by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to study the habitat of Hells Canyon. The study considers if there are any viable areas within the northern portion of the vulture's historic range, where recovery efforts could expand.

The Nez Perce (Nimiipuu) are no strangers to wildlife recovery. The Tribe

has been a regional leader in restoring iconic Pacific Northwest species such as wolves, salmon, and big horn sheep for decades. Assisting to help delist the endangered California Condor, is viewed as a step toward healing the Tribal community. "We embody the land; nature is an extension of us," says the Cultural Resources Director, Nakia Williamson, who will be among those in attendance Monday.

Williamson shares, "We are conducting a ceremony that connects us to this Land; everything has a place and role upon this land, including Nimiipuu people. Wala'sat songs acknowledge our life and our interdependence upon all living things of this land, in this place. They also acknowledge our accountability to all living beings here, including those not being heard. It is our responsibility to be their voice."

Nez Perce Tribe Conservation Biologist, David Moen agrees with Williamson. He says sociologists often refer to these principles as Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK). Moen, who will accompany the attending elders, points out that TEK rests at the heart of Ecological Science. It also enhances it through important cultural practices, such as ceremony, which helps remind people to safeguard the critical ecological connections necessary to sustain life.

"TEK and indigenous ways of knowing about how to live well in a particular place help temper the destructive tendencies of modernization that are at the root of habitat loss and species extinction; all the things condors are helping us to see more clearly." Moen says, "Many of the connections we are making in science today have been well understood by the Nimiipuu, who have lived here for millennia; through observation, deep intuition, and communion with the land. There really is no separation between nature and culture. Traditional ways of knowing offers guidelines to help us keep our technology accountable to the ecological services we all depend on, including condors. 'What we do to the land we do to ourselves' is not a simple cliché, it's the cultural bedrock of survival. Like Aldo Leopold once said, 'A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.' I am honored to witness this unique and special occasion and hope it represents the first of many more to come."

The ceremony was held Monday at 2:30 in the afternoon and was not opened to the public.



## "Kicuy News" BY DR. PERCAP



Native American Financial Advice

### A Wild Ride

**Dear Dr. Per Cap: I am turning 18 next week and will be getting my Minor's Trust payment. I am psyched! I am thinking of getting a Cadillac Escalade or maybe just a Land Rover. I was wondering, what color do you think I should get it in - black or gunmetal grey? ~ Signed, Built for Speed**

Dear Built for Speed,

Whoa there! Let's take a step back here and take a deep breath. You have a lot more to think about than the color of your car. You're about to receive a large amount of cash, and you want to make sure that money lasts longer than the new car smell. Otherwise it is just "easy come, easy go."

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, and you should make a plan for what you are going to do with your money before spending one dime. The plan doesn't have to be complicated either. Maybe write a paragraph describing how you intend to spend your money over the next few years; or draw a pie chart with wedges that represent expenses and savings. A good rule of thumb for a young person is to save at least 50%, but don't be afraid to sock away more. Then put your plan somewhere where you'll see it every day; like your refrigerator door, bathroom mirror, or even the inside of your locker at school.

Now let's talk about car buying. But I'm gonna have to apply the brakes here, too. Getting a new car can be fun, and a car is also a necessity for many people. But keep a few things in mind. First: a car is not an investment because it actually loses value, or **depreciates**, over time. In fact, some brand new cars can depreciate by as much as \$2,000 the moment you drive them off the dealer's lot! So don't assume your car will hold its value if you ever need to sell it.

Next, remember the words a wise man once told me: "You start paying for a car after you buy it." (Would you be-

lieve the wise man was actually my high school wrestling coach? Yep!) And my coach was right because as soon as the ink dries on your sales contract, and you'll be spending more money on stuff like insurance, gas and maintenance.

The third thing to think about is that those car dealers are smart, and know how to separate people from their money - they are good at their job. So be a savvy shopper and maybe take an experienced friend or family member with you when you are looking around for the perfect car, to make sure the car salesman doesn't take you for a ride.

Ok, so now that you have the road map in front of you, and you have your plan, think about what car best suits your needs - do you need good gas mileage, a big truck bed, or is reliability the most important thing? Next, if your budget can afford it, you can think about your wants too - a kickin' stereo, rims, sunroof, tint, etc. Then shop around, and take your time. And before you know it, you'll be zooming around town in your dream car - and still have money in the bank for later. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride! PS: Oh, yeah, and I vote for the color red.

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## YOUTH MONEY BASICS

MONDAY June 11, 2018	TUESDAY June 12, 2018	WEDNESDAY June 13, 2018
<b>KAMIAH</b>	<b>OROFINO</b>	<b>LAPWAI</b>
10-12PM 3rd-8th gr.	10-12PM 3rd-8th gr.	10-12PM 3rd-8th gr.
<b>Lunch for ALL Participants.</b>	<b>Lunch for ALL Participants.</b>	<b>Lunch for ALL Participants.</b>
1-3PM 9-12TH gr.	1-3PM 9-12TH gr.	1-3PM 9-12TH gr.
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Please contact our office at (208) 843-2464 and find out what we can do for you!



## Vision Seekerz Perform at Gathering Of Nations and Rock the Canyon

**Vision Seeker Cont. From Page 9**

can have all the best equipment and no talent or skill. Or you can have energy, heartfelt soulful and melodic tunes that people can relate to," explained Marconi.

Rock the Canyon 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Music Festival May 31 – June 2, 2018.

Listen to the diverse sounds of Vision Seekerz on Facebook and YouTube.

Focus on good writing and the good songs will flow. One day people just might hear the songs on the radio. Several years ago, that finally did happen for the Vision Seekerz at KYNR Yakama Nation radio.

"When you hear your music blasting over the airways you want to shout it out to everybody and anybody. 'Hey that's my band on the radio,'" Marconi stated.

Lastly, Doug Marconi wanted to give credit where credit is due. You know the saying, "Who were your heroes?"

"I have the usual six string guitar inspirations, like Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn, but I am talking about our local Native Musicians, Like Lapwai's own Randy Bennett Sr. who encouraged me to keep playing in the late 80's. Early inspirations like the NezPercians, Grampa Fox McCormack & Titus White and I am sure may others. I was honored to play guitar with Leroy Villegas and Johnny Curtis many times and was inspired every time, still am to this day in fact. Now I make sure I have other Native Musicians like Mato Nanji of Indigenious, Levi Platero, Derek Miller and Jared Stewart on my iTunes rotation of songs. All these guys paid their dues, that's why I want to tell any upcoming Indian musician to practice, play with all you heart and soul but most importantly do not forget your family, friends and fans that continue to support your efforts. Thanks my Nimiipuu family for this time to share our experience with you via Ta'c Tito'oqan," concluded Marconi.

## YOUTH CULTURAL ENRICHMENT ACADEMY

### APPLICATION

**June 18 - July 12, 2018**

The goals of YCEA are; to develop critical thinking processes, utilizing culturally relevant learning materials promoting excellence in education, to develop and enhance youth, workforce development skills with special emphasis in science, technology, and math fields. To perpetuate the importance of Nez Perce traditional gathering cycle, identify food groups indigenous to this territory promoting environmental stewardship, to preserve and strengthen cultural knowledge of the Nez Perce tribe, work with elders and with projects that give back to the community.

- The general eligibility requirements are:
  - 1) GRADE, incoming 9-12 grades.
  - 2) TRIBE, be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
  - 3) ADDRESS, priority will be given to those living in the Lapwai, Orofino, and Kamiah area year round, those living outside this area will be considered on a space available basis.
  - 4) PARENT/GUARDIAN must participate in program intake to collect information for Tribe's assurance to comply with reporting requirements-July 11 or 12th at 5pm.
  - 5) COMMITMENT, be able to attend each week (June 18-July 12th).
- A limited number of students will be able to participate, complete your application before the deadline (June 7, 2018).

## Dams, Fish, Controversy

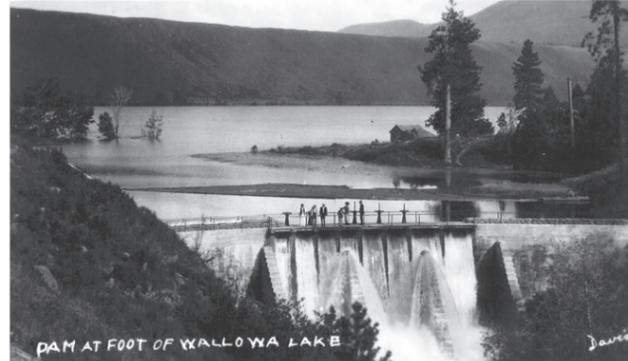
Salmon talk—and controversy—today is about "spills" on Columbia and Snake River dams to help push salmon smolt to the sea. Fifty and sixty years ago, it was about getting salmon upriver to native spawning grounds.

The June exhibit at the Josephy Center, which opens on Saturday, June 2 at 4:00 p.m., builds on one that Tamástlikt Cultural Institute on the Umatilla Reservation did last year on Celilo and the dam at The Dalles. They called it "Progress vs. Protest," and told stories of the economic and energy gains—and the losses of fish and Indian culture on the Big River. In planning this exhibit, Tamástlikt Director Bobbie Conner suggested that we localize, with stories of the dam at Wallowa Lake and the High Mountain Sheep Dam—the one that did not get built—joining text and photos from Celilo.

The Josephy Center asked Joe Whittle to research the Wallowa Lake dams, and Jon Rombach to take on High Mountain Sheep. The result is an exhibit that gives background on the march of dams on the Columbia, a good accounting of the flooding of the ancient fishing site at Celilo with the construction of The Dalles Dam, and tells important local stories about dams, fish, and tribal culture.

Early settlers scooped sockeye salmon out of Wallowa Lake by the thousands, and failed to realize the species' special migration pattern from Ocean to river, lake, and headwaters—and back to the sea. But the understanding of all salmon by the scientists of the day—the late 1800s and early 1900s—was off the mark. Thinking that native streams were not important—that Pacific salmon would randomly find a river to travel—scientists thought they could make up for the huge cannery

harvests on the Columbia with hatcheries and moving eggs and smolts from one river to the next. Locally, dams and



WALLOWA LAKE

hatcheries at Minam and Troy, the experts thought, would easily replace the fish the settlers were harvesting on upper rivers and in Wallowa Lake.

No one bothered to ask the Indians. In this exhibit, we include the Indian stories of dams and salmon. And several special programs will allow for discussion of dams and fish. The revitalized Associated Ditch Company will talk about the present and future of the Wallowa Lake Dam at a June 12 Brown Bag, and Nez Perce Fisheries biologists Brian Simmons and Lora Tennant will describe how Imnaha salmon and steelhead fare as they migrate through the hydrosystem on a June 19 Brown Bag. That Tuesday evening Nez Perce elder and Fisheries veteran Silas Whitman will talk about culture, salmon, and the Snake River dams, with special attention to the one that did not get built. He'll be able to point to a topographical map in the exhibit that shows how much of Hells Canyon and the Imnaha River corridor would have disappeared under **Lake Imnaha**.

Other programs are in the works, and Allen Pinkham Jr. will continue his dugout canoe carving in June. The exhibit runs the entire month, but please put the opening, the big splash on June 2 at 4:00 p.m., on your calendar. Tamástlikt Director Bobbie Conner will be here to help launch the show.

Contact Rich Wandschneider at the Josephy Center for more information: 541-432-0505.

Nez Perce Tribe Senior Citizens Program

**FRIDAY** **JUNE 8, 2018**

# Tribal Elder's Day

2018 Nez Perce Tribe Elder's Day Agenda \* Clearwater River Casino Event Center

6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Door Open; Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer & Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Presentation of Colors by Tribal Veteran's Inviting all Tribal Veteran's honor song by Waap'qa'qun Drum Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Welcome
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	BINGO (Elder's Only)
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Lunch – Meal Ticket Needed
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Entertainment
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Gift Bag Drawings
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Retire the Colors

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For more information or to sign up contact the I Vision Team

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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF THE LEWIS CLARK VALLEY**

**KIDs Speak OUT...**

**Kendyl Greene**, age 7 says, "I like a lot of things about the club. All my friends go there and we have fun. We like to play in the gamesroom and we just got a new staff, yesterday we played charades and I pretended to be a lion. I help the staff clean because I

like to and they sometimes give me a prize. I also like the arts and crafts. I like to make necklaces and paintings to give to my mom. We also made cars and flowers for Mother's Day I go to the club every day! I wish they were open all of the time."

**Cleveland Broncheau**, age 6 says, "The club is really cool. I like to go play games with my friends. We build Jenga towers that are really, really, tall. I don't like when I accidently knock mine over! We did a race one time to see who could build the highest tower one time and I won! The staff are always really nice and have fun things for me to do. I like doing science in the Ed. Center. One time we built a volcano! It was fun. I also meet with a staff every week and the staff ask me about my day and school and home stuff"

**CALENDAR**

June 1st	Last Day of School Year Celebration (1-2:30pm)
June 1st	Americorp Arts & Crafts Activity (2:30-4pm)
June 4th-8th	Shut Down Week, Club Closed for Staff Training
June 6th	Lapwai Elementary Playday
June 11th	First Day of Summer
June 15th	Lapwai Clubhouse 20th Year Celebration
June 19th	First Day of Summer Outreach (9-11am Orofino) (12-4pm Kamiah)
June 21st	Summer Outreach
June 26th	Summer Outreach
June 28th	Summer Outreach

**Youth of the Month for the Different Program Areas are:**

**Your CLUB**

Service	Lauren Gould
Leadership	Malaya Ellenwood
Gamesroom	Samara Smith
Athlete	Layson Morrel
Education/Computers	Cavel Samuels
Arts & Crafts	Tecoa Enick
Phase II	Mayalu Spencer
Staff Highlight	Elizabeth Fernandez and Carmen Neiman

## Program Staff & Area Highlight

Hello, our names are Elizabeth & Carmen. We are Youth Development Professionals for the Lapwai Clubhouse and work in the Gymnasium area of the Club. The Gym area includes; an abundance of sports equipment, volleyball court, foursquare court and basketball hoops. As Program Staff, we provide daily activities for our Club members ages 5-11 and try to get as many Club members involved. Our Club members currently enjoy playing many fun and active games such as; dodgeball & doctor warball, four square, volleyball and basketball. Through these activities, we teach members skills to play and instill values such as teamwork and sportsmanship. Other values we help instill are responsibility and influence by encouraging members to give feedback on activities to plan and help staff put away equipment after activities and assist with some cleaning in the gym at the end of the day. We want to help teach our members to respect their Clubhouse and appreciate equipment for longevity for future members to have and enjoy too.

programs in the gym that help us do that, which are; Triple Play (Health & Fitness Program), Project Learn (Men-



We like to guide members to make healthy decisions to help them improve their physical, mental and emotional health so they can be successful. We currently implement three

toring Program) & TRAIL (Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Program).

The gymnasium is a great area for our Club members to enjoy physical activities along with participating in life enhancing programs. We don't only encourage activity but we teach members about how to live a well-rounded healthy lifestyle including physical health such as nutrition and exercise, and mental and emotional health. It's important to give these members the tools to live a long and healthy lifestyle. The gym is open Monday-Thursday from 3:30-6pm Friday 1-6pm, along with extended hours for teens from 7-8pm Wednesday-Friday. Triple Play Program is ran every day from 4-5pm and TRAIL is ran every Wednesday from 4-5pm. If you would like to sign your child up for Project Learn, please talk to our Program Director Josilin Peters.

## Clubhouse Programs

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley (Lapwai Unit) is implementing a Boys & Girls Clubs Summer Outreach Program. The program will be implementing activities from the core areas of the Club, which are; Character & Leadership, Education & Career, Sports & Recreation, Health & Life Skills and the Arts.

and character development experiences, which gives hope and opportunity to our members.

The 9 week program begins June 19, 2018 & ends August 16, 2018 and will take place every Tuesday & Thursday from 9am-12pm at the Tewepuu Community Center in Orofino, Id. and from 1pm-4pm at the Wa-a'yas Community Center in Kamiah, Id. The program is open to all youth ages 5-18 and all participants must register to become Boys & Girls Club members. The Nez Perce Tribe covers club membership fees and parents/guardians only need to fill out and turn in a Club membership form for their child.



KAMIAH SITE

It is a collaboration of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lewis Clark Valley (Lapwai Unit) and the Nez Perce Tribe and its tribal community centers in Oro-

The summer outreach program is aimed at raising awareness of Boys & Girls Clubs in neighboring communities who are without a Clubhouse facility, as well as, showing the benefits of its programs and activities for youth. Also providing the youth with a safe place to learn and grow while nurturing ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals through our organizations life-enhancing programs



TWEEPUU SITE

fino & Kamiah. Another contributing partner will be the Upriver Youth Leadership Council who will be helping assist with implementation in Kamiah.

For more information please contact: Lapwai Clubhouse (208) 843-9371 and speak with Josilin Peters, Program Director [jpeters@poweroftheclub.org](mailto:jpeters@poweroftheclub.org) Or

Isaac Sisto, unit Director [isisto@poweroftheclub.org](mailto:isisto@poweroftheclub.org)  
 Where: Tewepuu Community Center 3402 Hwy.12 Orofino, Id. 83544  
 Wa-a'yas Community Center 401 Idaho St. Kamiah, Id. 83536



### Summer Clubhouse Hours

**GOAL:**  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE LEWIS CLARK VALLEY (LAPWAI UNIT) WILL BE IMPLEMENTING SUMMER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH.

**WHO:**  
ALL YOUTH AGES 5-18 ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE & REGISTER AS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS.  
(\*ALL 5 YEAR OLDS MUST GOING INTO KINDERGARTEN)

**WHAT:**  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES & AREAS  
**INCLUDE:** -GAMESROOM  
 -ARTS & CRAFTS  
 -EDUCATION CENTER  
 -GYM  
 -TEEN CENTER  
 -MOVIES  
 -MINI TOURS  
 -AND MORE

**WHEN:**  
JUNE 11TH-AUGUST 17TH 2018  
**MONDAY -FRIDAY**  
**(7:30AM-5:30PM)**

**WHERE:**

**Contact Info.**  
 Unit Director: Isaac Sisto  
 Program Director: Josilin Peters  
 Phone: (208) 843-9371  
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**"CONGRATULATIONS"**

**DEREK "RED ARROW" FRANK**

Earning his Juris Doctor from  
*Seattle University School of Law*  
on May 12, 2018

Derek was a recipient of the "Doug Nash Full-Tuition Scholarship"

Derek is the son of Al and Amy Frank; grandson of Ella and Floyd F. Frank.

## “Play in Your Mocs” 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Basketball Tournament

Lapwai, ID. – “Play in Your Mocs” was founded by Angela Picard, Cassandra Kipp, Monique Picard, Andre Picard Jr., Delrae Kipp, Lauri Ann Cloud, Venice Guillory, Victoria Mitchell, Earl Kipp, Jalene & Chaia Powaukee in 2009. The biggest northwest basketball tournament that opened its doors up to 70 to 80 youth teams.

“About nine years ago in March, our little sister was laying around on the couch saying she was “bored” on a Friday night. She was texting a few friends who were mentioning the same thing and complaining that no one would ask them to play in the next Rez tourney. I was annoyed with her (as I always am because she is my kid sister) but this time I spoke up, “Knock it off. If you want to go, then let’s go. Ask a couple girls to join your team and I’ll sign you guys up.” For the next couple of weekends we hit up BAAD, Puyallup, and Lummi. On each trip, they asked us when our youth tourney was. We responded that Lapwai doesn’t have one and that we didn’t know why nobody would put one on. Then all the girls looked at me and said, “Knock it off. If you want to do it, then let’s do it!” Using my own words against me I said, “Ok, let’s do it then.” So, in May of 2009 we held our first “Play in Your Moccasins” Youth Basketball Tournament for 18 & 14 & Under Boys and Girls. I think in that first year we had about 28 teams. Each year we added a division or two and it grew quickly. Around the third or fourth year, we were very grateful for an amazing brand new High School gym. This is what made us realize the potential of hosting a great youth tourney,” said Angela Picard, PIYM Founder.

Next year is the tenth year hosting the event, the Founders learned from their successes but also from their mistakes and instead of ignoring those concerns raised, they hear them and decided if they need to adjust. The organization also tries to make sure anyone is welcome to join the committee. In the end, hosting a tournament this large requires many helpful hands, so the more who step in and assist the better (books, clock, pick up garbage, help at concessions or t-shirt stand, coach, etc.).

“The stores, restaurants, hotels, gas stations in the area highlight the date of the tournament on their calendars. Every hotel in the area

sell out on that weekend. Stores and restaurants have a constant stream of customers throughout the weekend. Usually by Monday morning, they are pulling their hair out as much as I am but of course a good boost for our local economy,” said Angela Picard.

On April 20-22, 2018, 78 teams register for the tournament and 78 teams showed up to play.

“This is the first year that every single team that said they were coming showed up. If you have ever put on a Rez Tourney you know how amazing it is to have zero “NO SHOW” teams,” commented Picard.

The team that came the furthest distance was “Fear Factor” of Carson City, Nevada. They were in the 12 and Under Girls division and ended up taking Runner-up in their category after coming back door to the Championship game. They ended up playing eight games all weekend 1 Friday, 4 Saturday, and 3 Sunday.

The weekend had a lineup of entertainment for the youth after their games.

“We learned by going to other youth tournaments that the more activities you have scheduled for the kids throughout the weekend the less they are bored and want to plan their own “get-togethers”. On Saturday we usually have a players/coaches feast (this year we did a player’s picnic), Ice Cream Social, Marshmallow/Weiner Roast with ‘Smiles- the Balloon Making Master, & a Teen Dance,” said Picard.

Andre Picard was in charge of the weekend vendors and made sure they had a specific number of spots filled at each gym. To maximize their profits they limited the number of vendors to 3-4 at the High School, 1-2 at the Pinevaus, and 1 at the Elementary.

“Next year will be the 10th Annual! We have some great ideas in the making to celebrate 10 years,” said Angela Picard!

Play In Your Moccasins 2018 List of Winners:

- 9 & Under Coed**  
Champions: Shadow Wolves of Yakama. MVP: Budda, Allstars: Clifford Eneas & Chance Spencer.
- 2nd Place: Young Bucks of Lapwai. Allstars: Tristen Konen & Dougie Pappan.
- 3rd Place: Elwha Warriors of Port Angeles, WA. Allstars: Dark Feather Black Crowe & Kolby Charles



18UG - YAKAMA

### 12 & Under Girls

Champions: Nation of Lapwai. MVP:



18UG - SWEETWATER ATHLETICS

Soa Moliga, Allstars: Kendal Wallace & Kayana Bass.



16UG - LOWER VALLEY SELECT

2nd Place: NV Fear Factor, Allstars: Jaileen Yarrow & Jazmin Torrez  
3rd Place: Magical Moves of Yakama.



15UG - NATIVE STORM

Allstars: Bree Peters & Sasha Esquiro.

### 12 & Under Boys

Champions: Wipwip of Lapwai. MVP: Kase Wynott. Allstars: Chris Bohnee & Champ Powaukee

2nd Place: Shadow Wolves, Allstars: Shane Rivera & Hazen Jacob  
3rd Place: StromTroopers of Warm-springs, OR. Allstars Henry Begaye & Bear Moses.

### 14 & Under Boys

Champions: Legacy of Yakama Nation. MVP: Mylo Jones. Allstars: Kupkana Leavitt & James Matheny, Jr.

2nd Place: Young Gunz of Colville Res. Allstars: Jayce Pakootas & Napoleon Winston.

3rd Place: Cusick of Kalispel Tribe. Allstars: Colton Seymour & Kyden Nomee.

### 15 & Under Girls

Champions: Native Storm. MVP: Mia Smith. Allstars: Jenny Jacobo & Glory Sobotta.

2nd Place: Whiteswan Cougars of Yakama Nation. Allstars: Shayonnie Jackson & Alexis Stein.

3rd Place: Lapwai of Nez Perce. Allstars: Julia Gould & KC Lussoro.



14UB - LEGACY

### 16 & Under Boys

Champions: Lower Valley Select. MVP: Bryce Strom, Allstars: Mylo



12UG - RIP CITY NATION

Jones & Bryan Strom.

2nd Place: Rez Loyal, Allstars: Mick Schimmel & Mark McCollough



12UG - LAPWAI WIP WIP

3rd Place: DLoading of Colville & Spokane Tribes. Allstars: Damian Wapato



9UC - SHADOW WOLVES

& Jonathan Cante

### 18 & Under Girls

Champions: Yakama. MVP: Janealle Sutterlick. Allstars: Ashley Anderson & Mary Stewart

2nd Place: Lapwai. Allstars: Amil Mitchell & Gracey Meyers

3rd Place: Good Squad. Allstars: Rylee Desautel & Kristen Romero

### 18 & Under Boys

Champions: Sweetwater Athletics. MVP: Damek Mitchell, Allstars: Derrick Pakootas & Xavier Guillory.

2nd Place: Uprise Elite. Allstars: Emmitt Taylor, III & Bryan Strom.

3rd Place: Rez Loyal. Allstars: River Allen & Ryan Thompson, Jr.

## David Aiken SUPERINTENDENT OF LAPWAI

Welcoming New Staff to the Lapwai School District

After a year without music instruction while we searched for the best candidate possible, music is returning to the Lapwai School District. Join us in welcoming Emma Shaffer who has been selected to teach music next year. This University of Idaho graduate is joining us from the Nyssa School District in Nyssa, Oregon. Her goal was to return to Idaho to be closer to family. Emma shared she is willing to be challenged not only to grow, but to push herself as a teacher to instruct students to her absolute best ability. This engaging music educator is an excellent match for our talented students.

Thomas Tucker, a new graduate from Boise State University, has been recruited for math instruction next year at Lapwai Middle-High School. This Orofino native shared his goal

is to increase excitement for learning, specifically in mathematics. Thomas is replacing Ken Kessler who is semi-retiring to pursue new challenges.

Valerie Ridinger, Lapwai Middle-High School science teacher, is also leaving the district to relocate to southern Idaho where her husband has found employment. Jake Genthos, a recruit from the Lewiston School District, will be filling this role. This Lewis-Clark State College and Texas Tech University graduate has earned endorsements in both natural and biological sciences. Jake shared his passion for the sciences includes instilling skills of inquiry, critical thinking, and systemic problem solving with his students.

Please join us in welcoming these new educators to the Lapwai School District. We were incredibly fortunate to find qualified candidates for these extremely hard to fill positions.

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

- B. Significant contributions to productivity, innovations, efficiency, and/or demonstrates dedication and commitment to the goals of the nominee’s program, department and/or the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises.
- D. Exceptional performance that has significantly contributed to the efficiency and/or financial performance of the program, department and/or the Nez Perce Tribal Enterprises.

“Employee of the Month April”

Preslee Moses, Surveillance Officer

Preslee is dedicated and very meticulous in her daily approach as well as review of material and incidents of the casino/Enterprise property. She exemplifies what we would like in an employee as a Supervisor. She works hard, easy to work with, gets results.

Towatoy Bourgeau





## Jason Elbert Daniels, 44, Lapwai, ID.

Jason Elbert Daniels was called home to the creator. Jason was born Oct. 23, 1973, to Joe "Hardy" Daniels III and Linda "Sticks" Watters.



Jason attended school at Lapwai Elementary and Lapwai Junior and Senior High School. He later obtained his GED diploma.

Jason loved to hunt and fish and exercised his treaty rights every opportunity he had. He was a member of the Alpowia Band and Wallowa Band, and that made him a strong believer in his culture.

Jason was preceded in death by

his maternal grandparents, Gordon and Dora Watters; his paternal grandparents, Joseph W. Daniels Jr. and Josephine Paul Ramsey; and his father, Joe "Hardy" Daniels III. Jason's survivors include his mother, Linda "Sticks" Watters of Lapwai; a sister, Mary Ellenwood of Lapwai; a brother, Samuel Ellenwood Sr. of Lapwai; a sister, Mazie Jo Daniels of Lapwai; a son, Curry Pinkham of Nespelem, Wash.; and a daughter, Emily Delaney-Daniels of Oregon; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Seven Drum services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Pi Nee Waus Community Center, and a burial service will be held Thursday morning in Spalding. Dinner will follow after the burial service.

## Cheryl Naomi Cunningham, 66, Lapwai, ID.

In loving memory of Cheryl Naomi (Johnnie) Cunningham, who was born on Oct. 10, 1952, to Gloria Jane Spaulding Harrison and Raphael Johnnie in Duncan, British Columbia. Her paternal grandparents were Louie and Nora Harrison. Her maternal grandparents were Philip Spaulding and Amelia Powakee Spaulding. She was raised in Lapwai by her mom and dad, Janie and Chickie Harrison. She attended Lapwai High School and graduated in 1970. In high school, she excelled in all sports. She then enjoyed continuing to play in All-Indian tournaments, where she continued to dominate and was quite the athlete in the region.



She then attended Intermountain Indian School and trained as a dental assistant in Utah, where she met and married Hank Hollie, with whom she had two daughters, Ruby and Kim. She relocated to Seattle to work for Indian Health Service in dentistry. She, sadly, lost a son, Armand Jerome, in 1974. She returned home to Lapwai and married David Cunningham Sr. They had three sons, the late David Jr., Peter and Ricky.

Cheryl was known by many organizations in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley for her hard work and expertise in a myriad of areas such as dental assisting, road construction, paper mill, gaming, Headstart, education and care giving. She held many positions at the Nez Perce Tribe, including managing the limestone quarry, Headstart and working at the Clearwater River Casino. Cheryl was initially a shift manager; however, after her talents in leadership were recognized, she worked her way

up to general manager. She retired from the casino in 2015. Her drive and desire to help her tribe drove her back to school to receive her associate degree in business management from Lewis-Clark State College. She completed her contribution to the Nez Perce Tribe as a part-time senior citizens' aide, where she loved her interactions with the elders of our tribe.

Her other interests included playing basketball, softball, camping, huckleberry picking, traveling with family and cooking, and she was known for her famous red velvet cake. She was a very caring and loving woman who took many children from her children's ball teams where she was known as their "basketball/baseball mom." Many fellow employees looked on her as much more than a supervisor or boss; she had each individual's needs for their betterment and often went above and beyond the needs identified when helping.

Family was extremely important to her and includes her six children, Ruby Cunningham of Phoenix, Ariz., Kim and Jack Hartwig of Spokane, the late Armand Jerome Scott, the late David Cunningham Jr., Peter (Kari) Cunningham of Spokane and Ricky (Karen) Cunningham of Zillah, Wash. Her siblings include Raphael Johnnie Sr., Vina Harrison and Roxanne Pierre, all of Lapwai; and Murphy Johnnie, Foster Johnnie and Gary Johnnie, all of Duncan. She was blessed with 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There will be a rosary at 6 p.m. Monday at Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center, with a funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday, also at Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center. Burial will follow at the Nez Perce Tribal Cemetery and dinner will follow at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center.

## Albert Matthew Picard, 20, White Swan, WA.

Albert Matthew Picard passed away on May 16, 2018 at the age of 20 years.

Albert was born in Lewiston, Idaho on October 8, 1997 and passed on at home in White Swan, Washington.



Albert was affectionately called "Baby Albs" because he was named after his Uncle Albs (Albert Johnson). He was a fearless child who loved to wrestle his big brother Antone and whoever else he could, get his strong slim arms around. Albert was athletic and played basketball and football through his school years. The one and only year he participated in track he qualified for State.

Albert was from a family of seven and was part of many extended families. He, along with family and friends, would play basketball or football all day and sometimes into the night. A friend shared that "Albert was a bright young man who lit up the room with his presence...a great soul that will never be forgotten".

He grew up in Harrah and White Swan. He went to high school in White Swan and graduated 2016. Albert was accepted to EWU and was interested in

journalism. He also wanted to coach youth sports.

Albert worked at various jobs around White Swan. He traveled three summers to Missouri to attend Warrior Leadership Summit with On Eagles Wings and Ron Hutchcraft Ministries, for Native American youth.

Albert is survived by his Mom, Carolyn Picard, his Dad Charles John, and his brothers Antone Picard, Caleb and Simon Tahmalwash his sisters Tasha, Elizabeth, and Emilia John; grandpa Bill "Chief" Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his Grandmother Elizabeth "Missy" (Picard) Johnson; his maternal great-grandparents Gene & Theodora "Teddi" (Allman) Picard; maternal great-great-grandparents Rev. William & Marie (Arthur) Allman. Albert will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

There will be Washat Services Friday night at 4:00 pm at Grandma Betty's, 2000 Progressive Road, in Wapato. On Saturday morning, Albert will be transported to Lapwai, Idaho for a 4:00 p.m., Memorial Service led by Bill Picard and Dan Picard at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center. Burial will follow at the Spalding Cemetery and a dinner will be served immediately after the burial back at the Pi-Nee-Waus in Lapwai.

## Pauline Marie Howtopat of Lewiston, ID.

Pauline Marie Howtopat was born Sunday, May 20, 2018, to Frances Walker and Lester Howtopat. Pauline Marie Howtopat journeyed on to Heaven on Sunday, May 20, 2018.



Pauline is survived by her mother, Frances Walker of Lewiston, and her father, Lester Howtopat of Goldendale, Wash. She also is survived by her maternal grandmother, Linda Belle Walker of Kamiah; maternal aunts Mazie Jo Daniels of Lapwai, Lindsey Walker of Lewiston and Willissa Walker (D'Von) of Hawaii; her paternal grandmother, Elaine Burr of Goldendale; her paternal uncle, Donovan Howtopat of Goldendale; and paternal aunt Melissa Howtopat of Goldendale.

Pauline also is survived by her great-grandparents, Ron and Lois Oatman, and great-grandpa Jerry Walker, all of Kamiah. She also is survived by her other grandparents, Paula Moody (Adrian) of Culesac, James Oatman (Teresa) and Jennifer Oatman of Kamiah.

Pauline joins her paternal grandfather, Wendell Davis; grandpa Ronald "RC" Oatman; grandpa Wilbur Oatman; and uncle James "Sonny-Boy" Oatman in Heaven.

Services for baby Pauline Howtopat will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Indian Presbyterian Church in Kamiah. Burial will take place at First Church Cemetery. Dinner will follow burial at Nekissa Hall.

## "QE'CI'YEW'YEW"

I would like to say "Qe'ci'yew'yew" (thank you) to all family, friends and co-workers for the awesome surprise retirement reception held for me at the Pi Nee Waus on my last day of work March 30, 2018. I was bewildered & shocked and didn't fully grasp the beautiful decorations and the theme until it was almost done. I was touched by all the wonderful comments and numerous gifts I received.

It was wonderful to see people I have worked with through the years as a co-worker or community program or agency partner for projects we may have worked on together for the Tribe. It was great to see some of the young people I have had the privilege to watch grow-up attend, you made my day!

It has been a pleasure to meet and work with the Tribe and communities on and near the Nez Perce Reservation. I have had the honor to work with and partner with the following groups, Nez Perce Tribe & Enterprises, Lapwai School District and other School Districts, NPT Housing Authority and local higher education institutions. I enjoyed every project we did together. I learned from you all and enjoyed every opportunity. The most important message I wanted to share is this, "It's not me, it's we" & qe'ci'yew'yew for the joys!

In your time of sorrow, my **Thoughts** ARE WITH YOU

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**Josephine (Harvey) Killgore, 96, White Bird, ID.**

Josephine (Harvey) Killgore, 96, passed away Thursday morning, May 17, 2018, at her home on the family farm along the Salmon River near White Bird. Josephine H. Harvey was born Dec. 5, 1921, at Sweetwater, a short distance south of Lapwai. Her parents were Jesse Harvey and Annie Jackson. At the time of her passing she was the oldest living tribal member of the Nez Perce Tribe. She was raised and baptized as a Catholic. Her parents later moved and lived along Webb Road (for the locals, it is the house and buildings that the paved Webb Road goes "out around;" there used to be a rather large general store at this sharp curve in the road also). To her family she was affectionately known as "Bug."

Mom attended school in Lapwai and went on to attend teachers college at the Lewis-Clark Normal School in Lewiston in the early '40s. While there she met and made some close college friends while living in Talkington Hall on campus. After receiving her teaching credential, she went on to teach at several schools and places, the last of which was at the one-room school on the Doumeq Plains above the Salmon River. It was here at a schoolhouse dance that she met James Killgore, her future husband. They were married at Dayton, Wash., in 1945. They lived together on the family farm along the Salmon River for some 65 years (Jim Killgore passed away in the spring of 2011).

One of the "crops" they raised were children, six altogether. As it happened in the family of eight, four of us had birthdays in the month of December, all before Christmas. Mom and Dad could be tough taskmasters, but like most parents it was for our own good. One constant source of potential danger and concern, besides all the farming activity, was the uncontrolled Salmon River, particularly during high water. We were reminded often to "stay away from the river" or "do not go near the river by yourself."

The farm already had some fruit trees back then, so the idea of selling fruit for supplemental income was worth a try. It took off and turned out to be more successful than expected.

As with most farm wives and mothers of the time, her work taking care of the house and children was never done. She had six children, but the first five were all boys. As was common at the time, when they became old enough to really be helpful at the house, they instead were expected to work in the fields and orchard, away from the house. Mom never really had help with housework until the youngest child, a girl, came along.

Mom never learned to drive and did not have a strong desire to do so. Dad tried to teach her, but as can happen with married couples, it just led to frustration for both of them.

She cooked three meals a day, seven days a week, cleaned, did the sewing, laundry, took care of the chickens and the house vegetable garden, preserved or canned peach-

es, apricots, plums, cherries, tomatoes, green beans, corn, beets, sauerkraut, etc. We had Holstein milk cows that the boys milked twice a day. The milk was taken in large milk cans to the house, where Mom would filter it through cloth, then run it through the "separator" that separated the milk from the cream (this separator was an International Harvester brand).

Large jars of milk were kept on the back porch in a refrigerator for customers to stop by and purchase, which was mostly self-serve. Some of the cream was kept to churn into butter for us. The rest was taken in cans to the "creamery" in Grangeville. It was fun for us kids to go to the creamery because often we would get to have an ice cream cone.

Shopping was done only about once a month back then, some in White Bird and some in Grangeville over the old "switchback" highway. In the early years when the fruit business was only at the home place, Mom was also the business secretary. She kept the books, took orders and placed phone calls to customers, paid the bills and kept a written record of all the checks that came in.

In addition, she worked for the federal government for more than 30 years. The Salmon River meter gauge (which reads the depth) along the river across from White Bird Creek needed to be "read" monthly. Inside the concrete structure was a purely mechanical device at the time (today it is electronic and at least partly solar-powered). A trace of ink was left on a large long scroll of paper which had to be removed and replaced and restarted each month. The "trace" was then folded (it must have been 12 feet long or more) and sent in to the Department of Commerce.

Mom was a world-class worker and seldom complained. In later years, she and Dad took time to travel with friends several winters to Mexico, the land of her father. She also enjoyed taking care of her roses and other flowers, as well as reading.

She is survived by her six children, Keith, Les, Carl, Steve, Bill and Camille; as well as her youngest sister, JoAnn; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Blackmer Funeral Home in Grangeville. A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 2 p.m. Friday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Bird. Burial will follow at White Bird Cemetery. Following burial, all are invited to the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall for a light dinner. Condolences to the family may be submitted at [Blackmerfuneralhome.com](http://Blackmerfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of the Blackmer Funeral Home of Grangeville.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in her name to any of the following: Monastery of St. Gertrude, Development Office, 465 Keuterville Road, Cottonwood, ID 83522; Animal Rescue Shelter Inc., P.O. Box 72, Grangeville, ID 83530; or White Bird Community Library, 245 River Road, White Bird, ID 83554. Thank you.

**SUMMONS By Publication**

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Second Judicial District, Nez Perce County

Patty O. Week, Clerk of the Court

By: Deputy Clerk - Garcia, Gabi

**SUMMONS By Publication**

TO: Louie Jackson

You have been sued by Victoria Jackson, the

X Petitioner Respondent, in the District Court in and for Nez Perce County, Idaho, Case No. CV 2017-2129.

The nature of the claim against you is for Divorce

Any time after 21 days following the last publication of this Summons, the court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the case number, and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at [mailing address, physical address (if different from the mailing address) and telephone number of the district court clerk] P.O. Box 896, 1230 Main, Lewiston, ID 83501 (208) 799-3040 and served a copy of your response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: 2933 Magnolia St. Apt. 103 Lewiston, ID. 83501

A copy of the Summons and Petition/Motion can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Date: 4-20-2018

Nez Perce County District Court

Signed: 4/20/2018 03:27 PM

Gabi Garcia

By: /s/

Typed/printed name Deputy Clerk

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**Camp Crew Annual Orientation**

The Nez Perce Tribe Fire Management Program has selected June 13, 2018 as the camp crew orientation day, starting at 0900. Due to the unusual breakout of fires in the northwest and the demand for crews, we continue to seek applicants interested in camp crew work.

To qualify as an applicant an individual must meet the following requirements:

1. Must take and pass the IS-700, National Incident Management System,
2. <https://emilms.fema.gov/is700anew/index.htm>; An Introduction; and the ICS-100,

3. <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=>, the Incident Command System, both of these are offered online.

4. Must take and pass a mandatory drug test on June 13
5. Must be 18 years of age or older
6. Must have current ID and Social security number to complete application form.

If you are interested, please attend this orientation, as it will be the only orientation for the 2018 season. Due to new regulations in The Red Book, the walk test is no longer a requirement. Please plan to be here until Noon. We will start at approximately 0900.

**KLCC wins A Regional Edward R.****Murrow Award for Brian Bull report**

BY **RACHAEL MCDONALD** • APR 26, 2018

KLCC was awarded a 2018 Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for Brian Bull's report [All Ears on Deck! A Gallery of Noises From the Ocean Deep](#). The award, presented by the Radio Television Digital News Association, is for Excellence in Sound.

The [RTDNA Edward R. Murrow Awards](#) are among the most prestigious in broadcast and digital news.

The Radio Television Digital News Association has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic

journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. Award recipients demonstrate the spirit of excellence that Murrow set as a standard for the profession of broadcast and digital journalism. Murrow Awards are presented to news organizations, not individuals (except in the Student categories). All awards are presented based on the specific body of work submitted. Regional Murrow Awards are presented to small and large radio, television and digital outlets based on 14 geographic regions. Regional winners are automatically considered for a National award.

**"Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment Canoe Almost Ready for the Water"**

Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment (a tribal member run 501C3) volunteers and tribal elders, who along with 30 Lapwai, Idaho Middle School students from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and also the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade have almost completed their first Nez Perce dugout completed on the Nez Perce reservation in over 110 years. The project began in July of 2017 and the students and adults involved have been carving and working on it for almost a year every Wednesday at the Nimiipuu Canoe site in Lapwai, Idaho near the Nimiipuu Health clinic. The Master Carver is Jim Jamison who has carved and assembled dugout canoes, cedar strip and many other canoes throughout North America with Canadian First Nations, Alaska Villages and many others in his 20 year canoe con-

struction experiences. The canoe is made from Grand Fir and will be water tested in the early weeks of June to ensure it is "seaworthy". A Tribal ceremony will be held for the "official" launch of the canoe in the Traditional waters of the Nimiipuu. Everyone will be welcomed. "This is a long awaited event for us to put the canoe in the water", says Julian Matthews, Coordinator for NMPtE. A date has not been set. Everyone is invited to see our Facebook site, Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment or our website, [Nimiipuuprotecting.org](http://Nimiipuuprotecting.org) for pictures of the canoe, the tribal youth working on it and the dates for events associated with the canoe and canoe journeys in the summer. Contact Julian Matthews at [protectingnimiipuu@gmail.com](mailto:protectingnimiipuu@gmail.com) for further info also.



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