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Rope crowned Miss Shoshone-Bannock

By ROSELYNN YAZZIE
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL – Dystnee Rope was crowned Miss Shoshone-Bannock at the 59th Annual Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival on Friday, August 9.

Dystnee was the only contestant for the title but still did her traditional talent, which was sharing her knowledge of beading with sequins; she prepared her traditional dish of herbal tea and talked about root medicines. She also answered impromptu questions.

Dystnee is the daughter of Darcey Martin and Adrian Rope. She resides in the Gibson district.

Her Indian name is Ban Zu gu, meaning Otter and she is a jingle dress dancer.

Her platform as Miss Shoshone-Bannock will be drug awareness.

She's employed at the Donzia Gift Shop.

Dystnee said she's honored to represent the



2024-2025 Miss Sho-Ban Dystnee Rope. (Roselynn Yazzie photo)

title and hopes to live up to the expectations of holding the crown and being a good ambassador for the people.

Sho-Ban Festival Indian Relay action



Yokoyama Team rider, Dallon Yokoyama, holds on tight as his horse rears up during an exchange in Heat 2 on August 10. (Jeremy Shay photo)

Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival powwow results



Warbonnet dancers in Friday, August 9 grand entry. (Jeremy Shay photos)

Elder Women (Combined) 70+ winners: first-Edith Yazzie, Chinle, Ariz., second-Arlena Thompson, Chinle, Ariz., third-Loretta Seaman, Portland, Oregon and fourth-Dr. Lita Mathews, Albuquerque, N.M.

Elder Men (Combined) 70+ winners: first-Gregory RedElk, Algodones, N.M., second-Gary Greene, Lapwai, Idaho, third-Allenroy Paquin, Dulce, N.M. and fourth-Richard Parker VanDule, Macy, Neb.

Golden Age Women's Northern/Southern Combined winners: first-Jacqueline Cantsee, Cortez, Colo., second-Freddie Hunter, Missoula, Mont., third-Linda Pete, Polson, Mont. and fourth-Trish Heavy Runner, Lapwai, Idaho.

Golden Age Jingle winners: first-Tina Aquash, Walpole Island, Ontario, Canada, second-Scherrie Greene, Lapwai, Idaho, third-Thomisita Mountain Sheep, Pocatello,



Elder Men (Combined) 70+ first place Gregory RedElk, of Algodones, N.M.

Idaho and fourth-Jackie Stevens, Albuquerque, N.M. Golden Age Women's Fancy winners: first- See RESULTS, page A8

Shoshonean Numic Language Reunion empowers



Shoshonean Reunion sunrise ceremony on August 6. (Jeremy Shay photos)

By JEREMY SHAY
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL – A total of 1,045 attendees were registered for the 24th Annual Shoshonean Numic Language Reunion hosted in Fort Hall from August 6 to 8.

The reunion co-coordinators representing the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes are Darla Morgan and Darrell Shay.

The 2024 reunion theme was "Empowering Generations – Our Language is Strong, We Are Strong." Darrell Shay said every presentation was strong in speaking to the theme of language and cultural traditions, including the keynote speaker, tribal attorney Jeanette Wolfley.



Darrell Shay brings in Sho-Ban tribal flag with veterans. See REUNION, page A4