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Coby: Learn traditions before they're lost

By LORI ANN EDMO
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Jasmine Coby, 18, is a candidate for Miss Shoshone-Bannock.

She is from the Gibson District. Her parent is Rachel Diggle.

Her platform if selected as Miss Sho-Ban is alcohol abuse. She realized the problem of alcohol abuse after working at Little Caesars, "It was the best and the worst experience but going through what I went through made me the woman I am today. They taught me that life is going to be hard but with the right mindset and people that you surround yourself with can be great, but also sad because we as humans need to feel for ourselves and others." "Working there also taught me that alcohol abuse is a major problem on and off the reservation."



Jasmine Coby

Jasmine said what she realized during the pandemic is learned more about what life was like before social media/phones from her great grandmother and listening to what she went through.

Her message to youth is, "Learn our ways before we lose them forever."

She said her community involvement is community cleanup, volunteer clean up after powwows. She helped host community movie nights for youth.

Jasmine's hobbies include doing beadwork and dancing at powwows. She is a traditional dancer. Elianna Coby created her dance regalia.

She plans to attend Idaho State University in fall 2026.

For her traditional dish she will be cooking salmon. Her traditional talent is beadwork. Her mom taught her when she was about 12 years old when she learned to do daisy chains and peyote stitch.

Moore: Education important at all levels

By YVONNE WARIACK
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Myke Malaina Moore, 21, of the Fort Hall District, is stepping forward as a contestant for the title of 2025-2026 Miss Shoshone-Bannock.

She is rooted in her culture and driven by a passion for education and community involvement.

With the Indian name Buna Bede, meaning "Only Daughter" or "My Father's Only Daughter." Myke is the daughter of Wendy Farmer and George Moore.

If selected as Miss Shoshone-Bannock, Myke's platform will focus on "the importance of education at all levels." She is a 2024 graduate of Connors State College in Oklahoma, where she earned an Associate of Science and a certificate in Agriculture while serving as a



Myke Moore

collegiate scholar in archery. Her journey through higher education has taught her that, "All dreams are obtainable through hard work, dedication, and sacrifice."

Moore's list of achieve-

ments includes many. She previously held the title of Miss Northwest Indian Youth Conference (2019-2020) and was named HOPE Princess for Sequoyah High School from 2021 to 2022. Her academic and athletic accolades include being the 2022 Oklahoma State High School Female Virtual Archery Champion and earning first place in the Oklahoma State Shoo-Off the same year. She was also voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her peers.

Beyond the titles and trophies, Moore gives back. Her community involvement includes volunteering for the Special Olympics, helping organize archery events at her college, and regularly participating in tribal ceremonies, gatherings, and powwows.

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Murphy aspires to become a civil engineer

By LIZZIE BOYD
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Danella Rosamond Murphy, 24, is a member of the Gibson district. She is the daughter of Stevie Jean Murphy Lomahaftewa and James Martin.

Her Indian name is Bow-ho-vit which means Sage Brush. If selected as Miss Shoshone-Bannock her platform is mental health, elder abuse, environmental preservation and higher education.

The experience which has attributed to her growth is "traveling, learning,

volunteering with both her Hutsi' Mary Ann Appenay and Gagu' Kathleen L. Murphy (now deceased), cooking for others, giving back to who needs it and being that person to count on when things are hard to juggle."

A positive encounter she had during the pandemic is despite the fact her Gagu Kathleen Murphy passed away from COVID-19 in 2020, it taught her a lot about giving back, taking care of people, "Not just our people, but communities, towns, cities and neighborhoods - making and



Danella Murphy

providing masks, handing out hand sanitizers, along with goodie bags and giving baskets to the homeless."

Her message to the youth is, "Be yourself, authentically and with pride, be proud of who you are and where you came from. You make your future for yourself and are a part of others journey of life as well. Treat people with grace and offer a helping hand when it is needed. When you know something isn't right it's okay to go your own path, we become leaders that way," she said.

Danella's special achievements are Shoshone-Bannock Future Princess 2004 and Colorado Moun-

tain College Honors 4.0 grade point average in 2024.

Her community involvement includes assisting Nu Nagaha'appa (father) Skyler Lomahaftewa who is a Bear Dance chief for the Randlett Bear Dance as she grew up to the present. It includes helping cook, prepare for feast day, as well as help organize. She said the young men and adult men help make the corral and set up their station to sing.

In addition, she's help clean up at senior games, prepare food for the Thanksgiving dinner Todd Appenay hosted, as well as donating clothes, winter jackets and new gloves.

Her hobbies include

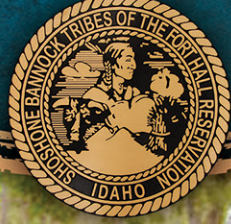
beading - she has a small business "Nella's Native Fashion" that involves tradition and modern-day fashion. She enjoys the outdoors planting trees, flowers whether at her own home or her Hutsi's. She also enjoys weightlifting, fishing, basketball, running and snowboarding in the winter. "I love learning from my grandmother whether it's listening to stories," when she grew up, when they travel, along with when they bead or scrape hides.

Danella graduated with an associate's degree for automotive, as well as certification in welding. She's moving towards a bachelor's

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ON BEHALF OF THE FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL

Welcome to our homelands!



FORT HALL BUSINESS COUNCIL, 2025

This year marks a historic milestone as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival. For six decades, this gathering has been a significant expression of pride, resilience, and community!

We're honored to host it here on the Fort Hall Reservation, the largest reservation in Idaho and the homeland of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

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**For more information on the Tribes visit: www.sbtribes.com
For a list of daily Festival activities visit: www.shobanfestival.com**

Enjoy your stay and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

LOCAL

Tribal artist Aly McKnight contributes sandstone pillar design to Boise's Kaixo Park



EDUCATION

Local students prepare for 4-H show ahead of Bingham County Fair



SPORTS

2nd annual Sho-Ban Youth Warrior Challenge results



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Telling the stories that honor our past, define our present & shape our future...

FHBC Treasurer Ladd Edmo participates in roundtable with U.S. Health & Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

By ROSELYNN YAZZIE
Office of Public Affairs

BOISE — Fort Hall Business Council Treasurer Ladd Edmo addressed critical health care and behavioral health issues in Indian Country during a Tribal roundtable with U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Idaho Gov. Brad Little on July 23.

The discussion brought together leaders from the Shoshone-Bannock, Nez Perce, Coeur d'Alene, and Shoshone-Paiute Tribes to speak directly with federal officials about pressing health challenges in their communities.

Edmo opened his remarks by recognizing the long-standing relationship between the Kennedy family and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, referencing a 1968 visit to Fort Hall by the late Robert F. Kennedy Sr.

He then turned to the urgent crisis in the Indian Health Service (IHS), where staffing shortages have become so severe that staff are being pulled away from their clinical duties to perform tasks like janitorial work and further limiting patient care. The



U.S. HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. accepts gift from FHBC Treasurer Ladd Edmo on behalf of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on July 23. (Office of Public Affairs photos)

impact is profound and can lead to delayed diagnoses, worsening preventable diseases, and rising health care costs.

On behavioral health, Edmo emphasized the need to protect critical funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which supports services like medication-assisted treatment (MAT), peer recovery support, and youth prevention programs.

"This was mentioned by other council members, too. We all deal with similar issues like diabetes, alcohol, and substance abuse," Edmo said. "With little or no funding for healthcare or even education, we're falling short of our goals."

He called for greater integration of traditional healing practices with modern medical care and advocated for a coordinated, multi-agency response to the opioid crisis. This would involve not only

HHS but also the Department of Justice, Housing and Urban Development, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other government agencies.

Suicide remains the second leading cause of death for Native youth in the region, yet access to inpatient behavioral health treatment remains limited.

Edmo also voiced concern about proposed HHS reorganization efforts, cautioning that consolidating

4 contestants vie for Miss Shoshone-Bannock title

FORT HALL — Four contestants are vying for the title of Miss Shoshone-Bannock 2025-2026.

They include Danella Murphy, Jasmine Coby, Myke Moore and Scarlette Stagner.

The contestants will be introduced at the Bannock Gathering Monday, August 4 at the Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel.

On August 5 the contestants have interviews. On August 6, they do their traditional dish presentations at the Delbert Farmer dance arbor. August 7, the contestants participate in the Festival parade at 10 a.m. and at 4 p.m. they have their talent presentation at the dance arbor.

Their dance competition is at 4 p.m. August 8 and the new queen will be crowned after outgoing Miss Sho-Ban Dystnee Rope's honor song just before grand entry.



From left, Idaho Gov. Brad Little, Health & Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and HHS Senior Advisor to the Secretary Mark Cruz.

services may reduce access to staff who understand Tribal communities and their unique needs.

He urged that Tribal voices be included in all reorganization decisions and called for continued investment in Tribal Advisory Committees. He also

recommended the creation of a comprehensive guide to all HHS programs that support Tribes, as well as an analysis of how Tribal funding sources are inter-related to prevent gaps in service.

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Longtime 4-H director Nola Cates to retire after 41 years

By LIZZIE BOYD
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — It is Nola Cates's hope at least one child has been reached participating in the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes 4-H program and the program can continue on for many more generations.

Cates is a Shoshone-Bannock Tribal member who has been employed with the Tribes Extension program since August of 1984 and has worked as a 4-H director for 41 years. Nola said, "I remember when there were two full time employees and one part time employee, and over the years budgets were cut, and cut, and it has dwindled down to now — where there is only me in the office."

The 4-H program has played a role in many of the community's lives in one way or another. Nola recalls her mother being involved in 4-H, with herself being age 12. Nola had the opportunity to bring up her family of three generations through the program, starting with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. "It was great, having them help support the program and spreading the word about the program over the years and it kind of spread like fire or by word of mouth. Today with my great grandchildren and their friends I have to ask them who's your grandpar-



Nola Cates reflects on career through past photos from the Fort Hall 4-H Program. (Lizzie Boyd photos)

ents — that way, I can link them to who they are and where they come from."

In November of this year, just two days after her birthday Nola is retiring from the Tribes with 41 years and three months of service. She said, "I plan to take a few months off and maybe try and get a part time job, something that I will enjoy and still stay active. But a job that is still with a schedule that fits me, no weekends!" And she laughed. "I also plan to spend more time with my mom, family and enjoy life." Nola has worked at Fred Meyer, a site with the summer youth program, and has chosen to work with children majority of

her career, also being employed at Tyhee Elementary as a teacher's aide, but she really didn't think she would be employed this long at 4-H but, "I am thankful it has worked out this way."

She continued, "this department doesn't have a big budget, but I make it work. I can purchase the materials we need to do our crafts, small animal projects and with the help of the Police department's generous donation to the kids, their animal project costs were covered."

In addition, "I used to attend the Intertribal Agriculture conference, but I haven't attended in years, so my main travel is when I



Nola Cates pictured with past 4-H students in the late 1990's.

take the kids for the annual camping trip in Alpine, Wyo."

With her department not having a work vehicle assigned to it, Nola has utilized her personal vehicle to complete her job over the years, she said, "I don't mind using my personal vehicle, they are made to be driven, I love my job, and I enjoy helping the kids."

When COVID hit, Nola had to work around the social distancing issue as kids used to come to the

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At right: Nola with current 4-H student Jesus Castaneda and his sheep.





REZ BRIEFS

Sho-Ban Transit number

The correct number to call to schedule a transit ride is 208-221-7833.

Community Health Center number

The front desk cell number for the Shoshone-Bannock Community Health Center is 208-530-9405. The temporary fax number is 208-243-8750.

St. Kateri Catholic Church services

St. Kateri Catholic Church Sunday services are at 8 a.m. on Sheepskin and D Street in Fort Hall.

Waapi Kani meeting information

Waapi Kani (Cedar House) Mental Wellness & Recovery Services (Former Four Directions) invites you to join them and bring your lunch for our Brown Baggers all addictions support group at noon Monday to Friday.

Women's Group

Women's Support Group is every Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. Building 71 (blue single wide trailer). Support others, identify abuse, plan for safety, find local resources. Attendees learn signs of domestic violence and safety planning. If you have a friend or relative who could benefit from the group contact the VAP at 208-540-0146 or 208-604-5598.

Law enforcement complaints

Complaints of misconduct of Tribal Law enforcement officers may be submitted to the Tribal Citizen Review Board, Tribal Justice Center. Complaint forms are at the Bulletin Board across from the Tribal Attorney's Office, Tribal Business Center and the reception area of the Fort Hall Police Department, Tribal Justice Center. Anyone with a viable complaint may submit a notarized complaint at the Tribal Administration in house mail or at the Fort Hall Police Department reception desk or mail to Citizen Review Board, P. O. Box 306, Fort Hall, Idaho 83203.

Idaho Food Bank distribution

Idaho Food Bank distribution is August 21 at 3 p.m. at the old casino until food boxes are gone. Enter southeast entryway to the parking lot and follow signs. First come, first serve. Organizers include Idaho Foodbank, SB Tribes 477 program, THHS Diabetes project, TOEM, Tribal Planning and Housing Opportunities program.

Fort Hall Transfer Station hours

Fort Hall Transfer Station hours are Monday to Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Vehicles must be unloaded five minutes prior to scheduled closure. Bannock Creek and Lincoln Creek Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All vehicles must have the stickers and they're free to resident tribal elders. Pick them up at Solid Waste. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Language classes

In person Shoshone and Bannock classes resume Monday and Wednesday at noon for Bannock, along with Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at LCPD. Contact Theresa Bache at 208-236-1187 for further information.

Post office hours

Fort Hall Post Office window service is from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to noon. The lobby opens at 5 a.m. Any questions or concerns contact 208-478-3797.



Mindy Lee Martin

FORT HALL — Mindy Lee Martin, 44, of Fort Hall, Idaho, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2025 at Portneuf Medical Center. Mindy was born July 27, 1981 in Pocatello, Idaho, to Linda Smith and Myron Martin.



Mindy spent her lifetime in Fort Hall. She attended schools in Fort Hall, Chubbuck and Pocatello.

She worked for Tribal Enterprise and she worked potato harvest.

She enjoyed watching movies, reading, drawing

and cooking. She enjoyed playing her free play at the casino and shopping at the Dollar store. She liked spending time with her children and family, and joking and laughing with her family and friends.

Mindy is survived by her children, Raquel K. Martin, Troy R. Browning, Cedrick Browning and Brayden Browning; and her sister, Iona (Rodney) Blackhawk.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Myron L. Martin and Linda K. Smith; and her paternal grandparents, Herbert R. Martin and Christine L. Wildcat and her maternal



grandmother Delthea M. Smith. Family and friends viewed Mindy starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 2, 2025 at Buckskin Road #2 in Fort Hall until burial. Traditional burial was at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Cedars Cemetery.

Lennis Denny

FORT HALL — Lennis Denny, 51, passed away Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at his home in Fort Hall, Idaho. Lennis was born July 3, 1974, in Pocatello, Idaho, to William Richard Denny and Drucilla Gould.

Lennis was taken to his residence at noon Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 513 Cemetery Road Extension in Fort Hall. Traditional burial is at 2 p.m. Monday, August 4, 2025, at Cedars Cemetery.

Delvilleia Pevo

FORT HALL — Delvilleia "Debbie" Lou Pevo, 67 passed away on July 30, 2025, at Portneuf Medical Center.

She was born on July 15, 1958 to Ralph Shay and Julia Use Shay. She was raised by Wilford and Jane Neaman.

She attended Tyhee Elementary, Fort Hall Elementary and graduated from Highland High School.

Delvilleia was married

to Kenneth Pevo Jr.

She worked for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes with the Fort Hall Fire and EMS as a secretary for many years. Her hobbies were beading, playing bingo, playing hand-games, card games at Buffalo Lodge, also playing horseshoes. She enjoyed listening to country music.



Delvilleia is survived by her son, Colt L. Tinno; nieces-Sherry Neaman, Lucy Neaman and Kendra Wahtomy; grandchildren-Lilyauna Tinno, Anthony Jo Broncho, Terrance, Dalton, Robin Martinez, Tasha Neaman, Carter Peter and numerous others. She helped raised Gordan Gould.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Julia Shay, husband Kenneth Pevo Jr., Wilford and Jane Neaman, brother Felin Dean Neaman and Darrell Pebeahsy whom she raised from a child.

She was at her residence on Sunday, August 3, 2025, Cemetery and Philbin Road at 2 p.m. Her service is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Burial will follow at the Cedar Cemetery.

Firefighters contain Rio Vista Fire after it burns 44 acres

FORT HALL — The Rio Vista Fire, located near Sheepskin Road and Rio Vista Road on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, estimated at 44 acres is 100% contained as of 3 p.m. August 1.

Dustin Williams, Unified Command incident commander, BIA Wildland Fire, said the control time was estimated around 7 p.m.

It was reported at 11:56 a.m. on August 1.

Preliminary investigation indicates the fire was vehicle-caused, most likely because of a hot

exhaust system igniting dry grass. The public is reminded to use extreme caution during fire-prone conditions. Avoid parking running vehicles on dry grass or brush, as hot exhaust systems can easily ignite surrounding fuels—especially during the current period of elevated fire danger.

Fire suppression efforts included the use of air tanker drops to slow the spread of the fire, along with tribal and federal dozers that were deployed to establish and reinforce containment



Tanker flies over Rio Vista Fire. (BIA Wildland Fire photo)

lines on the ground. There were no structures threatened, and no injuries reported. Fire crews were engaged on scene to strengthen containment and monitor for flare-ups.

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Miss Shoshone-Bannock contestant

Stagner to eventually pursue art career

By **LORI ANN EDMO**

Sho-Ban News
FORT HALL — As a contestant for Miss Shoshone-Bannock, Scarlett Stagner, 19, believes it's important to be yourself, remember that you are Newe first and be proud of where you come from.



Scarlette Stagner

That is her message to youth. Her Indian name is "Tin Gleska Win," and it means "Spotted Fawn Woman." If she's selected as Miss Shoshone-Bannock, she will promote positivity and mental health awareness.

An experience that attributed to her growth is her name giving ceremony that was her transition from a girl to a woman. "My gaga Nathaniel Blindman explained to me as I transitioned that I am now a warrior woman - it is important that I am to support, help, defend my family and my people as a woman."

Something positive that she had during the pandemic - it gave her time to learn about family history and traditional knowledge.

Her special achievements are she previously held titles throughout elementary school as she's

served as an attendant for various queen titles. "I currently represent the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous grandmothers as the 'Voice of Indigenous Youth,'" she said.

Scarlette's community involvement she's completed is she has participated at the Ghost Dance ceremony over the years since she was little.

She is also the crucifer/cross bearer at the Good Shepherd Mission Episcopal Church.

During New Year's she and her family help with the yearly Warbonnet

Dance. "I never refuse when I am asked to perform the Lord's Prayer sign language, I have performed it for funeral purposes, school functions, before government officials, to open conferences and for international audiences."

Her hobbies are art, and she loves to sightsee when she gets the opportunity to travel, "It feels good to see the land around me still standing in modern time."

Her goals are to learn more about her traditional ways and pursue an art career more than anything.

She is a traditional dancer, and her mom made all her regalia, "It holds special meaning because it is a replica of my great, great grandmother's regalia," she said.

Scarlette's traditional dish is cooking yaha (rock chuck).

Singing is her traditional talent and the song she is singing is Yumba - a circle dance song about the wild carrots - the song references harvesting dark carrots as they would be picked up.

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in civil engineering and hopefully Electrical at Idaho State University.

Danella has chosen Traditional as her style of dance. Her Bia' (mother) made her traditional dress with love.

Her traditional dish is she will be making Indian cake with chokecherry pudding. She explained her Hutsi' (grandmother) Mary Ann Appenay taught her how to prepare her traditional dish.

She will be displaying

archery as her traditional talent, how to make a bow and shooting an arrow. "I learned how to make a bow from my hutsi' who learned from her dad, my Tso'o Alvin Appenay," she said.

Gibson Fire burns 88 acres



An air tanker drops fire retardant during the Gibson Fire. (Joseph Wadsworth photos)

FORT HALL — The Tribal Office of Emergency Management advised the Gibson Fire was fully contained as of 5 p.m. July 23 according to Incident Commander Dustin Williams.

The fire spread through Sands Road and up to east Ferry Butte Road.

The fire burned approximately 88 acres. Crews from BLM, BIA Wildland, Fort Hall Fire and Bingham worked on the fire. One helicopter and one air tanker were utilized. Ground crews successfully protected a home from the advancing fire.

The fire occurred in sandy terrain making containment efforts difficult. As a result, four fire trucks got stuck during operations. Crews successfully prevented further spread.



Fire burns along the side of the canal.

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"Community connection is important," she reflects, especially noting how her community adapted during the pandemic through virtual gatherings that kept cultural ties strong.

Myke's traditional talent presentation will focus on parfleche work - a craft she learned from her mother and relatives.

She herself finds joy in archery, beading, shell work, handgames, learning

the Shoshone-Bannock language, baking, and participating in traditional hunting and ceremonies.

Moore's regalia, is crafted with care and meaning by her mother and sister Sheryl Farmer, reflects her heritage and honors her late grandmother Ivalee Osborne.

As part of her traditional food presentation, she will prepare dry meat, mint tea, and fry bread - a dish taught to her by family members using traditional methods.

She plans to incorporate dry meat into substantial meals that reflect cultural sustenance and storytelling.

She has plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in environmental science in the coming years.

As she steps into the spotlight, Moore is not only competing for a crown-she's representing a vision: one where culture, education, and community units to inspire the next generation of Shoshone-Bannock leaders.

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

Check if your child is learning, thinking, moving, and growing at the right pace



By 3 months, does your child...

- Follow moving objects with eyes
- Turn head toward bright colors and lights
- Move eyes together in same direction
- Recognize breast or bottle
- Respond to loud sounds
- Pass a newborn hearing screening
- Make fists with both hands
- Grasp rattles or hair
- Wiggle and kick with arms and legs
- Lift head and chest while on stomach
- Smile
- Make cooing sounds
- Watch faces closely

By 6 months, does your child...

- Turn toward source of normal sound
- Reach for objects and pick them up
- Try to touch or smile at self in mirror
- Roll from stomach to back
- Transfer objects from one hand to other
- Play with toes
- Help hold bottle during feeding
- Recognize familiar faces
- Babble chains of sounds (dadada or bababa)
- Enjoy social play
- Respond to own name

By 12 months, does your child...

- Get into a sitting position
- Pull to a standing position
- Crawl on hands and knees
- Drink from a cup
- Enjoy peek-a-boo and patty cake
- Turn head, look or smile when spoken to
- Show interest in other children
- Hold out arms and legs while being dressed
- Put objects into container
- Have a 5 to 6 word vocabulary
- Imitate people and gestures like bye, bye
- Respond to "no"

By 18 months, does your child...

- Like to push, pull or dump things
- Follow simple directions like "bring the ball"
- Pull off shoes, socks and mittens
- Like to look at pictures
- Point with index finger to show or ask for something
- Feed self
- Make marks on paper with crayons
- Use 8 to 10 words that are understood
- Seem to understand what others say
- Walk without help
- Begin make-believe play

By 2 years, does your child...

- Use 2 to 3 word sentences
- Recognize familiar pictures
- Carry an object while walking
- Feed self with spoon
- Play alone and independently
- Pretend to feed a doll or talk on phone
- Turn 2 or 3 pages at a time
- Look at things others point to
- Identify hair, eyes, ears and nose by pointing
- Build a tower of blocks
- Show affection (gives hugs or kisses)
- Become aware of self from others
- Become excited about company of other children

By 3 years, does your child...

- Walk up steps alternating feet
- Put on shoes
- Open door by twisting knob
- Turn one page at a time
- Play with other children for a few minutes
- Seek adult attention for activities or "tricks"
- Repeat common rhymes
- Use 3 to 5 word sentences
- Name at least one color correctly
- Use the toilet
- Express affection openly
- Express a wide range of emotions
- Take turns in games



For more information about developmental screenings, please call Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Early Intervention Program: (208) 239-4511

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Extension office for 4-H and activities. She had to revamp the program, jumped in and figured it out.

“What I found is when I went to the kids at their schools, I could hit more kids and had more involvement,” said Cates. Mondays she would go to Recreation, Tuesdays with Bannock Creek kids, and the Livestock kids on Wednesdays. This year the participation has grown, as she just entered 591 entries into the Bingham County 4-H Fair. Some projects that were entered are macramé, strawberry jam, canvas painting, projects about beef, and bees and how snow impacts agriculture. She said the kids look forward to winning ribbons and rosettes from the county fair and when they see her at the State Fair, she gets to see their excitement of what they won.

A great memory during her career as the 4-H leader, is when they had a 4-H exchange program with the Seminole Tribe of Florida in 2003. A group of 4-Hers from the Seminole Tribe came here for a week during Festival time. “We took them to Old Faithful and had a great time.” “A few months after that, I took a group of my 4-Hers to Florida, just to name a few were Hoss and Lucy Suppah that went with me. The kids had a chance to eat turtle, frog legs and alligator, we also went to Disney World.”

Nola said, “taking kids



Nola Cates during a 4-H Program mock fair demonstration on July 23. (Lizzie Boyd photos)

to camp for three days over in Alpine is also a good time with the kids, we're limited with how many kids can go, but we make sure to take them every year.”

One of her favorite things with the program is the animal projects, she recalls when kids had pigs, rabbits, steer projects over the years and recalled when steers were around \$600 and now are way over \$2,000. Or back in the 80's when sheep were \$45 and now are \$300. Nola explained the costs are the main disadvantage of a kid choosing that type of animal project, a steer

project in this economy would break the program that's why sheep projects are selected for kids that want to work with an animal project. This year five children took on sheep projects. She was unable to recall what her biggest class of animal projects was over the years.

The program has done a lot of gardening and it has slowly phased out.

Nola took time to pull out photo albums — she has pictures from 1986 forward recalling great memories in the albums. She showed a couple of her favorite pictures — in one photo, she showed the



Nola Cates pictured during a past 4-H Program class.



View of the 4-H Program photo collection.

location where one of the speakers were coming from so the kids understood.

A few of the past 4-H leaders she noted include; Debbie Dixey, Mona Medicinehorse, Sandy Stone, Donna McArthur

and Gerold Hendricks, she said there were more leaders before her time, but she thanked them for all they did for the program.

Nola said the future leader should be good with kids and is ready to

spend a lot of time with the program.

When asked what she's going to miss, “I'm going to miss the kids, and I will miss the kids calling me grandma.”

FHBC conducting contest to replace Shoshone-Bannock Tribes official seal

FORT HALL — The Fort Hall Business Council is inviting Shoshone-Bannock Tribal member artists to submit original artwork for a new or updated Tribal Seal that better reflects the present-day values, culture, and vision of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

The current seal, adopted in 1937, features an Indian head in the center, a steer's head on the left, and a sheaf of grain on the right, which are elements historically significant to the cattle industry and



Shoshone-Bannock Tribes official tribal seal

the Tribal economy at the time.

“We honor the legacy and meaning of the original seal,” said Fort Hall Business Council Chairwoman Donna Thompson. “But we recognize

the opportunity to create a version that speaks to who we are today, a sovereign and resilient people with a strong vision for the future.”

Designs should reflect the identity, values, and sovereignty of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Artists may incorporate elements from the original seal, but it's not required.

Call for submissions is open to all Shoshone-Bannock Tribal members artists. A prize of \$300 will be awarded to the selected design. The submission deadline is Monday, September 1, 2025.

Submissions can be hand-drawn or digital original content. Entries can be submitted to the Public Affairs Office at the Tribal Business Center or send to Roselynn Yazzie, Public Affairs Manager at roselynn.yazzie@sbtribes.com. Please use subject line: “Tribal Seal Submission.” All entries should include: Name, District, Phone Number, and a brief description of your design.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Public Affairs Office and presented to the Fort Hall Business Council for final consideration. The selected design will be announced in the fall.

Consideration for the design to be used in official Tribal branding, documents, signage, and more.

For questions, please contact the Public Affairs Office 208-589-8595 or roselynn.yazzie@sbtribes.com

HHS, continued

“Meetings like this are valuable, even when we don't see eye to eye,” Edmo concluded. “We all benefit when we take the time to listen, learn, and work together to better serve our people.”

To that end, he submitted a summary report to Secretary Kennedy's advisors outlining key behavioral health policy recommendations. These include protecting and preserving SAMHSA funding; supporting flexible, non-competitive grants for Tribes; partnering with Tribes to build a youth treatment center in the Northwest; and recognizing and funding traditional healing as part of comprehensive

care.

Other Tribal leaders raised additional concerns. Nez Perce Chairman Shannon Wheeler spoke about the importance of protecting first foods and the trauma caused by dietary changes. He noted that while treating illness is costly, investing in healing and prevention will ultimately benefit everyone.

Edmo echoed the need to protect natural food sources, especially salmon.

“They have to travel so far and face so many barriers, including dams. We must speak for them, as they can't speak for themselves,” he said.

He emphasized that salmon are not only vital to

health and culture but are also tied to Treaty Rights. He highlighted the Boise area, where salmon once swam all the way up to Twin Falls, and are a testament to what has been lost.

Moved by the conversation, Secretary Kennedy expressed a desire to hear more about how his office can support specific Tribal priorities. He thanked Edmo for remembering his father and recalled visiting reservations with him as a child.

As a symbol of that continued connection, Edmo presented Secretary Kennedy with a collage of photos from his father's visit to Fort Hall, which Kennedy warmly accepted.

Miss Shoshone-Bannock orientation class hosted

By LIZZIE BOYD
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — On Monday July 28, the Miss Shoshone-Bannock Queen Committee along with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Language and Culture Preservation Department, conducted an orientation class for the four contestants who are competing for this year's Miss Shoshone-Bannock queen.

They include Danella Murphy, Jasmine Coby, Myke Moore and Scarlette Stagner.

Louise E. Dixey, Language and Culture Preservation director, was the main speaker. In the orientation, Dixey spoke about the history of the Tribes, how Fort Hall became a reservation, the reservation boundaries, and about the place names of the reservation for each lodge.

Dillin Diggie, Language apprentice with Language and Culture department, explained the language portion of the class. He covered how to properly introduce oneself in either Shoshone or Bannock. He went one generation down the contestant's family tree



2025-26 Miss Sho-Ban contestants attend the orientation class on July 28. (Lizzie Boyd photos)

and when he was finished, each contestant was asked to stand up and practice introducing themselves.

Kaycee Dixey and Develynn Hall, former Miss Shoshone-Bannocks and are now the co-coordinators on the queen committee, each shared how they introduced themselves, pointers and suggestions to the girls, as well as real life experiences.

Dixey explained she

and Develynn came together to offer the orientation when they were brainstorming to see what they would have wanted when they were Miss Sho-Ban. They want to be a supportive and active Royalty committee for the new queen and help them in anyway needed.

The royalty committee would like to thank Joseph “Spirit” Wadsworth for the donation of contestant sashes.

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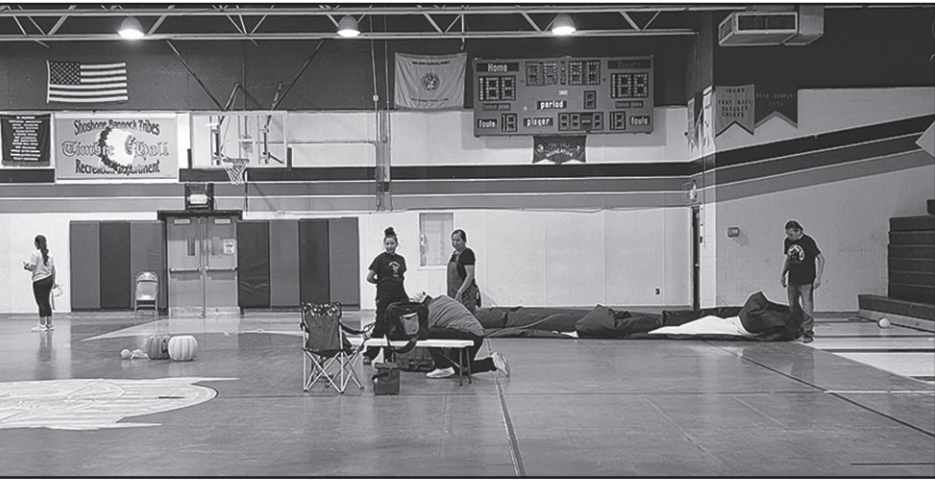
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Waapi Kani Cedar House & FHYC blend summer fun with Halloween through hosting 'Summerween' at Timbee Hall



Tribal Health's Waapi Kani Cedar House staff break down from their celebration of Summerween night held at Timbee Hall Sunday, July 24. (Yvonne Warjack photos)



Waapi Kani Cedar House cleaning up.

By YVONNE WARIACK
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL - The evening of July 24, community members gathered at Timbee Hall for a celebration of "Summerween," an event that blended summertime fun with spooky Halloween cheer.

Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Health's Waapi Kani Cedar House Mental Wellness and Recovery Services, in partnership with the Fort Hall Youth Council hosted the event. The evening featured an indoor screening of the classic family film Casper.

Families and youth filled the gymnasium with blankets, stuffies, pillows, and treats as the summer

sun started to dip below in the far horizon. Halloween-themed treats and concessions were served by members of the Fort Hall Council, giving young leaders a chance to engage in meaningful community involvement.

What made the event extra special was its spirit of connection - to each other, to culture, and to past community traditions.

Cedar House staff emphasized the importance of creating safe, seasonal events that welcome all ages while also promoting mental wellness.

The event was open to the community and well-attended, with laughter

echoing throughout the gymnasium as kids enjoyed candy, hamburgers, movie popcorn, spooky décor, and the antics of everyone's favorite ghost.

For more information about upcoming events or Cedar House services, contact Kayla Dann, BHA, at (208) 478-4026.

At right: Fort Hall Youth Council members ran the concession and gave out Halloween theme treats during the Summerween movie night party at Timbee Hall.



Direct Communications Rockland Inc. gives \$520,000 gift to Idaho State University to establish Esports Arena; a commitment to rural education & student enrichment

From University Relations
POCATELLO

Idaho State University (ISU) is thrilled to announce a major gift from Direct Communications Rockland, Inc. that will establish the new Direct Communications Esports Arena on the ISU campus. The partnership continues Direct Communications' deep commitment to rural education and student enrichment across Idaho.

The \$520,000 gift will support construction of the state-of-the-art facility, with project groundbreaking anticipated for Fall 2025, and completion targeted for January 1, 2026. The new arena will serve as the hub for ISU's growing Esports program and a high-tech gathering space for students from all disciplines.

"This generous investment from Direct Communications expands access

to cutting-edge technology for ISU students while strengthening our ability to support student wellness, teamwork, and innovation," said President Robert W. Wagner. "We are incredibly grateful to Tim May and the outstanding Direct Communications team for their continued support of Idaho's students."

Lowell Richards, associate vice president for auxiliary services at ISU says that Esports is an important part of campus life and improving student and community engagement.

"Esports on college campuses is more than just entertainment; it's a gateway to involvement and a sense of belonging. It brings students together, fostering a community where they can connect, collaborate, and compete."

Direct Communications is a longstanding benefactor of ISU, playing

a key role in multiple initiatives including the INCLUDE project, which provides access to mental health and educational resources to rural high school students across the state, as well as the enhancement of Direct Communications Field at Miller Ranch Stadium, home to Bengal Softball.

In recognition of this contribution, ISU Esports will launch an annual Direct Communications Youth Esports Invitational, beginning after completion of construction, and continuing through at least 2030. Richards says that the current Esports lounge does not have the capacity or equipment to host tournaments, so the Direct Communications Esports Arena is a welcome addition to the Esports facilities at ISU.

"We knew this partnership for the Esports Arena



ISU to get new Esports Arena. (Submitted photo)

was right for us because it aligns with the goals of Direct Communications. It is about more than just gaming-- it is about bringing the best to communities and schools by connecting them to the rapidly evolving digital world. That

is what our company is all about, providing high speed internet to rural communities to help bridge the digital divide," said Tim May, General Manager of Direct Communications. "We are happy to partner with ISU to empower the

next generation of Idaho's innovators."

For more information on the Esports program or this partnership, visit isu.edu/esports or contact the ISU Foundation.

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Fort Hall 4-H program prepares for show and sale in mock fair showing for Bingham County 4-H Fair in Blackfoot



Fort Hall 4-H leader Nola Cates is pictured with 4-H participants. (Lizzie Boyd photos)



Nola Cates directs youth how to properly show their sheep for judging.

By LIZZIE BOYD
Sho-Ban News
FORT HALL – Five local youth prepare for their 4-H show and sale where they will be showing a sheep project and Fort Hall 4-H leader Nola Cates, conducted a mock fair July 23 at the Fort Hall extension office.

Each sheep was weighed in to make sure they were on weight for the sale, which is a requirement for the youth, to make sure they are properly feeding the animal. Then they all practiced walking their sheep for the mock fair judge, watching the judge

while walking to express their control of their animal and showmanship, setting their sheep up for the judge to look and feel the sheep's body for muscle structure tone and meat quality.

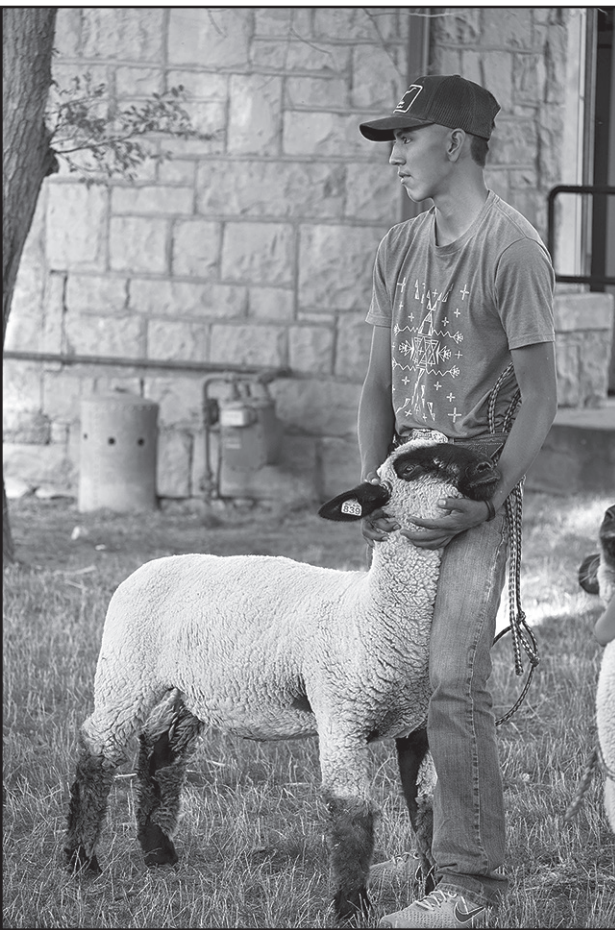
Then they each answered the judge's questions about their

sheep, such as what is your sheep's name, or what breed of sheep are you showing?

Nola has a mock fair for the participants as she believes that it helps the youth to prepare and improve on their presentation and showmanship for the actual show.

Jesus Castaneda is a first-year participant in the Fort Hall 4-H program so he will show in the beginner group. Gator Boyd, Sholee Atcitty, Callie Tinno and Thomas Eagle are all three-year participants, and they will show in the intermediate group against each other.

The kids will show their projects on Monday August 4 at the Bingham County Fair, and sale their projects on Wednesday August 6. The Bingham County Fair is at the Eastern Idaho State Fairgrounds in Blackfoot.



Gator Boyd holds his sheep Rita during mock fair show.



Cates touches Jesus Castaneda's sheep for body muscle.



Nola weighs Gator Boyd's sheep Rita.



4-H Leader Nola Cates touches Tommy Eagle's sheep.



Jesus Castaneda with his sheep Lambo.

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Trump gets wish; Corporation for Public Broadcasting to shutdown

By **TED ANTHONY** and **KEVIN FREKING**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a cornerstone of American culture for three generations, announced August 1 it would take steps toward its own closure after being defunded by Congress — marking the end of a nearly six-decade era in which it fueled the production of renowned educational programming, cultural content and even emergency alerts.

The demise of the corporation, known as CPB, is a direct result of President Donald Trump's targeting of public media, which he has repeatedly said is spreading political and cultural views antithetical to those the United States should be espousing. The closure is expected to have a profound impact on the journalistic and cultural landscape — in particular, public radio and TV stations in small communities across the United States. CPB helps fund both PBS and NPR.

The corporation also has deep ties to much of the nation's most familiar programming, from NPR's "All Things Considered" to, historically, "Sesame Street," "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and the

documentaries of Ken Burns.

The corporation said its end, 58 years after being signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, would come in an "orderly wind-down." In a statement, it said the decision came after the passage of a package that included defunding and the decision Thursday by the Senate Appropriations Committee to exclude funding for the corporation for the first time in over 50 years. The corporation had hoped that the new budget might restore its funding, but that did not happen.

"Despite the extraordinary efforts of millions of Americans who called, wrote, and petitioned Congress to preserve federal funding for CPB, we now face the difficult reality of closing our operations," said Patricia Harrison, the corporation's president and CEO.

The closure will come in phases. CPB said it informed employees Friday that most staff positions will end with the fiscal year on Sept. 30. It said a small transition team will stay in place until January to finish any remaining work — including, it said, "ensuring continuity for music rights

and royalties that remain essential to the public media system."

"Public media has been one of the most trusted institutions in American life, providing educational opportunity, emergency alerts, civil discourse, and cultural connection to every corner of the country," Harrison said. "We are deeply grateful to our partners across the system for their resilience, leadership, and unwavering dedication to serving the American people."

NPR stations use millions of dollars in federal money to pay music licensing fees. Now, many will have to renegotiate these deals. That could impact, in particular, outlets that build their programming around music discovery. NPR President and CEO Katherine Maher estimated recently, for example, that some 96% of all classical music broadcast in the United States is on public radio stations.

Federal money for public radio and television has traditionally been appropriated to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which distributes it to NPR and PBS. Roughly 70% of the money goes directly to the 330 PBS and 246 NPR stations across the

country, although that's only a shorthand way to describe its potential impact.

Trump, who has called the CPB a "monstrosity," has long said that public broadcasting displays an extreme liberal bias, helped create the momentum in recent months for an anti-public broadcasting groundswell among his supporters in Congress and around the country. It is part of a larger initiative in which he has targeted institutions — particularly cultural ones — that produce content or espouse attitudes that he considers "un-American." The CPB's demise represents a political victory for those efforts.

His impact on the media landscape has been profound. He has also gone after U.S. government media that had independence charters, including the venerable Voice of America, ending that media outlet's operations after many decades.

Trump also fired three members of the corporation's board of directors in April. In legal action at the time, the fired directors said their dismissal was governmental overreach targeting an entity whose charter guarantees it independence.

Tribal radio stations at risk of closure because of funding cuts

KEVIN ABOUREZK
ICT

As waves of snow battered the Rosebud Indian Reservation in December 2022, John Miller went to work alerting his community about closed roads, closed tribal programs and places where people could take shelter. Residents learned about the storm's extent from the radio, which broadcast National Weather Service alerts, from people they knew and trusted.

Many residents of the South Dakota reservation lived in remote places that had become cut off by impassable roads, and some were cut off for as long as two weeks and ran out of propane to heat their homes. Miller, station manager for KOYA 88.1 FM, answered phone calls from people seeking help and directed them toward programs that could help.

The snowstorm eventually claimed the lives of six people, including a 12-year-old boy with health problems who couldn't be reached in time, an elderly man who froze to death, and a man who froze in a ditch.

The road to the KOYA-FM transmitter and tower after the December 2022 snowstorm on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. (Photo courtesy of John Miller)

Even though there were other ways people learned about the storm and where they could find help, many still relied on their local radio station, KOYA 88.1 FM, to provide them with constantly changing weather information and resources.

"Even though there's tons of apps and alternate places to get information, folks still turn to us, which I thought was pretty awesome," Miller said.

The event inspired Miller to apply for a federal grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay for upgrades to the radio station and two of its transmitter towers to ensure they could continue to operate even when they lost access to the power grid. Recently, however, the Trump administration's decision to cut FEMA funding and many federal grants led to the cancellation of the radio station's \$500,000 grant.

Now the radio station, along with dozens of other tribal community radio stations, faces further funding cuts after the U.S. House of Representatives voted July 17 to cut \$1.1 billion in funds for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, as well as nearly \$8 billion for foreign aid, totaling \$9.4 billion. Sealing the deal to send the legislation to President Donald J. Trump's desk and signed on July 24. It was the first time in decades that billions of dollars already approved for spending was rescinded.

Kyler Edsitty, program coordinator for Native Public Media, which supports 36 tribal radio stations that receive public media funding, said the federal cuts would impact every one of those radio stations.

"Most of our stations are going to lose most of their funding," he said. "This could turn to things like having to lay off or furlough staff members."

Native Public Media, which is headquartered in Flagstaff, Arizona, supports a network of nearly 60 tribal community radio stations, though many of these are commercial stations that don't receive public funding. The organization receives funding from the Corporation for Public Media to provide support to the federally funded 36 tribal community radio

stations and likely will lose those funds. However, Edsitty doesn't expect the loss of those funds will entirely shut down its support programs for those radio stations.

"At the end of the day we will remain committed to serving our stations in any capacity that we can," he said.

Native Public Media lobbies for federal policies that benefit tribal community radio stations and supports those radio stations as they work to remain compliant with Federal Communications Commission regulations. The organization also works to improve alert systems that use federally funded radio stations, including an alert system that provides information about missing and endangered Indigenous people, much like an Amber Alert.

Native Public Media also develops curriculum for radio stations and educates station managers how to raise funds and create emergency operations plans.

It is one of at least three Native-focused public media organizations that receive public media funding.

Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, based in Anchorage, Alaska, and Vision Maker Media, based in Lincoln, Nebraska, also receive public funding. Koahnic "serves 192 stations in 34 U.S. states, including 57 rural Tribal stations and operates Native Voice One, also known as NV1, a content distribution service providing programming that is all Tribally produced to stations throughout the nation through a satellite channel."

Vision Maker Media provides funding for Indigenous-focused programming, including documentaries. Francene Blythe-Lewis, president and chief executive officer, told ICT recently that she expects the federal funding cuts will lead to a loss of nearly half of her organization's \$2.8 million annual budget. It also will impact the organization's ability to distribute its content through PBS stations.

While it is available online, ICT's weekly newscast could become less available to viewers through their local

television programming. The 30-minute, Indigenous news program airs on more than 190 public television channels across 118 media markets in 41 states, and is broadcast on PBS stations, First Nations Experience, also known as FNX, and the PBS World Channel.

The ICT newscast is also carried on main PBS channels, subchannels (like 8.2 or 5.3), and secondary PBS stations, expanding access especially in rural and tribal communities.

Following the House's vote to cut funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota, said he secured a deal from the White House that some money administered by the U.S. Department of Interior would be repurposed to subsidize Native American public radio stations in about a dozen states.

But Kate Riley, president and CEO of America's Public Television Stations, a network of locally owned and operated stations, said that deal was "at best a short-term, half-measure that will still result in cuts and reduced service at the stations it purports to save."

A spokesperson for Rounds' office said the senator had secured \$9.4 million for 35 Native radio stations in 11 states and one TV station through already appropriated Department of the Interior funds, according to Current, a news organization that covers public media issues. The \$9.4 million represents the total amount given to the 35 stations through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting in fiscal year 2025.

The grants will be administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and likely will be awarded this fall, an Interior Department spokesperson told Current.

According to Current, the Interior spokesperson couldn't say whether the grant funds would continue beyond the first year.

Mollie Kabler, executive director of CoastAlaska, a nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of 27

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Supreme Court blocks North Dakota redistricting ruling

Would gut part of landmark federal civil rights law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Thursday blocked a lower-court ruling in a redistricting dispute in North Dakota that would gut a landmark federal civil rights law for millions of people.

The justices indicated in an unsigned order that they are likely to take up a federal appeals court ruling that would eliminate the most common path people and civil rights groups use to sue under a key provision of the 60-year-old Voting Rights Act.

The case could be argued as early as 2026 and

decided by next summer. Three conservative justices, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch and Clarence Thomas, would have rejected the appeal.

The court also has a separate redistricting case over a second majority Black congressional district in Louisiana. The justices heard arguments in March but took the rare step of calling for a new round of arguments in their term that begins in October. They have yet to spell out what issues they want discussed.

In the North Dakota case, the Spirit Lake Tribe

and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, with reservations 60 miles apart, argued that the state's 2021 legislative map violated the act by diluting their voting strength and ability to elect their own candidates.

The case went to trial in 2023, and a federal judge later ordered the use of a map of the area, including the reservations that led to the election last year of three Native Americans, all Democrats, to the Republican-supermajority Legislature.

But in a 2-1 ruling issued in May, a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S.

Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that only the Justice Department can bring such lawsuits under the law's Section 2.

The 8th Circuit also had ruled in an Arkansas case in 2023 that private individuals can't sue under the same provision.

More than 90 percent of Section 2 cases have been brought through private enforcement, UCLA law professor Richard Hasen wrote on the Election Law blog.

The 8th Circuit rulings conflict with decades of decisions by appellate courts that have affirmed the rights of private individuals

to sue under Section 2.

The Supreme Court often will step in when appeals courts around the country come to different decisions on the same legal issue.

In a statement, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Chairman Jamie Azure said, "We are relieved that Native voters in North Dakota retain the ability to protect ourselves from discrimination at the polls. Our fight for the rights of our citizens continues. The map enacted by the North Dakota legislature unlawfully dilutes the votes of Native voters, and it cannot be allowed to

stand."

North Dakota Secretary of State Michael Howe, a Republican, who is named in the lawsuit, said his office "will continue to follow election laws set by the North Dakota legislature or as directed by any final decisions by the courts."

The 8th Circuit covers seven states: Arkansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. In the wake of the Arkansas decision, Minnesota and other states moved to shore up voting rights with state-level protections.

TRIBAL RADIO, continued

radio stations in Alaska that receives Corporation for Public Broadcasting funds, said she has reached out to Rounds' office to ask about the funding deal for Native radio stations but has received no reply.

She said she was able to talk to a staff person for Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan, Republican, and learned the senator also is working to get funds for Alaska radio stations affected by the public media funding cuts.

Kabler said she doesn't expect the funds that Rounds may have secured will benefit radio stations in Alaska considering none of them are tribally owned, though many of them serve Native populations.

"There's just a lot of confusion right now about is there money, who will administer it and when will radio stations find out what's happening," she said. "I don't want to appear skeptical, but we just can't find anything out, and timing is short."

She said the current fiscal year public media funds are scheduled to end by October.

"We can't get anything specific but everybody keeps saying, 'We're working on it,' but what are they working on and who's working on it?"

Kabler said the average publicly funded radio station in Alaska will lose 40 percent of its funding and some will lose as much as 90 percent of their funding.

"The deeply rural stations, many of them are in very small communities so the idea that they can raise enough funds to supplant what was federal funding is not

realistic," she said. "There are some stations that are in clear danger of closing."

ICT reached out to Rounds' office for clarification and a comment multiple times but did not hear back.

Edsitty said Native Public Media had not heard anything about whether Rounds' efforts would lead to funding for tribal community radio stations being protected from federal budget cuts.

He said the loss of tribal radio stations would have a detrimental effect on the communities they serve, especially those who live in areas that don't have internet access. They would no longer receive first alerts about weather and natural disasters, such as wildfires,

"People may see media such as radio as something that is very dated, but it's absolutely not," Edsitty said. "They are the first and foremost for these communities providing news and community updates, cultural programming, emergency alerts given circumstances that a lot of Indigenous communities experience, like lack of electricity and cultural programming. Radio is one of the most reliable forms of media for them."

Representatives at two tribal community radio stations in South Dakota and a rural radio station serving an Indigenous community in Alaska that receive public media funding said they also have heard nothing about whether the federal public media budget cuts will affect them or not.

Bill Means, chairman of the Board of Directors for KILI Radio, based on the Pine

Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, said the station receives \$180,000 annually from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which makes up nearly 70 percent of its funding.

"This is a heavy hit, just when we launched our campaign to become more self-sufficient," he said.

The radio station recently launched a \$3 million capital campaign to allow it to build a new headquarters and equipment. Public media funds pay for the station's salaries and equipment, he said, adding that he doesn't yet know whether the funding cuts will affect the station's ability to keep all of its full- and part-time employees.

He said public funding for tribal radio isn't a gift. It is reparations for land theft, including that of the Black Hills in South Dakota, Means said.

"We want the government and public to understand that we deserve compensation for all this mineral development that's happening and the theft of the Black Hills," he said.

He said KILI provides essential weather emergency alerts and cultural programming for its listeners, as well as information about health emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. He said the 100,000-watt radio station serves a nearly 2 million-acre reservation nearly the size of Connecticut.

"We play a very key role in disaster prevention and disaster response," he said.

John Miller, station manager at KOYA Radio on the Rosebud Indian Reservation, said his organization receives \$184,000 in public media funds, which account for about

92 percent of the station's annual budget.

"It's going to affect us," he said. "I don't know what kind of way yet."

KOYA has an affiliated commercial radio station, KINI, and Miller said he hopes to be able to increase advertising revenue for KINI so it can support KOYA in turn, but he expects it will be difficult to compete against other nearby radio stations that serve other rural communities.

"There's already an established base for advertising through their radio stations," he said.

Unlike KINI, which plays contemporary music, KOYA provides cultural programming, and Native news and music.

"It's not a good future at this point," he said. "It's frustrating when you love what you do. You're here for the people."

He said many reservation residents live alone in remote places where they depend on KOYA to keep them occupied.

"It's company for them, especially when you live way in the country," he said. "We're family, tiospaye, and we want to be received like that in a respectful way."

He thanked the station's listeners, including many tribal citizens who live in distant places like Australia, Arizona and Oregon but continue to listen to their home community's radio station online.

"We really appreciate their support of both stations and we hope that with the cuts that we are still able to serve our listeners," he said.

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SHO-BAN NEWS
COVERING IDAHO & INDIAN COUNTRY

Sho-Ban tribal artist Aly McKnight contributes sandstone pillar design to Boise's Kaixo Park

BOISE — Shoshone-Bannock artist and children's book illustrator Aly McKnight is featured with her Sandstone Pillar contribution to Boise's newest Kaixo Park where a grand opening was July 28 at 152 Grove Street in Boise.

The Hua Studio featured the integrated public art that honors and celebrates Indigenous people and the history of immigration in Boise.

Mayor Lauren McLean made opening remarks and officials invited children to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony including tribal youth.

Aly and artists were introduced at the Center with their Sandstone Pillar art contributions to approximately 100 community members, Boise City officials to include Mayor McLean, Boise City Council, Boise Parks and Recreation, the Boise City Department of Arts & History and Capital City Development Corporation.

The Kaixo Center (pronounced Kie-sho and meaning "hello" in Basque) extends a message of welcome. The project has been in the making since 2022, and construction of the Park began in January of this year that was designed to recognize the diverse cultures that entered the Boise Valley and to acknowledge their strong influence with the community.

Aly worked with Louise Dixey, Shoshone-



Tribal artist Aly McKnight stands next to the sandstone pillar art design with her family in Boise. (Submitted photos)

Bannock Language and Culture Preservation Director as she presented her idea in submitting work to be sculpted in sandstone on one of the Ancestral Pillars for the Park.

Aly's sculpture is shared with her words "We Belong to the Land." Her Pillar insignia reads, "As part of the Ancestral Pillars installation, Idaho artist Aly McKnight designed this pillar to honor indigenous heritage and legacy in the Boise Valley." "This artwork honors the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes crucial role in the tapestry of Idaho's history, our har-

monious relationship with the land, and inextricable connection to animals, particularly those that sustain our communities. Buffalo, for example, plays a vital role in our lives and this artwork incorporates elements of them, symbolizing our respect for nature and the interconnectedness of all living things. This artwork aims to focus an understanding and appreciation for our culture. It is also a call to action, encouraging you to learn from our wisdom, embrace our values, and nurture a deeper sense of respect for Native People."



Kaixo Park sandstone art design descriptive sign from the Boise City Dept. of Arts & History.

Aly's grandmother, the late Emaline George was a great influence for Aly to utilize her gifted art talent from Creator to become involved in projects that embrace positive impact our ancestral roots such as this project. Emaline shared her love for the Culture and history of our Shoshone-Bannock people to granddaughters Aly and sister Kayla, said Tami McKnight, Aly's mother.

Aly said it is her goal to continue to be continually engaged in working with indigenous artists, writers, and those wanting to acknowledge our people's Culture and ancestral presence in history.



Close view of one of McKnight's sandstone designs.

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Jr. boys dancers in the 477 Human Services Program Kids Day Powwow & Barbecue grand entry on Wednesday, July 30. (Jeremy Shay photos)



Local youth drum singers during an intertribal dance.

FORT HALL — The 477 Human Services Department hosted their annual Kids Day Powwow & Barbecue at the Sho-Ban Tribes HRDC Building lawn on Wednesday, July 30.

477 Human Services staff served hot dogs, hamburgers and chips to the families in attendance.

The evening included prizes for dancers across different age categories, and a cake walk was conducted for those in attendance.

Medicine Thunder and Blue Springs were the host drums, and Consumer Services manager Dustin Davis served as emcee for the event.



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Tribal elder Darrell Shay gives the prayer for the 477 Kids Day Powwow, while Kyle Nipwater holds the American Flag on July 30. (Jeremy Shay photos)



Medicine Thunder sings during grand entry.



Blue Springs drum group during an intertribal.



Jr. girls jingle dancer.



Tiny tot boys dancer Edison Thomas in grand entry.



Tiny tot girls dancer smiles during her category dance.



Jr. boys traditional dancer.



Brothers dance together in an intertribal.




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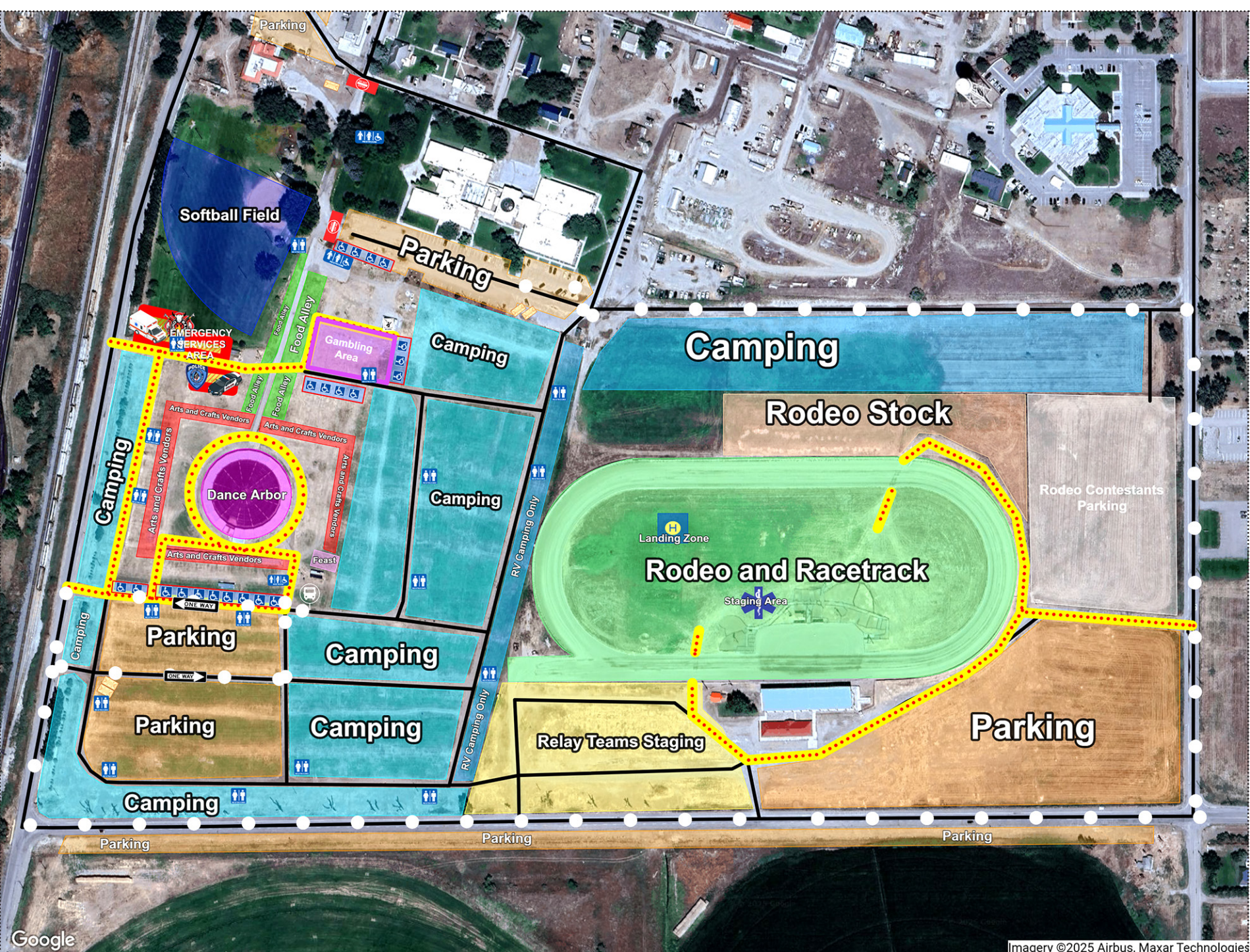
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NATIONAL

Trump's demand for Washington NFL team name change ignores years of psychological data, experts say

By GRAHAM LEE BREWER
Associated Press

President Donald Trump is threatening to hold up a new stadium deal if Washington's NFL team did not restore its name to a racial slur, despite decades of psychological research showing the negative mental health impacts of Native American mascots.

The president is demanding a private company change its name to something that researchers have linked to a variety of negative mental health outcomes, particularly for children, said Mark Macarro, president of the National Congress of American Indians. The organization has been pushing back on stereotypes of Native Americans since the 1950s, including Native sports mascots.

"This is a big reminder with this administration that we're going to take some backward steps," Macarro said. "We have our studies, we have our receipts, and we can demonstrate that this causes real harm."

More than two decades of research on Native mascots have shown

they lead to heightened rates of depression, self-harm, substance abuse and suicidal ideation among Indigenous peoples, and those impacts are the greatest on children. Citing this data, the American Psychological Association has been recommending the retirement of Native mascots since 2001.

The president believes that franchises who changed their names to "pander to the Woke Left" should immediately restore their original names," White House spokesperson Davis Ingle said in a statement to The Associated Press.

"Thanks to President Trump, the days of political correctness and cancel culture are over," he said.

Some teams change names while others resist

Under pressure from decades of activism, the Washington Redskins — a racial slur and arguably the most egregious example — retired the name in 2020, eventually settling on the Commanders. Later that year, the Cleveland Indians changed its name to the Guardians.

Two major league teams, the NFL's Kansas

City Chiefs and the NHL's Chicago Blackhawks, continue to resist calls to change their names. The Chiefs have banned fans from wearing headdresses or face paint meant to depict Native Americans at games but has resisted prohibiting the use of the "tomahawk chop," which critics have long called derogatory.

More than 1,500 grade schools across the country — a decrease over the past few years — still use Native mascots, according to the National Congress of American Indians, using names like "Savages" as well as the slur that Trump aims to bring back to the Washington team.

Experts say Native mascots reinforce racial bias

Native American people, activists, and leaders have been asking for the retirement of Native mascots for generations. Popular arguments defending the mascots have been that they "honor" Native people or that it simply boiled down to people being "offended," said Steph Cross, a professor of psychology and researcher at the University

of Oklahoma and a citizen of the Comanche Nation. But now we have decades of data that agrees on the negative mental health impacts, she said.

"Being offended is not even really the problem. That's a symptom," Cross said.

She noted that Native mascots aren't just harmful to Indigenous peoples, they also reinforce racial prejudices among non-Natives, including people who will work directly with Native people like health care professionals and teachers.

"I think about these people who are going to be working with Native children, whether they realize that or not, and how they may unintentionally have these biases," Cross said.

Stephanie Fryberg, a professor at Northwestern University, who is a member of the Tulalip Tribes and one of the country's leading researchers on Native mascots, said, "The ultimate impact, whether conscious or unconscious, is bias in American society."

Her work has also shown Native mascots increase the risk of real

psychological harm, especially for young Native people.

"Honoring Native peoples means ending dehumanization in both imagery and policy," she said. "Indian Country needs meaningful investment, respect, and the restoration of federal commitments, not more distractions or excuses for inaction."

Several states pass Native mascot bans

In recent years, several states — including Maine, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and New York — have passed laws or issued directives that ban or require districts to change Native mascots. A law prohibiting them in Illinois stalled this year in the state Senate.

The Trump administration has interjected into other efforts to change Native mascots. This month, the U.S. Department of Education launched an investigation into a Long Island public school district working to retire its Native American-themed mascot.

"The Department of Education has been clear with the state of New

York: it is neither legal nor right to prohibit Native American mascots and logos while celebrating European and other cultural imagery in schools," said U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon.

When it comes to grade schools specifically, the negative impacts on children's mental health is compounded by the fact that U.S. history standards largely ignore Indigenous history and rarely frame Native Americans as modern people, said Sarah Shear, a professor and researcher at the University of Washington.

In 2015, she was part of a study that found 87% of schools in the U.S. teach about Native Americans in only a pre-1900 context. That hasn't improved much in the decade since the study, Shear said. Most curriculum also doesn't present the arguments against harmful stereotypes, like Native Mascots.

"Just on the standards documents alone," Shear said, "I'm not surprised that Trump and other folks continue to advocate that these mascots are celebratory when they're not."

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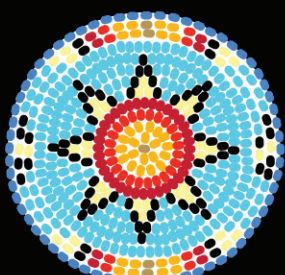
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SPORTS



Professional Native cowgirl Bailey Bates competes in War Bonnet Round Up rodeo



Native cowgirl Bailey Bates competes in the breakaway roping event at the War Bonnet Round Up in Idaho Falls on Wednesday, July 30. (Lizzie Boyd photos)

By LIZZIE BOYD
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Bailey Bates, Navajo Nation professional rodeo cowgirl and three-time Indian World Champion breakaway roper, calls Tohatchi, New Mexico home.

Bates competed in the War Bonnet Round Up July 30, in Idaho Falls. She had a time of a 2.3 second run but was given a ten second penalty for not giving the calf enough of a head start.

Bates, 32, has been to 48 professional rodeos so far this year and as of July 17, was placing 20th in the Women's Professional Rodeo Association Breakaway Roping standings with \$46,000 won. "The rodeo season starts on October 1 and goes through September 30," she explained "Then the next season starts, there's no break in our rodeo careers." "We earn money won that counts towards the yearly standings."

At the end of the season, the top 15 women advance to the finals in Las Vegas, Nev. in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo (NFR), however the breakaway roping finals are at various locations in Las Vegas as it is not at the Thomas and Mack arena where the NFR is.

Bates travels with her brother Michael Bates Jr., who is a professional steer wrestler and if she's not with her brother, she's probably traveling by herself. She helps her brother with his event by being a hazer, "Yeah, for the most part it has been me, but at Cheyenne he had a different hazer. We just roll with the tides and let it play out." She said, "to be on the road with my family and have that support system is a major key, I am very grateful I get to experience this rodeo lifestyle with such support."

Before Bates became a professional cowgirl, she obtained her Bachelors in Range Management from New Mexico State University in 2016. She worked with the Bureau of Land Management as Range Specialist, then went onto be a High School Agriculture teacher and 4-H youth coordinator. Bates said, "My background is in Ag, and it coordinates with my love and passion with rodeo."

This year, Bates has competed and won at some major rodeos on the professional rodeo circuit, she won San Angelo, during the Texas run this spring. Bates recently com-



Bailey Bates, Navajo Nation, at Sandy Downs in Idaho Falls.

peted at Cheyenne, Wyo. rodeo also known in the rodeo world as "The Daddy of them all." Bailey said, "Cheyenne was an exciting weekend, it's one of the biggest weeks of the season, there's also the Days of 47 in Salt Lake, Ogden Pioneer Days, Spanish Fork Fiesta Days, and coming off of Salinas California rodeo — there all major rodeos and to finish the week with Cheyenne when the week wasn't going good and to end up third at Cheyenne was a pretty good feeling and a sigh of relief." "That's where I also had a horse change, and to be able to roll with the punches and nodding my head at the next one."

It's her fourth year competing at Cheyenne and she has only made it back to the performances once before. This year, Bates made it back to the short go finals for the first time and ended up third in the average taking home \$12,000. Bates added, "Being able to capitalize on it and get some major playoff

points was a really good feeling as well."

She would like to encourage the youth, "I think whatever you dream of, whether it's to be a professional breakaway roper, basketball player, dentist, doctor or movie star whatever you want to be give it your all, there's a lot of people who will believe in you and most importantly you have to believe in yourself." Hard work and dedication, along with a hard belief system in your faith really helps you with your mental side, she said.

Bates took the time to thank Sho-Ban News for the interview and said, "I hope everyone enjoys the War Bonnet Round Up, it's a pretty cool rodeo and I enjoy coming here."

She gave thanks to her sponsors, "Without my sponsors I could not get down the road, Childers Chrome Shop, MX Hats, Lone Eagle Ventures, Stunt Nations, MVP, Cortez Jewelry for authentic Navajo jewelry go to them, RockinLM Productions."

24 teams competing in Sho-Ban Festival Indian Relay championship



FORT HALL — Shoshone-Bannock Festival Indian Relay Races are August 8 to 10 at 2 p.m. daily at the Fort Hall Racetrack.

Indian Relay teams include: Appenay Relay, Bad Rock Warriors, Beegup Relay, Birdinground, Boogie Boys, Carlson, Coby, Dancing Boy, Farmer Creek, Little Mountain, Mountain River, Old Sun, Red Bone, Redman Relay, River Road, SM Express, Sports Creek, Star School, Teton, Tissidimit, War Chiefs, White Knife, Yokoyama and Young Money.

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Ladies Relay: Tillman Team, Iron Eyes Relay, Old Sun, Tissidimit, Amyotte Racing and Howling Wolf.

Charles 'Ham' Buckskin Catcher Memorial to feature award & prizes



Charles "Ham" Buckskin for Beegup Relay team. (Submitted photo)

FORT HALL — In memory of Charles "Ham" Buckskin, his family is doing a Catcher Memorial for the Indian Relay on behalf of "Ham" at the Shoshone Bannock Festival Indian Relay races.

He was a catcher for his brother Tyrell Buckskin's team, the Beegup Relay team at the time of his passing. Ham was a part of the Indian Relay since he was born. His dad Speedy Buckskin had his own team and was a rider himself in his younger years. They were known as the Buckskin Relay team.

Ham was a big supporter of his grandpa Kilburn Buckskin in the Chief Race. Ham started out as a holder then moved up to being a catcher. In remembering Ham, it always brings a smile to one's face, just because family and friends remember he was always making you laugh about something he would say — he loved joking and kidding around.

He was known for always flexing his arms in front of you or doing something crazy.

So, in remembrance of Charles "Ham" Buckskin family members will be watching all you catchers for the Indian Relay teams.

The family will be selecting one Catcher who stands out. One of you will receive cash and prizes from his family. Ham is truly missed and will forever be in our hearts.

Local youth compete in 2nd annual Warrior Challenge

By YVONNE WARJACK
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Tribal youth embraced the warrior spirit at the second annual Shoshone-Bannock Youth Warrior Challenge Friday, August 1 in Fort Hall.

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Language and Culture Preservation Department and Fort Hall Recreation hosted the annual event that tested participants' endurance, speed, and traditional pride through a multi-sport relay.

The challenge began at Sho-Ban Jr./Sr. High School where competitors kicked off the race with a run around the track. From there, they sprinted to Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy, hopped on bicycles, and pedaled to the Fort Hall Rodeo Grounds. There they mounted horses and raced one lap on horseback around the arena.

The event was divided into two age categories for the tribal youth.



9 to 13 age division champion Dayton Tendore completes the running portion of the race.

In the 9 to 13-year-old division, Dayton Tendore claimed first place, followed by Dallas Cerino in second.

In the 14 to 17-year-old division, Gator Boyd took first place, Keanna Conrad finishing second and Tanaya Rodriguez taking third.

Dayton Tendore's team won the Best Tradi-



14 to 17 age division champion Gator Boyd finishes first. (Jeremy Shay photos)

tional Dress award for 9 to 13 age group and Gator Boyd's team won the award in 14 to 17 age group. Each team received \$150.

Participants were awarded cash prizes for the top three in each group and received commemorative T-shirts for their efforts.

Sponsors were Fort Hall Police donating two bikes for the winners in

each age division, Fort Hall Recreation donating a jacket to each winner and hoodies to second and third place winners, and Barrie's Ski and Sports donating gift cards to the 14 to 17 age group; LCPD gave cash prizes, and War Medicine donated bags and T-shirts.

Beegup Relay & Tissidimit win at FHIRA Indian Relay races in Malad

MALAD — Beegup Relay won Heat 1 and Tissidimit Team won Heat 2 at the Indian Relay Races at the Oneida County Fairgrounds in Malad.

There were five teams in Heat 1 and six teams in Heat 2. Teams include Heat 1: Beegup Relay with Hernan Tendoy riding, Coby Team and rider EJ Enos, Yokoyama with Dallon Yokoyama riding, Bad Rock Warriors with DeonDre Blacksmith riding and Adrien Honena riding for Appenay Relay. Heat 2: Warren Bros. with Saucy Warren riding,

Morning Bird Relay with rider Dayton Tendore, Farmer Creek and rider Gavin Eldridge, JonMarc Skunkcap riding for White Knife, Tissidimit with Miaus Teton riding and Boogie Boys with rider Frankie Gould.

Heat 1: First: Beegup Relay winning \$750, second Yokoyama Relay earning \$450 and third Coby Team winning \$300.

Heat 2: First: Tissidimit Team winning \$800, second Farmer Creek earning \$480 and third White Knife winning \$320.

The next Fort Hall In-



Hernan Tendoy riding for Beegup Relay in Malad. (Yvonne Warjack photos)



Miaus Teton goes out after an exchange riding for Tissidimit in Malad.

dian Relay Races are during the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival on August 8 to 10, at 2 p.m. each day.



Indian Relay riders at the start of a heat in Malad.



Dayton Tendore riding for Morning Bird Relay at the FHIRA Malad races.



Frankie Gould riding for Boogie Boys in Malad.

Navajo Nation rodeo cowgirl Danielle Lowman rides in War Bonnet Round Up in Idaho Falls



Professional cowgirl Danielle Lowman competes in breakaway roping finishing with a 1.9 second time at the War Bonnet Round Up on July 30. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

Sho-Ban Legends Tour Rodeo August 9-10 in Fort Hall

FORT HALL — The Shoshone-Bannock Legends Tour Rodeo is one of the largest Tour rodeos hosted at Fort Hall in the last five years according to organizers.

The rough stock entries include nine bareback riders, ten saddle bronc riders, 22 bull riders and six junior bull riders. Timed events include 65 ladies breakaway ropers, 39 calf ropers, 22 steer wrestlers, 71 open team roping teams, 41 senior team roping teams, 44 senior breakaway ropers, 27 junior breakaway ropers, 32 open barrel racers and 20 junior barrel racers.

Saturday morning, August 9 slack will feature several Professional Rodeo Cowboys competing in the PRCA, world champion team ropers Aaron Tsninnigine and Erich Rogers will compete during the slack on Saturday morning.

A Saturday night performance is at 7 p.m. and Sunday performance is at 11 a.m. There is free admission.

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Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel Car Show brings out local enthusiasts



Shayna Martin and her daughter poses with one of her bikes at the Sho-Ban Casino Hotel Car Show on July 28. (Joseph Wadsworth photos)



Ronald Diaz poses with his car, along with Pam Stone.



Employee 2nd place winner Jarall Williams.



Washakie family enjoy the festivities.



Attendees were treated to a free concert at the casino hotel.

FORT HALL — The Shoshone-Bannock Casino Hotel hosted a Car Show July 28 in the old casino parking lot and the following are the winners.

Motorcycle: 1st place Shayna McCrary, 2nd place Shayna McCrary, 3rd place Tom Chavez.

Bicycle: 1st place Rue Flores, 2nd place Dallas Flores, 3rd place Cianna Flores

1930/40: 1st place Ryan Burnett, 2nd place Scott Coleman, 3rd place Tory Brooks

1950: 1st place Terrell Daffron, 2nd place Keno Tapoof, 3rd place Fredo Rivera

1960: 1st place Larry Miller, 2nd place Jeff Brannon, 3rd place Jesse Alvarez

Import: 1st place Rex Simons, 2nd place Dakota Goss, 3rd place No Contestant

Drag: 1st place Larry Standfield, 2nd place Richard Baker, 3rd place Griffin Lein

Original Truck: 1st place Tim Thomas, 2nd place Doug Hook, 3rd place Hector Munoz #162.

Muscle Car: 1st place Bart Hennefer, 2nd place Jeff Foust, 3rd place Curtis Edwards.

Sports Car: 1st place Glenn Hoffman, 2nd place Glenn Hoffman, 3rd place Adrian Rodriguez.

Lowrider: 1st place Cherish Gutierrez, 2nd place Ruden Gutierrez, 3rd place Paul Holgan

Hot Rod: 1st place Howard Brocksave, 2nd place Jose Gomez, 3rd place Dan Mchatton.

Custom Truck: 1st place Bo Charles, 2nd place Shane Browers (22' 3500), 3rd place Jamie Cunningham.

Car Hop: 1st place Cory B, 2nd place Ruben Flores, 3rd place Paul Holgan.

Employee: 1st place Savvon Sequints, 2nd place Jarall Williams, 3rd place Cedar Sequints.

Best Interior: Tyrell Daffron.

Best Paint: Shaun Phelps. Best Display: Chris Alainz. Best of Show: Ruben Flores.

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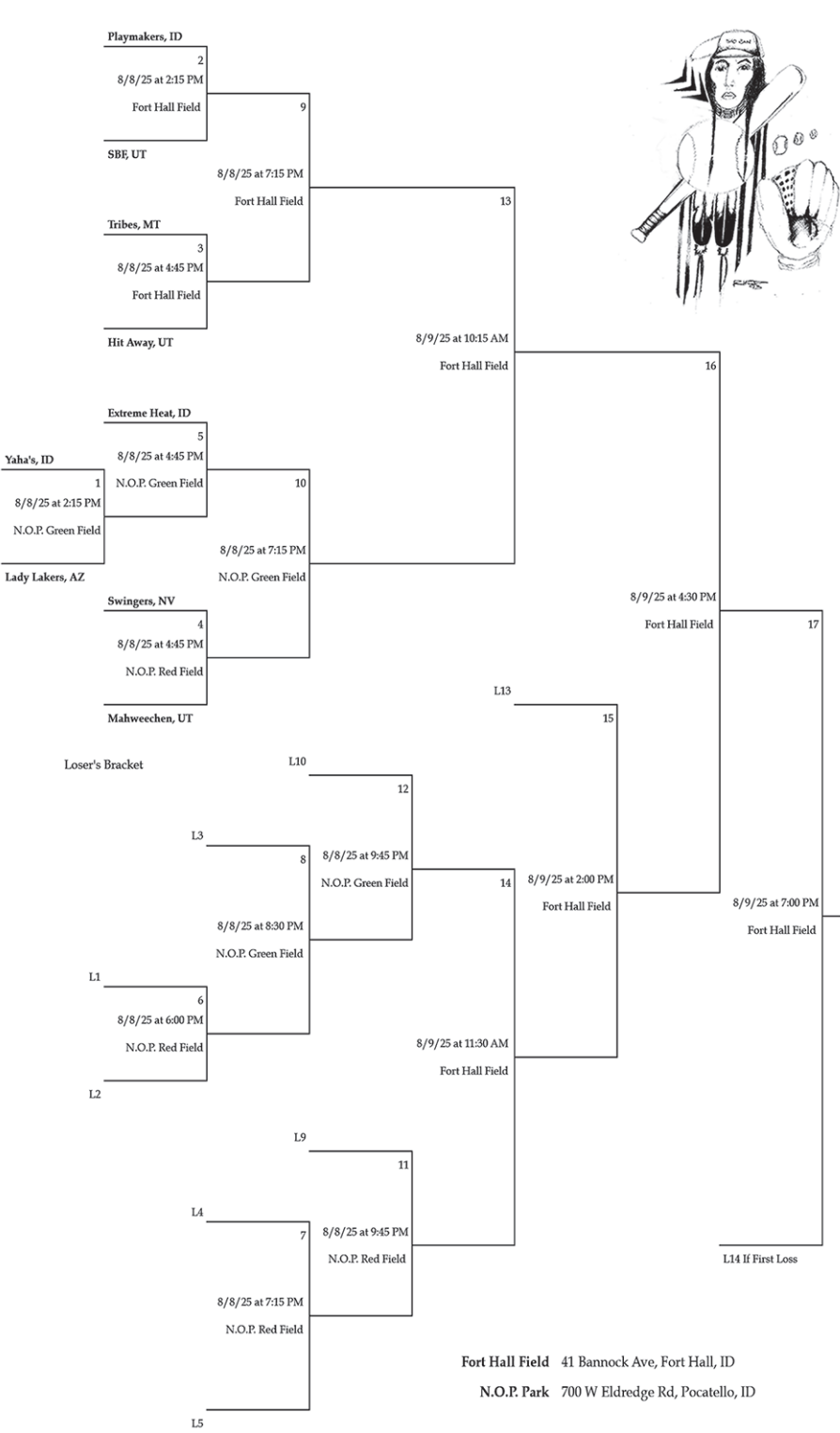


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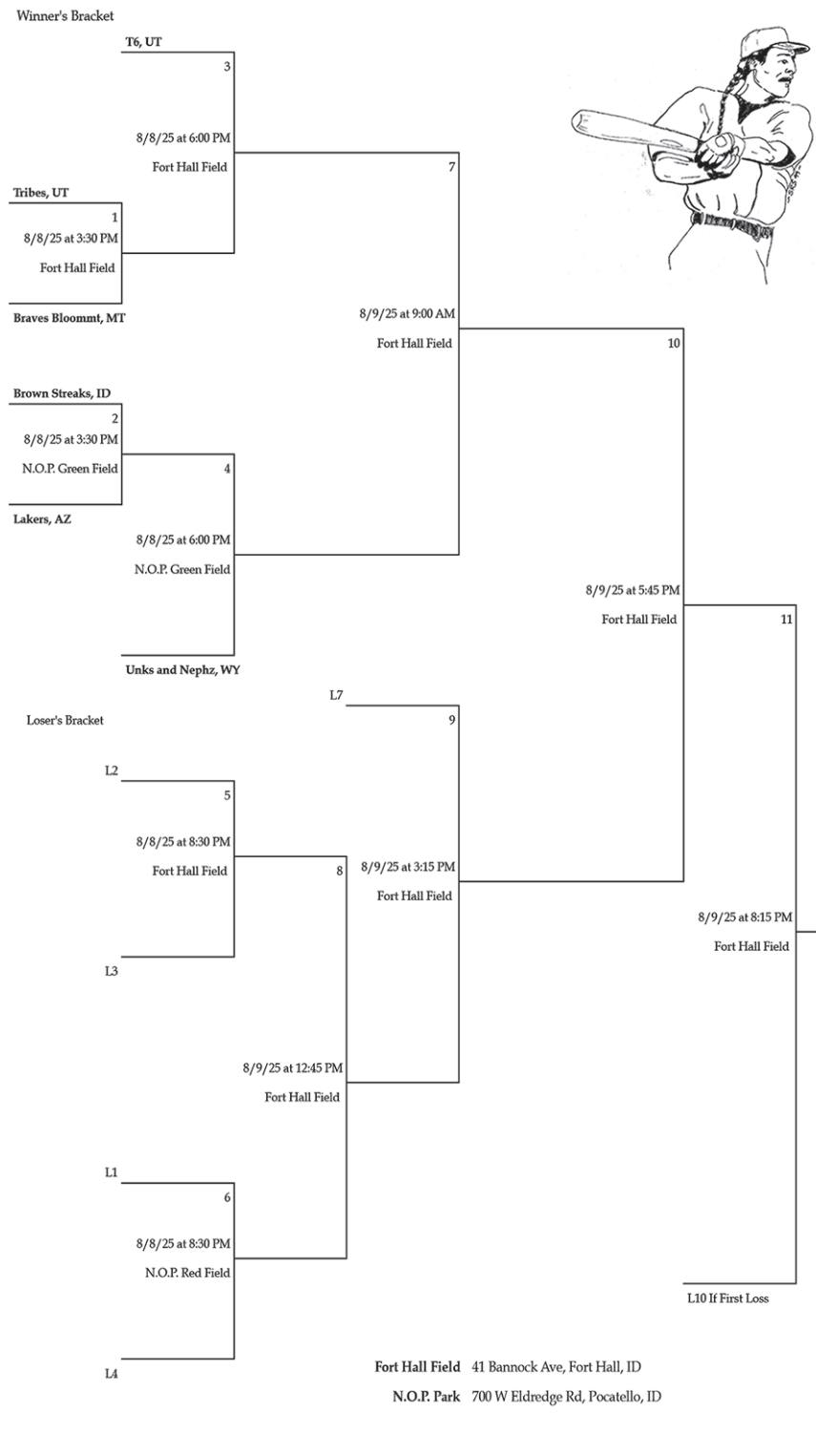


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Shoshone-Bannock Festival Softball Tournament - Women's



Shoshone-Bannock Festival Softball Tournament - Men's



2024 Women's Champions Playmakers.



2024 Men's Champions Nations.



At right: Deshonia McCook 2024 Women's Most Valuable Player.



At left: Nations All Stars Corey Murphey and Armondo Benally. Men's Most Valuable Player Kristian Marks (in center).



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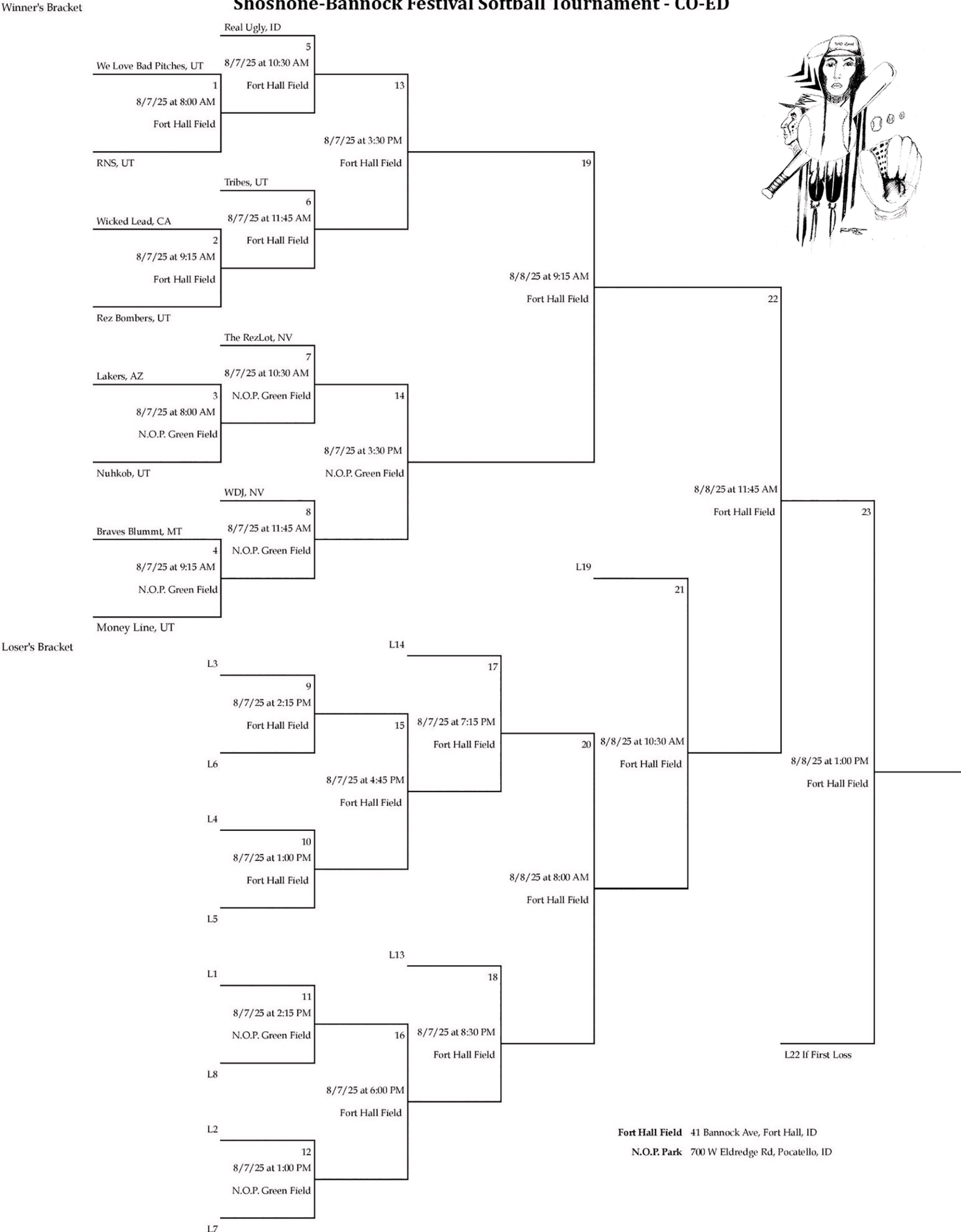
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Shoshone-Bannock Festival Softball Tournament - CO-ED



2024 Fort Hall Recreation Co-ed Champions Real Ugly.



At right: Co-ed Most Valuable Players: Men Tanner Tohtsoni & women's Ryesha Runninghorse.

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2025 Fort Hall Rez Dog Contest

FORT HALL — Louie owned by Mitten LeClaire was named the top Rez dog July 31, 2025 at Fort Hall Recreation's annual Rez Dog contest.

Most Obedient Dog:
1st Place: Sally owner Tessa; 2nd Place: Thalia owner Kyky; 3rd place: Apollo owner Korian.

Cutest Rez Dog: 1st Place: Zeus owner Ruben; 2nd Place: Ozzy owner Ron; 3rd place: Lady owner Lehna.

Ugliest Rez Dog: 1st Place: Coco owner Marlo; 2nd Place: Sursi owner Corbin; 3rd place: Ivy owner Prairie.

Smallest Rez Dog: 1st Place: Tink owner Jackson; 2nd Place: King owner Thayne; 3rd place: Zeus owner Ruben.

Biggest Rez Dog: 1st Place: Ringo owner Moniya; 2nd Place: Hoss owner Jaime; 3rd place: Truly owner Elayah.



Louie was named 2025 top Rez Dog. (Yvonne Warjack photos)



Winners for cutest dogs with their owners.

Fort Hall IHS provides medical guidance for Festival visitors

FORT HALL — Every August the Indian Health Service anticipates visitors in the clinic who are here for the Shoshone-Bannock Festival.

Some may be seeking medical care and others needing medication refills. Many of these travelers bring their medications from home. However, there are those who forget, or will run out prior to returning to their home sites. The clinic staff's goal is to support patient care without putting undue burden on the medical staff.

Patients that have an active prescription with another IHS pharmacy and are only needing an extension of the medica-

tions, can go directly to Pharmacy. Pharmacy staff will verify the medications with the other IHS pharmacy, which can take up to 4 hours, then will provide a 7-day extension of the patient's medications.

Patient presenting to Medical without an appointment for an acute medical issue will be handled like other walk-in patients and worked in as the schedule allows.

Controlled substances will not be dispensed without a provider visit or transfer in between pharmacies. Patients must have a chart established at the Fort Hall IHS in order to receive care, including medications.

Diabetes Project gives tips for healthy nutrition during summer gatherings

Submitted by VANESSA GALLEGOS, MPH, RDN, LD

Stay healthy this summer by focusing on hydration, choosing nutrient-dense foods, and making smart choices at gatherings.

Hydration
Water is essential. It keeps your body hydrated, helps you think clearly, and supports digestion. Try to drink water throughout the day and limit sugary drinks like soda or energy drinks. Practicing good hydration can help your body regulate body temperature, prevent infections, improve organ function, and overall health. On average, adults need at least 11 cups of water each day. Tips to consume more water include:

- Set a timer using a phone/watch for reminders to drink regularly
- Infusing water: Add slices of cucumber, lemons, for added flavor & nutrients
- Eating foods with high water content: watermelon, cucumber, and lettuce

Nutrient Dense Foods

- Fiber helps to regulate blood sugar & cholesterol levels. Foods high in fiber include whole grains, legumes, berries, and nuts & seeds
- Lean Proteins help with heart health, weight management, muscle growth, and so much more! Lean protein sources include SKINLESS cuts of meat, seafood, and plant based (beans, lentils, tofu, etc.)

Seasonal Summer Foods

- Berries, cherries, peaches, plums, tomatoes, asparagus, green beans, etc.

Gatherings Summertime provides

- Limit Salt Intake – Salt can lead to water retention, swelling, and increased thirst, headaches, etc.
- MyPlate – Fill ½ your plate with fresh fruits & vegetable when able, followed by ¼ lean protein, and ¼ whole grains (wheat, quinoa, oatmeal, brown rice)
- Moderation is Key

– Enjoy social gatherings, and delicious food, while being mindful about health. Plan meal recipes ahead of time, and don't forget to share your dish with others!

Healthy eating doesn't have to be hard. Making small, smart choices every day helps you feel your best now, and in the future. For further information or to schedule an appointment with the dietitians in the Public Health Program, contact Erin Brownley at 208-847-8320 or Vanessa Gallegos at 208-847-8282

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Sho-Ban Tribes participate in annual War Bonnet Round Up



Sho-Ban tribal member James Tone (right) dances in the War Bonnet Round Up grand entry saluting the tribal flag in Idaho Falls on July 31. (Yvonne Warjack photos)

By YVONNE WARIACK
Sho-Ban News

IDAHO FALLS — With the beat of drums echoing through the grandstands, and dancers moving in rhythm, the War Bonnet Round Up 2025 opened with a display of Native pride and military honor on Thursday, July 31.

At exactly 6:55 p.m., the lights dimmed, and the Shoshone-Bannock welcome video played across the arena screens, setting a tone of reverence and cultural acknowledgement. The video was titled "Many Blessings to You All," meant to offer peace, respect and strength from the original people of the land.

As the final moments of the video faded, the drums began to thunder. Drummers and dancers entered the grandstands dressed in vibrant regalia. The powerful moment swelled as the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and Tribal military veterans entered the arena, greeted by cheers from the audience.



Sage Point drum group ready to sing at the War Bonnet Round Up.

The cultural tribute served as both a welcoming ceremony and an honoring of service, blending tradition with recognition for first responders and veterans. For many, it was the heart of the evening—where the past, present, and future stood together in one area.

The War Bonnet Round Up, "Idaho's oldest rodeo," continues to embrace Indigenous presence in its opening ceremonies, ensuring that the Tribes' voices and traditions are

not only included but honored.

Thursday's performance was a reminder of the resilience and spirit of the Shoshone-Bannock people—and the sacrifices made by those who serve and protect.

At right: Sho-Ban female dancers, from left: top row Cambri Buckskin, Lacey Whelan, Enika Whelan, SallyAnne Thomas; bottom row Paisley Buckskin and Nia'bi Jo Buckskin.



JonMarc Skunkcap (center, back row), James Tone (right, back row) and family, including Fort Hall Jr. Rodeo Queen Arayah Skunkcap (left) at Sandy Downs.



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NEWE PUI TU 2nd Annual Sho-Ban Youth Warrior Challenge

(THROUGH TRIBAL EYES)



Dayton Tendore runs to jump on his horse in the Sho-Ban Youth Warrior Challenge 9 to 13 age division on Friday, August 1. (Lizzie Boyd photo)



Sho-Ban Youth Warrior Challenge 14 to 17 age champion Gator Boyd wins consecutive title. (Joseph Wadsworth photo)



Dayton Tendore on his bicycle. (Yvonne Warjack photo)



Youth Warrior Challenge 14 to 17 age division 3rd place winner Tanaya Rodriguez finishes. (Jeremy Shay photo)



Youth Warrior Challenge 14 to 17 age division 2nd place winner Keanna Conrad holds onto her horse. (Jeremy Shay photo)



Dallas Cerino arrives to the racetrack in the 9 to 13 division. (Yvonne Warjack photo)

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