

Bannock Gathering focus: History, language, teachings

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FORT HALL - The Bannock Gathering focus was learning more about history, traditions, language and teachings August 4 at the Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel.

Fort Hall Business Council Vice Chairman Lee Juan Tendoy gave a welcome and served on a men's panel. Miss Shoshone-Bannock Dystnee Rope also welcomed attendees.

Tribal archivist Velda Racehorse did a presentation on LeGrand

Coquin, Bannock Chief who lived from 1832 to 1867. His given Indian name was Ta'sokwainberakt as he signed the 1863 Treaty at Soda Springs. The translation is having white hair on his head in certain place. His other Newe name was Ar-ro-ka-kee, prior to using LeGrand Coquin. Translation is having a type of necklace. While chief, Nathaniel Wyeth built Fort Hall as a fur trading post. It was later sold to Hudson's Bay Company. Bannocks were known to be in the Montana areas such as Saint Ignatius, Big

Hole River and the Deer Lodge Valley. His band of Bannocks was a northern one that had about 60 lodges. The Soda Springs Treaty was signed October 14, 1863, but was unratified. Bannock War Chief Taghee under Coquin also signed the Treaty. Chief Washakie was also a signatory to the Treaty. Taghee became the Chief after the death of Coquin.

Language & Culture Department Bannock apprentice Dillin Diggie taught attendees how to do quillwork. Shoshone apprentice Mardel Butler

took youth on a Nature Walk teaching both Bannock and Shoshone words.

Charlie Plentywounds, Kesley Edmo Jr. and Wesley Edmo also served on the men's panel speaking on Bannock teachings.

During the afternoon a variety of cultural workshops were conducted. Stephan Kniffin explained the use of cedar and different types; Gwyn Towersap taught how to tie wuviha (scarves), Zel Towersap and Carolyn Smith talked about traditional plants; Dillin Diggie continued teaching about using quills, dying them and showed examples of his work. Daisy Hood, Alfred Wahtomy and Miranda Wilson showed how to play cards (heveejo game aka old ladies game).



Vice Chairman Lee Juan Tendoy welcomes Bannock Gathering participants. (Joseph Wadsworth photo)



Mens panel speakers Kesley Edmo Jr. and Wesley Edmo speak about knowledge and stories passed down to them.



Above: T-shirts handed out to participants feature design of LeGrand Coquin artwork Wandell Wenee created. (Lizzie Boyd photo)



Dillon Diggie explains his family history with porcupine quill work, and explains the project to the participants. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

Stormee Kipp wins Bannock Warrior Challenge

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FORT HALL — Stormee Kipp won the Bannock Warrior Challenge August 3 in the race from Tinno Bridge over Spring Creek on the Fort Hall Bottoms to the Shoshone-Bannock Festival arbor.

Jesse Tone took second, Hernan Tendoy third, while Shotgun Washakie and Payton Sequents each received consolation prizes.

Tendoy said he thought the Challenge was pretty cool, so he just decided to try it out. It was his second time

kayaking as he practiced once prior to the race. He said the hardest part of the race was the bike coming up on the gravel road on Sheepskin Road from the Bottoms. "That's what tired me out, I was already tired by the time we got to the pavement road."

Hernan said he used a saddle pony, "But she's a good one." He'll be back next year, he said. "I know now I gotta train for it because I just can't come out here that was pretty rough."

Tone's team won the Best Traditional Dress for a team earning \$400.

Jesse said in a social media post it was a race of trial and error after he flipped in his kayak nearing the end of Spring Creek coming to the buffalo pens. He ended up last when he got going again. He drained his kayak after crawling through the marsh land and thistles, "locked in and bounced back."

First prize in the Warrior Challenge was \$500, second was \$300, third place was \$200 and consolation prizes were \$100. Each of the teams received Warrior Challenge shirts. The winners received Derek

No Sun Brown duffle bags and T shirts, along with gift cards from Barrie's Ski and Sports.

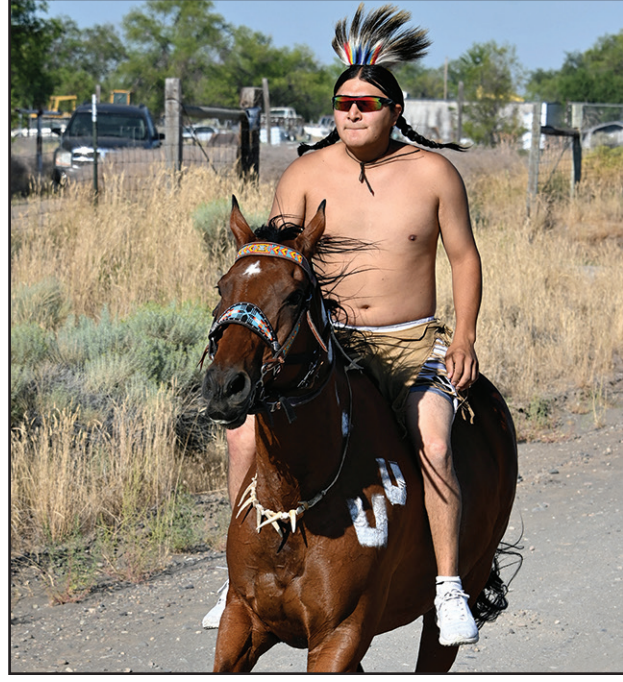
The total distance for the challenge was 11.3 miles. Participants entered Spring Creek with kayaks at Tinno Bridge. They rowed from there to Sheepskin Bridge (3 miles). They biked from Sheepskin Bridge to Stock Trail Road (3.6 miles). They they rode horse from Stock Trail Road to the Indoor arena (3.6 miles). The final stretch was 1.7 miles running from the Indoor Arena east over tracks to Widowville Road to Festival Arbor.



Participants assist each other with completing a quill project. (Lizzie Boyd photo)



Left: Stormee Kipp Bannock Warrior Challenge winner with his team and family. (Joseph Wadsworth photo) Right: Jesse Tone runs to checkpoint at Indoor arena. Below: Hernan Tendoy getting on his bike. Stormee Kipp runs towards finish line stationed at the arbor. Warriors at start of race with kayaks. (Jeremy Shay photos) Payton Sequents gets on his horse. (Susan Avila-Dixey photo)



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