

Kelton Pubigeo crafts ribbon skirt for new SBHS teacher

By ROSELYNN YAZZIE

Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — A Native arts & crafts class at Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School is not only teaching kids sewing skills but also giving them the opportunity to practice the important cultural ways of generosity and giving.

Kelton Pubigeo is a freshman at Sho-Ban, he thought it would be nice to make a new teacher feel welcome by making her a ribbon skirt.

He took the 21st Century Afterschool class instructed by Carol Perkins to learn more about sewing.

The class is offered Monday through Friday and is open to students and their families. They offer academic support and other activities throughout the year.

Perkins explained ribbon skirt making has been offered the past two months, with all supplies provided through the program.

“We discuss the importance behind ribbon skirts and its representation. Students are shown how to measure, design, cut and sew the material. I have taught the basics of using a sewing machine because most of the students who have participated, have little to no sewing experience,” said Perkins.

Kelton already knew

how to use a sewing machine, he was taught by his grandmother, Verla Farmer. It was Kelton’s grandparents who taught him when you make things to give it away to people if you have no use for it.

Kelton says his teacher, Pamela Werry, is new to the school from Colorado and he thinks she’s pretty cool.

“She’s a new teacher, so I kind of thought to make her something because she really didn’t know anything about our culture here. So I wanted to make her feel welcomed here, to our school,” he said.

The ribbon skirt he presented her with is red with a floral print and black, yellow, orange and red ribbons. Kelton was happy she liked it.

What Kelton enjoys most about sewing is seeing people’s faces when they find out that he made it. He also says it’s calming.

Kelton encourages youth to learn how to sew because it’s not that difficult and they can learn by watching instruction videos on the internet.

“Just focus on it, you can do it,” he said.

Perkins said, “Kelton, like many of our students, is very thoughtful, generous and respectful, especially towards our elders. He has gifted myself, Mrs. Werry, and



New Shoshone-Bannock Jr./Sr. High School teacher Pamela Werry and freshman Kelton Pubigeo. (Submitted photo)

other teachers, crafts he has made throughout the years. I am very glad to see students participate because sewing is a universal skill that anyone can master. I am happy Kelton has taken the initiative to learn these skills because it is important to carry on these teachings and I hope the students continue to participate in

the classes offered.”

For the remainder of the year, Perkins will be offering a class on applique design for shirts and skirts, making baby moccasins, cradle boards, earrings, and beading graduation caps. Students and their families are welcome to attend.

NW Band of Shoshone councilman Darren Parry hosts Bear River Massacre presentation at IMNH



Northwest Band of Shoshone councilman and Utah State professor Darren Parry. (James Hill photos)

By JAMES HILL

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POCATELLO

The Idaho Museum of Natural History hosted former Chairman of the Northwestern Band of Shoshone Nation Darren Parry for an evening of remembrance of the Bear River Massacre on Thursday, January 26.

Parry teaches Native American History at Utah State University. He shared the history of the Bear River Massacre that took place at the Northwestern Shoshone winter village Boa Ogoi on January 29, 1863, which became the largest massacre of Native Americans in the west.

Parry said, “My

grandmother Mae Timbimboo, was the granddaughter of one of the survivors and served as the historian and record keeper of the Northwest Band of the Shoshone. She ran out of time to publish her accounts of our people’s stories and perspectives.”

Aside from teaching at Utah State University, Parry serves on the Board of Directors for the American West Heritage Center in Wellsville, Utah, the Utah Humanities Board, and the PBS Board of Directors. After the lecture was over guests were invited to ask Parry questions and a light dessert was served.



Darren Parry hosts the Bear River Massacre remembrance presentation at the Idaho Museum of Natural History.

American Falls High School Powwow royalty



American Falls High School Powwow royalty, from left: Hillcrest Elementary Tzi Tzi Princess Goddess N. Poog, JR Simplot Elementary Jr. Princess Sunrise Blessings Apodaca, JR Simplot Elementary Jr. Princess first attendant Jacoba Rydalch and William Thomas Middle School Princess Cynthia Amboh. (Joseph Wadsworth photos)

By JOSEPH WADSWORTH

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AMERICAN

FALLS — New royalty was crowned at the 8th Annual American Falls High School Powwow.

Hillcrest Elementary Tzi Tzi princess is Goddess N. Poog, Shoshone-Bannock tribal member, 6 years old, who is in kindergarten. Her mother is LaDawn Poog and her Indian name is Nivechi wudah which means Bear

girl (protector).

Also crowned was the JR Simplot Jr. princess Sunrise Blessings Apodaca, Shoshone-Bannock Tribal member, 8 years old and in third grade, who is the daughter of Vanessa Apodaca. JR Simplot Elementary Jr. princess first attendant went to Jacoba Rydalch who is a Shoshone-Bannock tribal member, 8 years old, and attending 3rd grade, her parents are Brittney N.

Carter & William Carter.

Shoshone-Bannock tribal member Cynthia Amboh was named William Thomas Middle School princess. Because there were no applications turned in for American Falls High school Queen, the title is on hold until next year’s powwow 2024.



Above and below: AFHS Powwow outgoing Queen crowns junior royalty.



New royalty dancing at American Falls High School.

AFHS Powwow royalty judges.

AICF scholarship season open for prospective applicants

DENVER, Colo. — The American Indian College Fund’s (College Fund) scholarship season opened on Wednesday, February 1.

Hundreds of scholarships are available for all areas of study under the Full Circle Scholarship Program, and students attending tribal colleges and universities can receive additional scholarship support with the program. Any Native American U.S. citizen who is an enrolled member, or descendant of an enrolled member of a state or federally recognized tribe may apply. Applicants must also have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and plan to enroll as a full-time student

at a nonprofit, accredited college or university.

About the American Indian College Fund

The American Indian College Fund has been the nation’s largest charity supporting Native higher education for 33 years. The College Fund believes “Education is the answer” and provided \$14.45 million in scholarships and other direct student support to American Indian students in 2021-22. Since its founding in 1989 the College Fund has provided more than \$284 million in scholarships and program, community, and tribal college support. The College Fund

also supports a variety of academic and support programs at the nation’s 35 accredited tribal colleges and universities, which are located on or near Indian reservations, ensuring students have the tools to graduate and succeed in their careers. The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators and is one of the nation’s top 100 charities named to the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance. For more information about the American Indian College Fund, please visit www.collegefund.org.

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FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL CANDIDATE PETITIONS
Open: January 9, 2023 (Monday)
Close: February 10, 2023 (Friday at 4 p.m.)

FORT HALL LAND USE POLICY COMMISSION PETITIONS
Open: February 27, 2023 (Monday)
Close: March 31, 2023 (Friday at 4 p.m.)

PRIMARY ELECTION VOTER DEADLINES:
• Voter Registration/District Change/ Address Update: March 24, 2023 (Friday at 4 p.m.)

• Early Voting at TBC: March 29 & 30, 2023 (Wednesday & Thursday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

PRIMARY ELECTION: FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

GENERAL ELECTION VOTER DEADLINES:
• Voter Registration/District Change/ Address Update: May 19, 2023 (Friday at 4 p.m.)

• Early Voting at TBC: May 24 & 25, 2023 (Wednesday & Thursday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

GENERAL ELECTION: FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2023

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