



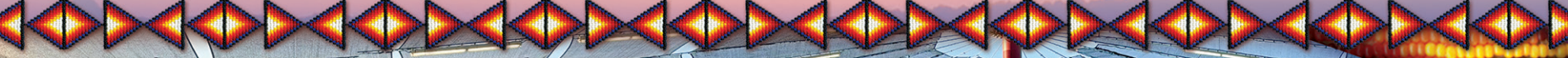
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## Myke Moore crowned new Miss Shoshone-Bannock



New Miss Shoshone-Bannock Queen Myke Moore for 2025 to 2026, with escort Cedar Washakie after being crowned on Friday, August 8. (Lizzie Boyd photos)



Outgoing Miss Sho-Ban Dystnee Rope bestows the beaded crown to Myke Moore at the Delbert Farmer Festival Arbor. (Jeremy Shay photo)

**By LIZZIE BOYD**  
**Sho-Ban News**

FORT HALL — Myke Moore was crowned the new the Miss Shoshone-Bannock Friday, August 8, at the Delbert Farmer Festival arbor.

Scarlette Stagner was named first attendant, Jasmine Coby second attendant and Danella Murphy third attendant.

The contestants all voted for Scarlette Stagner to be named Miss Congeniality. They each competed in various competitions throughout the week, starting off on

See **MOORE**, page A8



2025 Miss Shoshone-Bannock Queen contestants, from left: Scarlette Stagner with escort Lyman Dixey, Myke Moore with escort Cedar Washakie, Jasmine Coby with escort Tanner Countryman and Danella Murphy at the festival arbor before the crowning.

## Festival Coordinator Leah Tindore: grateful for opportunity to serve

FORT HALL — Leah Tindore, Shoshone-Bannock Festival Coordinator said she's still in shock but so incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve.

"I honestly can't believe it we did it," she said. After months of planning, long nights, and countless moving pieces, the 60th Annual Shoshone-Bannock Festival came together in the most amazing way. "I'm overwhelmed with gratitude and appreciation," to the committees, "You were phenomenal. Your dedication, teamwork, and heart made this possible. To our tribal departments Public Works, Facilities, Solid Waste, Transportation, Public Affairs, Sho-Ban News, Finance, Admin, AR and Pete Broncho. thank you for showing up and showing out.

Tindore thanked the Fort Hall Business Council for trusting her with the honor of coordinating the Festival, "It meant everything."

To our vendors, dancers, singers, and spectators: Thank you for bringing your energy, your culture, and your love, she said. To the visitors, head staff, security teams, grounds crew, Fire, EMS, Police and TOEM, "Thank you for keeping us safe and supported every step of the way." Leah said to anyone she may have missed please know it's not intentional. "I'm so grateful for every single person who played a role in making this happen. Every single event was a success because our



Leah Tindore speaks to the crowd at the Festival Parade on August 7. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

community came together."

She said the compliments, the positive vibes, the unity "it was all just incredible."

Tindore explained she's aware of the incidents of theft that occurred, and her heart goes out to those affected. "No one should have to experience that especially in a space meant to uplift and celebrate. I want you to know that I'm already working with our committees and security teams to strengthen safety measures moving forward. Your trust and well-being matter deeply."

Numerous campers found their items were taken on Monday, August 11 including tents, tables, lawn chairs, cots, coolers, blankets, etc. Those whose items were stolen were encouraged to report it to the Fort Hall Police Department.

## Little Bear Watson family hosts men's fancy dance & drum memorial special

**By JEREMY SHAY**  
**Sho-Ban News**

FORT HALL — The family of the late Leander "Little Bear" Watson hosted a men's fancy dance and drum memorial special at the 60th Annual Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival at the Delbert Farmer Festival Arbor on August 9 and 10.

Paying tribute to Little Bear, the Watson family invited men's fancy feather dancers to compete in a contest, with a \$3,000 cash prize for the first place winner up for grabs. Awards also went to second and third places and two consolation prizes.

The family additionally hosted a drum contest with a \$7,000 prize and various awards.

The memorial and men's fancy dance contest portion of the special began on Saturday evening, August 9.

A prayer for the Watson family and everyone in attendance was given; Emcee Vince Beyl led the memorial by introducing the family and reciting a dream his father Gary Watson recalled having shortly after Little Bear's passing.

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A portrait of Leander "Little Bear" Watson in his fancy feather outfit displayed with the award prizes and giveaway items on Saturday, August 9. (Jeremy Shay photos)



Family of the late Little Bear Watson takes a photo with the memorial special first place champion after the honoring at the Delbert Farmer Festival Arbor.



From left: Little Bear's niece Winter Cantsee, adopted daughters Bossy Yazzie and Kolani Yazzie each hold a portrait, banner design with Watson singing and a sketch of him dancing.



Little Bear Watson memorial fancy dance special champion Jonathon Nomee with the 1st place trophy and grand prizes.



**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.

# Festival Handgame Tourney winners listed

By **BRENDA MCKEAN**  
Sho-Ban News

**FORT HALL** — Following are the results from the 60th annual Shoshone-Bannock Festival handgames.

**Thursday, August 7, Elders Tourney winners:** first-Farrell Wildcat Sr, Shohn Dunn and Trema Washakie, \$1,150; second-Toni Arrum, Marie Wilson, Judy Hall, \$950; third-Wayne Ike, Clinton Houtz, Daisey Hood and Carlene Burton, \$615; fourth-Deanna Poowegup, Jana Groves, Helen Solovzano and Nancy Redcap, \$210.

**Friday, August 8, Four-man tourney winners:** first-John McDougall, Jim Swag, Debbie Daychief and Jim Plume, \$1,800; second-Barbara Gopher, Film DeRoche, Earl Arkinson and Elaine Arkinson, \$1,500; third-Barry Pevo, Floyd Bache Jr., Hight Washakie and Trema Washakie, \$1,000; fourth-Burton Martin, Armena Martin, Megan Pabawena

and Evan Eagle, \$575.

**Saturday, August 9, Festival main tourney winners:** first-William Picard, Andre Picard, Maggie Picard, Cynthia Picard and Frankie Picard, \$6,000; second-Francis Auld, Deanna Ellenwood, Melinda Caye and Tyler Leslie, \$4,000; third-Ephraim's team, \$3,000; fourth-Farrell Wildcat Sr., Marie Wilson, Daeda Pevo, Hight Washakie, \$875.

**Sunday, August 10, material game winners** were Chris Cable with Camp 7 and team from the south, he played against John McDougall from the north and team.

**Kids handgame tourney winners:** first-Wyle Reed, Amberlynn and Nenajean Taylor, \$300; second-Tesina Oppenheim, Sky Good Voice, Olo Cornpeach, Reden Kutch and Andy Thomas; third-Anthony C'Hair, Lee Brown and Franklin Cornpeach.



Main tourney: First place William Picard team. (Brenda McKean photos)



Main Tourney second place: Francis Auld team.



Kids Tourney first place: Wyle Reed team.



Elder Tourney: First place Farrell Wildcat Sr. team.



Four man tourney: First place John McDougall team.

Please remember the weekly deadline for the SBN is every Friday at 4:30 p.m.



SHOSHONE BANNOCK TRIBAL HEALTH



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# Former Miss Shoshone-Bannocks honored at Festival arbor; presented shawls



Lineup of past Miss Shoshone-Bannocks who were honored after the Festival powwow grand entry August 8, 2025. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

By JEREMY SHAY  
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Past Miss Shoshone-Bannock Queen royalty were celebrated at the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival powwow at the Delbert Farmer dance arbor on Friday evening, August 8.

Forty-eight past Miss Sho-Ban Queens were present including the first recipient, Belma Truchot-Colter, who had the title from 1964 to 1965.

Two family members of the late Linda Edmo and Tina Graves, including daughters Rebecca Ellsworth and Joyce Graves,

respectively, were present to honor their memory. Lance Tissidimit was present for Marlo Tissidimit who could not be present for a family emergency.

The new Miss Sho-Ban Myke Moore presented shawls and gifts to past royalty.

Each Miss Shoshone-Bannock introduced themselves, and they spoke about their reign, their families, and recognized those who paved the way for them.

The past 60 years of Shoshone-Bannock royalty highlighted during the special were given the opportunity to dance to an honor song with their families.



Former MSB's from left Gwyn Towersap, Wynona Boyer and Carolyn Boyer-Smith. (Jeremy Shay photo)



From left: Kalli Jo Edmo Johnson, Taylor Thomas, Leela Abrahamson Johnson and Stormee Perdash during the honoring for former Miss Sho-Bans. (Jeremy Shay photo)



From left: Iralene Waterhouse, Shirley Houtz Alvarez, Lori Pahvitse and Joyce Graves with a photo of her late mother Tina Graves - all former Miss Sho-Bans. (Lizzie Boyd photo)



Former queens Develynn Hall and Ontaria Ariwite. (Jeremy Shay photo)



Kaycee Dixey and her grandmother Louise E. Dixey both former Miss Shoshone-Bannocks. (Lizzie Boyd photo)



Former Miss Shoshone-Bannock Andrea Davis Barlow. (Jeremy Shay photo)

## Festival Junior Royalty selected August 8



From left: Tzi Tzi Princess Malanpia Quintana, Future Princess Makayla Rose Whiteplum Ferguson, Little Princess Aielia Kicksnoway and Festival Princess Cedar Lee Marie Redfoot.

FORT HALL — Shoshone-Bannock Festival Junior Royalty was named on August 8 at the Delbert Farmer Festival arbor.

Tzi Tzi Princess is Malanpia Quintana, first attendant is Easley Osborne and second attendant is Harlow Perry.

Future Princess is Makayla Rose Whiteplum Ferguson, first attendant is

Lily Stapleton and second attendant is Monsae Anderson.

Little Princess is Aielia Kicksnoway, first attendant is Victoria John and second attendant is Nella Dominguez.

Festival Princess is Cedar Lee Marie Redfoot, first attendant is Envy Beasley and second attendant is Donicia Ridley.

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# Bannock Gathering focus: History, language, teachings

By LORI ANN EDMO  
Sho-Ban News

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

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

Tribal archivist Velda Racehorse did a presentation on LeGrand

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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



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



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

# Stormee Kipp wins Bannock Warrior Challenge

By LORI ANN EDMO  
Sho-Ban News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Left: Stormee Kipp Bannock Warrior Challenge winner with his team and family. (Joseph Wadsworth photo)

Right: Jesse Tone runs to checkpoint at Indoor arena. Below: Hernan Tendoy getting on his bike. Stormee Kipp runs towards finish line stationed at the arbor. Warriors at start of race with kayaks. (Jeremy Shay photos) Payton Sequints gets on his horse. (Susan Avila-Dixey photo)



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# 60th Annual Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival Powwow results



Jr. Girl's Jingle first place dancer Paisley Buckskin with her brother Edison Thomas on August 7. (Jeremy Shay photos)



Jr. Men's Prairie Chicken and Round Bustle first place winner Trevor Jim on August 8.



Women's Fancy Shawl dancer Kayla Dann on Saturday, August 9.

FORT HALL — Winners from the Shoshone-Bannock Festival powwow were announced August 10.

Following are the results.

Junior Girl's Traditional (ages 7-12), first place Victoria John of Blanding, Utah; second place, Aubrey Keeswood of Towaoc, Colo.; third place, Ne'naya Jack of Indian Walls, Ariz. and fourth place, Gabrielle Benally, Clearfield, Utah.

Junior Girl's Jingle (ages 7-12), first place Paisley Buckskin, Blackfoot, Idaho; second place, Noviani Valdez, Ethete, Wyo.; third place, Lil Star Denny, Logan, Utah and fourth place, Melody Waskahat, (Unknown).

Junior Girl's Fancy (ages 7-12), first place went to Maleya Jishie, Lukachukai, Ariz.; second place, Emma EagleSpeaker, Yelm, Wash; third place, Cambri Lynn Buckskin, Blackfoot, Idaho; and fourth place, Neena Cruz, Pocatello.

Junior Boy's Traditional (ages 7-12), first place went to Chimoqukeen, Spokane, Wash; second place, Rocky Lloyd, Toppenish, Wash; third place, Kai James, Chilliwack; and fourth place, John Adams, Wapato, Wash.

Junior Boy's Grass (ages 7-12), first place Deztan Kicknoway, Rocky Boy, Mont; second place, Myron Kaulaity, Ethete, Wyo.; third place, Senata Meninick, Toppenish, Wash; and fourth place, Benjamin Crue, Pocatello.

Junior Boy's Fancy (ages 7-12), first place went to Denison Whiteye, Green Bay, Wis; second place, Leo Brady, Loveland, Colo; third place, Theoden Greany, Ignacio, Colo; and fourth place, Jeremiah Wahchumwah, Tacoma, Wash.

Teen Girl's Traditional (ages 13-17), first place went to Temiah Kaulaity, Fort Washakie, Wyo.; second place, Angelina Buck, Priest Rapids, Wash; third place, Dymond Say, Pendleton, Oregon; and fourth place, Talayna Yazzie, Snowflake, Ariz.

Teen Girl's Jingle (ages 13-17), first place Taylor Jishie, Lukachukai, Ariz; second place, Bossy Yazzie, Bluff, Utah; third place, Pie Padilla, Lapwai, Idaho; and fourth place, Aiyana Tsinjinnie, Springville, Utah.

Teen Girl's Fancy (ages 13-17). first place Maniye Jack, Whitecone, Ariz; second place, Dinayla Augustine, Ethete, Wyo.; third place, Alani Barr, Wadsworth, Nev.; and fourth place, Shayla Yellowhair, Chinle, Ariz.

In the Teen Boy's Traditional (ages 13-17). first place went to Trenton Jim, Brimhall, N.M.; second place, Corbin Shuckahoose, Tama, Iowa; third place, Blake Lloyd, Toppenish, Wash; and fourth place, Hiycum Blackeagle, Pendleton, Oregon.

Teen Boy's Grass (ages 13-17) first place went to EJ Villa, Warm Springs, Oregon; second place, Tyrone Yazzie, Snowflake, Ariz; third place Sebastian Ren-

teria, Salt Lake City, Utah; and fourth place, Dean Moran, Arlee, Mont.

Teen Boy's Fancy (ages 13-17), first place went to Tank Young, San Lorenzo; second place, Luke Souksauath, Rapid City, S.D; third place, Kenny Brown Jr, Window Rock, Ariz; and fourth place, Chaske Hill, New Freedom, Penn.

Junior Women's Traditional (ages 18-39), first place went to Nickole Nordwall, Fallon, Nev; second place, Aurora Tolendo, Big Pine, Calif; third place, Layla So Happy, Pendleton, Oregon; and third place, Dahyitih White, Plummer, Idaho.

Junior Women's Jingle (ages 18-39), first place went to Jovi Schuyler, Sacramento, Calif.; second place, Leilani Odaye, Reno, Nev.; third place, Arianne Sheka, White Swan, Wash.; and fourth place, Patricia John, Clearfield, Utah.

Junior Women's Fancy (ages 18-39), first place went to Tatiyana Brown, Manitoba; second place, Sage Jack, Denver, Colo.; third place, Acozjah Dion, Boise, Idaho; and fourth place, Daavay Shongutsie, Gautier, Miss.

Junior Men's Traditional (ages 18-39), first place Sam Slickpoo, Lapwai, Idaho; second place, Skush Poodry, Carson City, Nev.; third place, Donovan Haury, Apache, Okla. and fourth place, Skye Beasley, Fort Hall.

Junior Men's Grass (ages 18-39), first place Adam Bodie Nor-

dwall, Fallon, Nev.; second place, Darian Augustine, Arapahoe, Wyo.; third place, Louie Medina, Gilroy, Cali.; and fourth place, Dustin Langley, Fenton, La.

Junior Men's Fancy (ages 18-39), first place Jonathon Nomee, Worley, Idaho, second place, Xavier Littlehead, Lame Deer, Mont; third place, Dason Scholfield, Mayetta, Kansas; and fourth place, Izaya Bob, Montezuma Creek, Utah.

Senior Women's Traditional (ages 40-64), first place Bobbie White, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; second place, Jacqueline Cantsee, Towaoc, Colo.; third place, Tashina Barber, Layton, Utah; and fourth place, Rebekah Adolph, Coulee Dam, Wash.

Senior Women's Jingle (ages 40-64), first place Bridgett Eagle-Speaker, Yelm, Wash.; second place, Alyssa Buck, Mattawa, Wash.; third place, Stephanie Nordwall, Fallon, Nev.; and fourth place, Jackie Stevens, Albuquerque, N.M.

Senior Women's Fancy (ages 40-64), first place Star Whiteye-Silas, Oneida, Wis; second place, Josette Scholfield, Mayetta, Kan, third place, Crystal Tohannie, Fallon, Nev; and fourth place, Kaymo Night, Wash.

Men's Warbonnet (ages 18+), first place Leloren Jojo Sammaripa, Schurz, Nev; second place, Kent Ayoungman, Siksika, Alberta; third place, George Meninick Sr., Yakama, Wash.; and fourth place, Dustin

Barr, Reno, Nev.

Men's Southern Straight (ages 18-64), first place Marshall Funmaker, Suttons Bay, Mich.; second place, Buckaroo Wallahee, Toppenish, Wash; third place, Matthew Sheka Jr., Pablo, Mont; and fourth place, Maximus Sheka, Window Rock, Ariz.

Men's Prairie Chicken and Round Bustle (ages 18+), first place went to Trevor Jim, Brimhall, N.M; second place, Wyatt King, Red Mesa, Ariz; third place, Frank Sitting Eagle Sr., Siksika, Alberta; and fourth place, Maurice Begay, Red Mesa, Ariz.

Women's Southern Buckskin & Cloth (ages 18-64), first place Jayla Hamilton-Iron, Fort Collins, Colo.; second place, Erica Pretty Eagle Cozad, Pawhuska, Okla.; third place, Jhane Myers, Santa Fe, N.M; and fourth place, Roberta Smith, Flagstaff, Ariz.

Drum Contest, first place Cozad; second place, Southern Style; third place, Bull Horn; fourth place, Bad Eagle; and fifth place, Ozuye. Consolation winners were Herd Bull, The Braves, Silent Hill, Scout Society, and the Horses.

Women's Back-up Singing Contest, first place Wild Rose; second place, Bad Eagle; third place; Southern Style; and fourth place, Scout Society. Consolation winners included Ozuye, Bull Horn, Hillcreek, and The Braves.



Women's Fancy Shawl dancers on August 8.



Sr. Men's Traditional dancer on August 9.



Miss Indian World 2025-26 Dania Wahwasuck on August 9.



Jr. Boy's Grass dancer Jon Hernandez on August 8. (Lizzie Boyd photo)



Sr. Women's Traditional dancer Anna Bowers. (Lizzie Boyd photo)



Sr. Men's traditional dancer James Tone in grand entry on August 8. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

# Nola Cates honored at Bingham County Fair & sheep projects sold



Nola Cates stands with Bingham County ladies with gifts she received and award. (Lizzie Boyd photos)

By LIZZIE BOYD  
Sho-Ban News  
BLACKFOOT —The Fort Hall 4-H small animal club, includes five local Tribal youth Thomas Eagle, Calli Tinno, Sholee Atcity, Jesus Castenada and Gator Boyd, who all showed their sheep projects on Monday August 4, and sold them Wednesday August 6 at the Bingham County Fair. Each participant

received blue ribbons for the quality and did well in showmanship with all receiving blue ribbons. Fort Hall 4-H club leader Nola Cates was honored by the Bingham County 4-H program where she was awarded the Bingham County Distinguished Service Award for 41 years of service to the Fort Hall 4-H program.



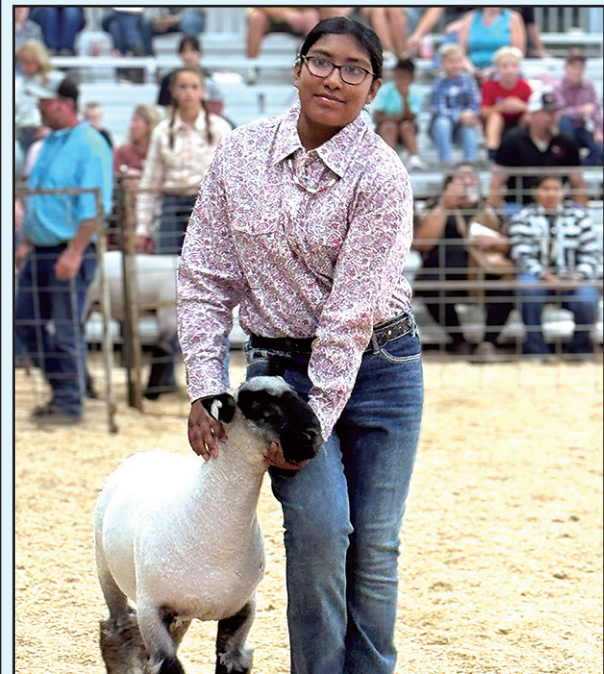
Thomas Eagle holds his sheep.



Gator Boyd shows his sheep.



Sholee Atcity stands with her sheep.



Calli Tinno and her sheep.

# FH 4-H projects receive first place blue ribbons at Bingham County Fair

FORT HALL — Over 400 Fort Hall 4-H projects were entered in the Bingham County 4-H Fair in Blackfoot this year where all Fort Hall Projects received first place - Blue Ribbons.

These projects, excluding Clover Bud projects, will be entered into the Eastern Idaho State Fair in September.

Emma Matsaw received a Judges Choice Rosette for her Macrame Project. Eva Amos received a Judges Choice in the Canvas Painting division.

Clover Bud projects (ages 5-8) received a multicolored ribbon.

The fair itself is a wonderful educational activity and a showcase for all the hard work and dedication that 4-H members have shown to their projects and clubs throughout the year.

Ag in The Classroom - Corn; Lyncia Denny-Jay, Demarcus Pebeahsy, Taylie Taggart, Sydney Farmer, LaVonte Dugger,

Sophia Ponzio, Ezekiel Broncho, Annaleah Farmer, Idona Ponzio, Alyana Wounded Head, June Graves, Celilo Pongah,

Tiva Graves, Alina Nephi, Devan Perry, Lincoln Perry, Devin Pebeahsy, Perilous Hill, Keanon Tinno, Eliseahna Evening, Damen Taryole, Tyler Benally, Tyler Holiday, Jak Buckskin, Emma Matsaw, Ava Matsaw, Chloe Thomas, Izak Taryole,

Presley Buckskin. Woodwork - Key Holder; Idona Ponzio, Sophia Ponzio, Taylie Taggart, LaVonte Dugger, Sydney Farmer,

Annaleah Farmer, Lyncia Denny-Jay, Ezekiel Broncho, Nathan Pokibro, Lilly St Clair, Tyus Yazzie, Eliseahna Evening,

Taysaum Yazzie, Izak Taryole, Jak Buckskin, Avery DeGarmo, Kiara Farmer, Tyler Benally, Damen Taryole, Chloe Thomas, Presley Buckskin.

Ag in The Classroom - Pumpkins

Chloe Thomas, Eliseahna Evening, Presley Buckskin, Tyus Yazzie, Keanon Tinno, Tyler Holiday, Jak Buckskin,

Avery DeGarmo, Nathan Pokibro, Demarcus Pebeahsy, Kiara Farmer, Jesse Foster, Tyler Benally, Damon Taryole, Izak Taryole, Lincoln Perry, Devin Pebeahsy, Dre Headley, Lilly St Clair, Sophia Ponzio, Sydney Farmer,

Zeme Soldier, Lyncia Denny-Jay, LaVonte Dugger, Idona Ponzio, June Graves, Devan Perry, Genieve Willard, Alyana Wounded Head, Celilo Pongah, Tiva Graves, Arianna Ariwite.

Canvas Painting; Demarcus Pebeahsy, Tiva Graves, June Graves, Devin Pebeahsy, Ollie Heminokeky, Zeme Soldier,

Arianna Ariwite, Alyana Wounded Head, Celilo Dugger, Lincoln Perry, Kayson Longhat, Genieve Willard,

Presley Buckskin, Nathan Pokibro, Chloe Thomas, Eliseahna Evening, Ava Matsaw, Izak Taryole, Damen Taryole,

Jak Buckskin, Emma Matsaw, Kiara Farmer, Anna-



4-H exhibits. (Submitted photo)

leah Farmer, Taylie Taggart, Ezekiel Broncho, Sophia Ponzio,

Idona Ponzio, Cynthia Amboh, Tiwa Amos, Trisstann Stacey, Eva Amos, Hezekiah Osborne, Israel Apodaca,

Serenity Jones, Ag in the Classroom

- This Little Pig; Perilous Hill, Cristian Gutierrez, Dre Headley, Ollie Heminokeky, Arianna Ariwite, Lincoln Perry, Kayson Longhat, Alyana Woundedhead, Devin Pebeahsy, June Graves, Tiva Graves, Lyncia Denny-Jay, Taylie Taggart, Ezekiel Broncho, Idona Ponzio, Sophia Ponzio, LaVonte Dugger, Annaleah Farmer, Jak Buckskin, Chloe Thomas, Izak Taryole,

Avery DeGarmo, Tyler Benally, Tyus Yazzie, Kiara Farmer, Presley Buckskin, Eliseahna Evening, Ava Matsaw, Damen Taryole, Tyler Holiday.

No Sew Pillows; Dre Headley, Lincoln Perry, Kayson Longhat, Devan Perry, Cristian Gutierrez, Arianna Ariwite,

Ollie Heminokeky, June Graves, Celilo Pongah, Tiva Graves, Idona Ponzio, Sophia Ponzio, Annaleah Farmer,

Ezekiel Broncho, LaVonte Dugger, Ag in the Classroom - Buffalo; June Graves, Celilo Pongah, Tiva Graves, Cristian Gutierrez, Perilous Hill,

Alyana Woundedhead, Zeme Soldier, Arianna Ariwite, Kayson Longhat, Ollie Heminokeky, Devin Pebeahsy, Dre Headley, Genieve Willard, Annaleah Farmer, Sophie Ponzio, Idona Ponzio, Ezekiel Broncho, LaVonte Dugger,

Lilly StClair, Lyncia Denny-Jay, Izak Taryole, Chloe Thomas, Jak Buckskin, Damen Taryole, Kiara Farmer,

Nathan Pokibro, Avery DeGarmo, Presley Buckskin, Tyler Benally, Ava Matsaw, Emma Matsaw, Tyus Yazzie,

Tyler Holiday, Taysaum Yazzie, Eliseahna Evening, Macrame; Lilly StClair, Emma Matsaw, Kiara Farmer, Nathan Pokibro, Chloe Thomas, Avery DeGarmo, Damen Taryole,

Jak Buckskin, Ava Matsaw, Presley Buckskin, Taysaum Yazzie, Tyus Yazzie, Tyler Holiday, Idona Ponzio, Lyncia Denny-Jay,

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Fabulous Fruits; Lyncia Denny-Jay, Kiara Farmer, Damen Taryole, Nathan Pokibro, Tyler Benally, Izak Taryole,

Emma Matsaw, Ava Matsaw, Taysaum Yazzie, Tyus Yazzie, Chloe Thomas, Eliseahna Evening, Sophia Ponzio,

Ezekiel Broncho, Idona Ponzio, Dre Headley, Perilous Hill, Tiva Graves, Arianna Ariwite, Alyana Woundedhead,

Celilo Pongah, Ollie Heminokeky, Kayson Longhat, Lincoln Perry, Genieve Willard, Devin Pebeahsy,

June Graves. Ag in the Classroom - Amazing Wheat; Eliseahna Evening, Ava Matsaw, Tyus Yazzie, Chloe Thomas, Presley Buckskin, Taysaum Yazzie,

Tyler Holiday, Tyler Benally, Emma Matsaw, Jak Buckskin, Damen Taryole, Nathan Pokibro, Lyncia Denny-Jay,

Izak Taryole, Avery DeGarmo, Sophia Ponzio, Idona Ponzio, Annaleah Farmer.

Clover Buds Ag in The Classroom - Corn; Audrina Ponzio, Cedar Lonelodge, Edwin Taggart, Harold Eagle, Hazel Bosworth,

Laniigha Pongah, Zendaya Yupe, Henri Perry, Amya Dawes, Beau Moshos, Jesse Foster, Traestan Beasley,

Connor Thomas, Amaryllis Murillo, Azerias Kniffin, Woodwork - Key Holder; Andrina Ponzio, Eddie Taggart, Cedar Lonelodge, Harold Eagle, Hazel Bosworth,

Laniigha Pongah, Amaryllis Murillo, Jesse Foster, Franklin Gould, Traestan Beasley, Koah Yazzie,

Ag in The Classroom - Pumpkin; Eliza Wheeler-Kirkland, Zendaya Yupe, Henri Perry, Tancia Gould, Koah Yazzie, Traestan Beasley, Amaryllis Murillo, Connor Thomas, Beau Moshos, Franklin Gould, Edwin Taggart,

Harold Eagle, Cedar Lonelodge, Hazel Bosworth, Andrina Ponzio, Laniigha Pongah,

Canvas Painting; Zendaya Yupe, Eliza Wheeler Kirkland, Traestan Beasley, Beau

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Andrina Ponzio, Vivian Kight.

Ag in the Classroom - This Little Pig; Eliza Wheeler Kirkland, Devan Perry, Demarcus Pebeahsy, Zendaya Yupe,

Andrina Ponzio, Laniigha Pongah, Hazel Bosworth, Edwin Taggart, Harold Eagle, Koah Yazzie, Jesse Foster,

Amaryllis Murillo, Azerias Kniffin, Connor Thomas, Beau Moshos, Franklin Gould, Traestan Beasley,

No Sew Pillows; Eliza Wheeler-Kirkland, Zendaya Yupe, Audrina Ponzio, Harold Eagle, Edwin Taggart,

Cedar Lonelodge, Laniigha Pongah. Ag in The Classroom - Buffalo; Eliza Wheeler Kirkland, Demarcus Pebeahsy, Zendaya Yupe, Audrina Ponzio,

Cedar Lonelodge, Edwin Taggart, Harold Eagle, Hazel Bosworth, Laniigha Pongah, Jesse Foster,

Franklin Gould, Connor Thomas, Traestan Beasley, Azerias Kniffin, Koah Yazzie, Amaryllis Murillo,

Macrame; Connor Thomas, Amaryllis Murillo, Traestan Beasley, Jesse Foster, Andrina Ponzio, Edwin Taggart,

Laniigha Pongah, Hazel Bosworth, Cedar Lonelodge, Harold Eagle, Azerias Kniffin, Koah Yazzie, Franklin Gould,

Edwin Taggart, Hazel Bosworth, Cedar Lonelodge, Harold Eagle,

Laniigha Pongah, Demarcus Pebeahsy, Zendaya Yupe, Eliza Wheeler-Kirkland.

Ag in the Classroom - Amazing Wheat; Koah Yazzie, Kyson Farmer, Connor Thomas, Franklin Gould, Amaryllis Murillo,

Johnny Coby, Traestan Beasley, Jesse Foster, Matao Tendore, Beau Moshos, Azerias Kniffin, Audrina Ponzio,

Laniigha Pongah, Cedar Lonelodge, Hazel Bosworth, Harold Eagle, Edwin Taggart.

# Idaho State University Indigenous Peoples Day scheduled October 13

POCATELLO - Idaho State University (ISU) announced the date for its 2025 Indigenous Peoples Day (IPD) celebration: Monday, October 13.

This year's theme, "Indigenous Joy: Celebrating Strength & Resilience," highlights the enduring strength and resilience of Indigenous communities while celebrating their vibrant cultures, histories, and contributions.

The day's events will kick off with a Sunrise Ceremony,

followed by presentations, local entertainment, and dance performances throughout the day. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore and support arts and crafts vendors and food vendors, bringing the spirit of Indigenous culture to campus. The celebration will conclude with a Fashion Show showcasing traditional and contemporary Indigenous fashion.

They also invite tribal departments and community organizations to participate

by setting up a table to highlight the important initiatives and programs they are working on. It's an opportunity to showcase the ongoing work and contributions of our Indigenous communities to the ISU campus and the greater Pocatello area.

They encourage all members of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to mark the important date on their calendars and join them for a day of celebration, learning, and community.

For more information or to register for a vendor table, please email Effie Hernandez at [effiehernandez@isu.edu](mailto:effiehernandez@isu.edu) or Echo Marshall at [echomarsshall@isu.edu](mailto:echomarsshall@isu.edu).

"We look forward to celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day together and honoring the strength and resilience of Indigenous communities," said Echo Marshall, Director of Tribal Relations at Idaho State University.



From page one



New Miss Sho-Ban Myke Moore and family during an honor song played after the crowning on August 8. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

**MOORE, continued** Monday, August 4, with a personal introduction during the Bannock Gathering. They also had a personal interview, talent contest, traditional food presentation and dance competition.



2025-26 Miss Sho-Ban contestants await the coronation ceremony. (Jeremy Shay photo)



The collection of prizes and gifts gathered for the Little Bear Watson memorial special, including the fully beaded men's outfit and bustles that were part of the championship prizes. (Jeremy Shay photos)

**LITTLE BEAR, continued**

"I say to you, Gary, thank you for honoring and blessing us with that beautiful dream that you had, and we are following up in this way," said Beyl.

Little Bear Watson's adopted daughters, Bossy Yazzie and Kolani Yazzie, and his niece Winter Cantsee led the family in the honor song procession, each carrying one of the following: a portrait of Little Bear in his fancy dance regalia, a memorial design of him singing in Sage Point drum group, and a sketch of him dancing.

The family asked those who wished to pay their respects to join the family in the honor dance song; Bull Horn singers from Alberta, Canada sang the song, which was originally composed by Little Bear during his lifetime.

"And remember those words you heard in the song throughout, those words translate to 'the eagle



Jonathon Nomee dances during the men's fancy memorial special championship round.

is watching over us," said Beyl. "What an honor to be part of this. We say thank you to the family members, relatives and friends that were able to come out during that very special honoring and memorial on behalf of the Watson family."

Following the honoring, the family conducted a giveaway.

Tribal elder and veteran Lionel Boyer spoke to honor Little Bear and the Watson family.

Men's fancy feather dancers made their way to the dance arbor, two consecutive songs were sung to complete a first round in the contest special. The next round saw ten finalists, then narrowed down to five to compete for the championship.

Consolation prizes were given to two of the dancers — Parker Bearstail from 3 MHA Nation, N.D. and Doug Schofield from Mayetta, Kan. Each dancer received a cash prize and a blanket as an award.

The final three faced off in the championship round, seeing Jonathon Nomee, from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the first place champion. Nomee's grand prize winnings included a \$3,000 cash prize, a fully beaded outfit, including fancy feather bustles, roach and leggings, a cedar box, jacket, satin star

quilt, portable wagon, and a trophy depicting a golfer swinging a club — Little Bear was an avid golfer, his family recalling his love for the sport.

Second place went to Dasan Schofield, from Mayetta Kan.; third place was Xavier Sonny Littlehead, from Lawrence, Kan. Both Schofield and Littlehead each received a cash prize, a star quilt, jacket, trophy, cloth outfit and cedar box as their winnings.

The Watson family closed out the dance special by greeting the fancy dance winners and taking photos to mark the memorial honoring.

The Little Bear Watson drum memorial special was conducted on August 9 and 10 between Festival contest dance breaks; Bull Horn singers drum group were announced as the championship winners on Sunday afternoon, August 10, winning \$7,000, a trophy, jackets, drumsticks, a star quilt, portable wagon, a drum bag and drumstick bag, donated by Little Bear Watson's adopted brother Herwin Begay and family; additionally, Ryan Burson and family donated a drum to the champion group. Consolation winners received blankets.

# Protect Your Skin While Soaking Up the Sun

Sunny days are perfect for outdoor fun, but they also call for extra care to protect your skin. Sunburns and overexposure can lead to long-term damage and risks of cancer, so follow these tips to stay safe in the sun.

## Apply Sunscreen Generously

Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher. Apply about an ounce to cover exposed skin and reapply every two hours—or more often if you're swimming or sweating.

## Dress for Protection

Keep the sun's rays at bay with lightweight, long-sleeve shirts, wide-brimmed hats, and sunglasses with UV protection.

## Seek Shade

The sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Take breaks in the shade during this time or plan outdoor activities for early morning and late afternoon.

## Know the Signs

If your skin starts to turn pink or red, it may already be too late to avoid a sunburn and even more important to step out of the sun to avoid severe damage.



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Little Bear Watson memorial championship jacket design.

# SHO-BAN NEWS

## SPORTS

### Teton Team wins SB Festival Indian Relay Championship

By LORI ANN EDMO  
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — The Teton Team with rider Azeri Coby won the Shoshone-Bannock Festival Indian Relay Championship August 10, at the Fort Hall racetrack.

The team won \$6,488 for the championship and jackets. Taking second and \$3,892 was the Birdinground team with Tristan Birdinground riding. Third place went to Sports Creek and rider Kingston Hugs earning \$2,595. Other teams in the race were S/M Express and rider Alvah Curlew, Carlson with rider Chazz Racine and Nolan Werk riding for Mountain River.

Championship Consolation - Beegup Relay with rider Hernan Tendoy won the Championship Consolation winning \$2,163. Second was JonMarc Skunkcap riding for White Knife earning \$1,297. Third place was Redman Relay and rider John Redman Jr. winning \$865. Other teams in the race were Little Mountain and rider Weston Birdinground, Tajh Little Plume riding for Starr School and Darren Charges Strong riding for River Road.

Consolation 1 - Old Sun with rider Fox Running Crane won first and \$500. Miaus Teton riding for Tissidimit was second earning \$300 and Red Bone with rider Hudson Old Horn was third earning \$200. Other teams include Yokoyama and rider Dallon Yokoyama, War Chiefs with rider Windy Boy Enos and Coby Team with EJ Enos riding.

Consolation 2 — Boogie Boys with Frankie Gould riding was first winning \$500. Dancing Boy and rider Jordan Messerly was second winning \$300. Third was Young Money with Desmond Archilta riding earning \$200. Other teams were Appenay Relay with Adrien Honena riding; Farmer Team and rider Gavin Eldridge; Bad Rock Warriors with rider DeAndre Blacksmith.

Ladies Relay Championship: Shannon Howling Wolf riding for Howling Wolf won first and \$1,620. Second was Tillman Team with Alexis Armajo riding earning \$972. Third was Iron Eyes with Oakley Glick riding winning \$648. Other teams where Amyotte and rider Diamond Amyotte and Brailey Tissidimit riding for Tissidimit.

Saturday, August 9 results: (Heats payout was \$1,081 for first, \$649 for second and \$432 for third): Heat 1: First S/M Express with rider Alvah Curlew, second Carlson with Chazz Racine riding and third was



Sho-Ban Festival Indian Relay Championship winners: Teton Team with rider Azeri Coby. (Joseph Wadsworth photo)



Sho-Ban Festival Indian Relay Championship Consolation winners: Beegup Relay with rider Hernan Tendoy; Tendoy won the Warrior Race on August 9.



Consolation 1 winners Old Sun; rider Fox Running Crane jumps off for an exchange. (Lori Ann Edmo photo)



Consolation 2 winner Frankie Gould riding for Boogie Boys crosses the finish line. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

JonMarc Skunkcap riding for White Knife. Heat 2: First: Birdinground with Tristan Birdinground riding, second River Road and rider Darren Charges Strong, third was Yokoyama and rider Dallon Yokoyama. Heat 3: First: Sports Creek with Kingston Hugs riding, second Hernan Tendoy riding for Beegup Relay and third Redman Relay with John Redman Jr. riding. Heat 4: First: Azeri Coby riding for Teton Team, second was Nolan Werk riding for Mountain River and third was Starr School with Tajh Little Plume riding.

Warrior Race: First: Hernan Tendoy riding for Beegup Relay winning \$1,600, second JonMarc

Skunkcap riding for White Knife earning \$960 and third Bridger Murray riding for Young Money winning \$640.

Ladies Race: First: Brailey Tissidimit riding for Tissidimit winning \$2,000, second Rock Star Made with Diamond Amyotte riding earning \$1,200 and third Tanaya Rodriguez riding for Boogie Boys winning \$800.

Friday, August 8 results: Heat 1: First: Birdinground with Tristan Birdinground riding, second Little Mountain and rider Weston Birdinground and third Tissidimit with Miaus Teton riding. Heat 2: First: Sports Creek and rider Kingston Hugs, second Beegup Relay with Hernan Tendoy riding

and third Starr School with rider Tajh Little Plume. Heat 3: First: S/M Express and rider Alvah Curlew, second Mountain River with Nolan Werk riding and third River Road with rider Darren Charges Strong. Heat 4: First: Teton Team with Azeri Coby riding, second Chazz Racine riding for Carlson and third Coby Team and rider EJ Enos.

Chief Race: First: Teton with Miaus Teton riding winning \$2,000, second Rock Star Made with Azeri Coby riding \$1,200 and third Farmer Creek and rider Gavin Eldridge \$800.

Youth Straight Race: First: Birdinground winning \$300, second Ivan Beasley



Chief Race riders at the start on Friday, August 8. (Jeremy Shay photo)



Birdinground rider wins the Youth Straight race on August 8. (Jeremy Shay photo)

### Coby attributes championship win to teamwork

By LIZZIE BOYD  
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Azeri Coby, Teton Relay Team rider from Lincoln Creek, said it felt good to win the race.

“It just felt good to get a championship under the belt this year.” “We trained hard, and this is what we have been training for to have runs like that, horses are good, were safe and finished the race.”

To win the race it took teamwork, Azeri said. “The team worked together out there and made sure the horses were standing good for me, and good horses you know, we take very good care of our horses to make sure they run like they should and a lot of hard work, nothing but



Azeri Coby displays his championship jacket on Sunday, August 10. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

hard work.”

Azeri said, “I would like to thank, my grandpa, dad and my whole family,

Tamme apa (our father), and anyone who supports us and is along for the ride with us.”

### Trampus Birdinground wins Charles ‘Ham’ Buckskin Catcher Memorial Award

FORT HALL — Trampus Birdinground won the Charles “Ham” Buckskin Catcher Memorial Award at the Shoshone-Bannock Festival Indian Relay races August 10 winning \$1800, a beaded belt buckle, beaded card holder, a vest, duffle bag, and T-shirt.

Two consolations received \$500 each, JayJay Redgun with Old Sun and Keinan Tissidimit with Tissidimit.

Birdinground Relay received their entry fee paid for National Indian Relay Championship in September.



Family of the late Charles “Ham” Buckskin, Beegup Relay team with Trampus Birdinground, his relay team and family during the announcement of the memorial. (Lizzie Boyd photos)

Ham was a catcher for his brother Tyrell Buckskin’s team - Beegup Relay

at the time of his passing. He was a part of Indian Relay since he was born.

His family sponsored the awards.



Trampus Birdinground with his catcher memorial award prizes donated from the Buckskin family.

# Sho-Ban Festival Legends INFR Tour Rodeo results

FORT HALL — Following are the results from Shoshone-Bannock Legends INFR Tour Rodeo August 9 and 10.

Bareback: first/second split -Conner Heinert and Evan Betony \$965 each, third-Clay Ramone,60, \$692, fourth-Ryan Nez Bitsui, fifth-ground money, \$509.

Steer Wrestling: first-Trevin Fox, 7.25, \$1,216.13; second-Matt Jodie, 12.85, \$1,057.50; third-Hiyo Yazzie,14.83, \$898.88; fourth-ground money, \$1,009/\$336 split.

Bull Riding: first-No qualified rides, \$3,000. Cowboy down fund, \$2053.

Saddle Bronc: first-Daniel Wyrich, 67, \$1,192.63, second-Creighton Curley, 57, \$2,021; third-Joe Scott Jr., 56, \$781.38; fourth-Philip White-man, 55, \$575.75, fifth-ground money, \$575.75.

Tie Down Roping: first-Rooster Yazzie, 11.91, \$1,621.50; second-Gerald Daye, 13.19, \$1410; third-Malachi Pablo, 13.43, \$1198.50; fourth-Noah Haven, 13.90, \$987.00; fifth-Corbin Fisher, 14.00, \$775.50; sixth-Allen Charley, 15.35, \$564.00; seventh-Gavaro Harrison, 15.58, \$352.50; eighth-Dennison Boone, 15.80, \$141.

Ladies Breakaway: first-Shawntaya Murphy, 2.60, \$2,324.15; second-Janae Todacheenie, 2.66, \$2021; third-Kassidy Dennison, 2.71, \$1,717.85; fourth-Arena Ben, 2.86, \$1414.70; fifth-Heather Rogers, 3.27, \$1,111.55; sixth-Lillian Lupe, 3.29, \$808.40; seventh-Kim Jim, 3.31, \$505.25; eighth-Odesa Yazzie, 3.48, \$202.10.

Ladies Barrel Racing: first-Faith Anna Jesus, 16.993, \$1,405.30; second-Teal Stoll, 17.599, \$1,222.00; third-Tara Seaton, 17.693, \$1,038.70; fourth-Jc Hawk, 17.887, \$855.40; fifth-Amber Alsterlund, 18.133, \$672.10; sixth-Jannon Long, 18.258, \$488.80; seventh-Karsyn Yazzie, 18.304, \$305.50; eighth-Camille Whitney, 18.322, \$122.20.

Jr. Barrel Racing: first-Karsyn Yazzie, 18.664, \$592.91; second-Maysa Yazzie, 18.817, \$490.68; third-Cauleen Segay, 18.882, \$286.23; fourth-Houstin Kinlecheenie, 18.916,



Blossom Rodeo Company saddle bronc horse skies as rider completes an eight second ride. (Lori Ann Edmo photo)



J.W. Ball turns a steer for Ira Walker. (Lizzie Boyd photo)

\$286.23.

Jr. Bull Riding: first-Mikyol Old Crane, 65, \$634.50; second-Cashes Thomas, 63, \$423.00.

Jr. Breakaway: first-Leevey Williams, 2.18, \$1,376.63; second-Colter Yazzie, 2.59, \$626.04; third-Kayen Armajo, 2.63, \$495.62; fourth-Zoey Ontiveros, 2.81, \$365.19, fifth-Caleb Segay, 2.91, \$234.77; sixth-Robbie J. Sells, 3.03, \$130.43.

Sr. Breakaway: first-Darryl Monroe, 2.56, \$1,376.63, second-Ignatious Lupe Sr., 2.65, \$1,139.28; third-John Boyd Jr., 2.66, \$901.93; fourth-Tommy Nez Jr., 2.69, \$664.58; fifth-Robert Joe, 3.00, \$427.23; sixth-Ira Walker, 3.24, \$237.35.

Sr. Team Roping Header: first-Marco Sells, 6.46, \$1,267.59; second-Darryl Monroe, 7.24, \$1,049.04; third-Gerald Daye, 7.63, \$830.49; fourth-Stephen Fox, 8.91, \$611.94; fifth-Alfonso Begay, 9.05, \$393.39; sixth-Carl Begay, 9.16, \$218.55.

Sr. Team Roping Heeler:

first-Victor Begay, 6.46, \$1,267.59; second-Leo Ramone, 7.24, \$1,049.04; third-OJ Williams, 7.63, \$830.49; fourth-Frank Lawrence, 8.91, \$611.94; fifth-Delbert Platero, 9.05, \$393.39; sixth-Ralph Williams, 9.16, \$218.55.

Team Roping Header: first-James Arviso, 4.31, \$3,405.15; second-Rory Billie, 4.69, \$2,961.00; third-Stefan Ramone, 4.81, \$2,516.85; fourth-Erich Rogers, 5.29, \$2,072.70; fifth-Ty Romo, 5.38, \$1,628.55; sixth-Braydon Boyd, 5.63, \$1,184.40; seventh-Rory Billie, 5.64, \$749.25; eighth-Brad Moreno, 6.12, \$296.10.

Team Roping Heeler: first-Cody Lansing, 4.31, \$3,553.20; second-Myles Williams, 4.69, \$2,961.00; third-Brady Ramone, 4.81, \$2,516.85; fourth-Brandon Ben, 5.29, \$2,072.70; fifth-Aaron Tsingine, 5.38, \$1,628.55; sixth-Dennison Boone, 5.63, \$1,184.40; seventh-Jace Smith, 5.64, \$740.25; eighth-Corbin Fisher, 6.12, \$296.10.

## Festival Junior Rodeo draws 52 contestants

By LIZZIE BOYD  
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — The Fort Hall Junior Rodeo Committee hosted the Legends Junior Rodeo Friday August 8, at the Fort Hall rodeo arena where there were 52 contestants from various states such as Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, Arizona, Utah and Idaho.

They competed in events such as mutton busting, dummy roping, calf riding, steer riding, goat ribbon pull, stick horse barrel racing, team roping, calf roping, and bull riding. Also, all children in attendance were invited out to the arena for a kids scramble event where they got to run and pick up free items to keep.

Winners include: Six & under Stick Horse Barrel Racing, first Arena Osborne, second Jeremiah Urnezis, third Blade Ramone, fourth Arena Knight. Six and under Goat Ribbon Pull, first Jeremiah Urnezis, second Braxton Yupe, third Blade Ramone, fourth Arena Osborne. Six and under dummy roping, first Lalia Tom, second Blade Ramone. Eight and under Mutton Busting, first Benjamin Urnezis, second Leon Erickson, third Bubba Boyd, fourth Anthony Bosworth. Eight and under Barrel Racing, first Paizlee Williams, second Ainara Marshall, third Balmorhea Riga. Eight and under Dummy Roping first Bubba Boyd, second Paizlee Williams.

9-13 Breakaway roping, first Sadie Cummins, second Timber Bends, third Bryan

Broncho. 9-13 Calf Riding, first Benjamin Urnezis. 9-13 Steer Riding, first Timber Bends, second Saige Catches. 9-13 Barrel Racing first Sadie Cummins.

14-17 Girls Breakaway Roping first Bailey Nelson, second Paisley Crutcher, third Savannah Ramone, 14-17 Calf Roping first Robbie Sells, second Gator Boyd. 14-17 Barrel Racing first Bailey Neilson, second Paisley Crutcher, third Savannah Ramone. 14-17 Bull Riding first Michael Old Crane, second Peyton Marshall, third Tanner Guina. 17 & Under Team

Roping first Robbie Sells and Grady Crutcher, second Buckshot Boyd & Gator Boyd, third Hagen Hunter & Bryan Broncho.

The Fort Hall Legends Junior Rodeo committee thanks all the staff who helped make the rodeo a success, including: Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Tax Commission for the scramble sponsorship, Pro Rate Equine for the scramble items, Bex caps, INL for scramble items, Courtesy Ford in Pocatello and Dakota Louis for the junior bull riding buckle sponsor.



Paizlee Williams dummy ropes. (Lizzie Boyd photos)



Korbin Rhodes hangs on in mutton busting.

## PRCA cowboys compete at Sho-Ban Festival Legends INFR Tour Rodeo

By LIZZIE BOYD  
Sho-Ban News

FORT HALL — Many professional rodeo cowboys attended the Shoshone-Bannock Legends INFR Tour rodeo.

Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association team roping world standing leaders Derrick Begay and Colter Todd were among those in attendance. Begay is a World Champion team roper, Todd is his non-native team roping partner, happened to be traveling with Begay, so he was also in Fort Hall passing through to the next rodeo.

Begay said it is nothing new to be in Fort Hall, "It feels like old times, I have been coming to Fort Hall since I was a kid, and I hope to continue to keep coming here." Todd said, "It's nice weather here, I get to sort cattle and work some cattle in the back pens and help out, which is fun for me, and I am tickled to be here."

The team arrived in Fort Hall from Hermiston Oregon, "We are up in Logan Utah next," Begay said. The team continues on the road hitting the northwest rodeos for around the next four weeks. Begay continued, "We will be up in Pendleton, Oregon and Puyallup, Wash. to name a couple rodeos."

They both want to thank the fans, Begay said, "We can't say enough about our fans, we know they are there and we're glad to have them." Todd said, "We appreciate them, keep cheering us on and we will try to do our best for you."

Wawa & Brandon Ben

YouTube actors and Professional Rodeo Cowboys Wawa and Brandon Ben took some time for a quick interview. They both call Peridot, Ariz. home and are Apache tribal members. Wawa is 20-years-old, and Brandon is 23-years-old. They were featured in a YouTube show that Dale Brisby, social media phenom, recorded about catching maverick cattle in Arizona. Brandon said, "Dale came out to see how it is to round up and catch Mavericks with us, he's a pretty funny guy." Brandon said, "It's not easy, it's rough terrain you have to know what to do and know the areas."

The team has been traveling to many Professional Rodeos to try and qualify to the National Finals Rodeo. Wawa said, "It started off pretty decent for the summer run, and we have been having heck lately but were going to turn it around this week." Brandon said, "I'm really not worried about it, I'm just glad to be going and roping and winning what we can, that's about all we can do."

The team has had some good wins this year, Wawa said, "We won Livingston, Mont., placed at Reno, Nev. and placed at a lot of other rodeos."

The team mentioned they have a lot of support, "Our grandpa helps us out a lot, David Rivera from back at home, our dad who makes sure we



Colter Todd (left) and Derrick Begay. (Lizzie Boyd photos)



Brandon Ben (left) and Wawa Ben.



Brad Moreno.

always have a truck to take." The team looks forward to Fort Hall rodeo, Wawa said, "I look forward to the relays," Brandon noted, "I'm not really a sit around kind of guy, but I come to Fort Hall to rope."

Brad Moreno

Brad Moreno competed in the team roping and calf roping while at Fort Hall. He is the 2025 National Collegiate All-Around Cowboy, from the Navajo Nation and calls Kayenta, Ariz. home. He is 23-years old. Brad said, "It's pretty good to be here in Fort Hall and I'm excited to compete", Brad competes in the bull riding, calf roping and team roping on the Professional circuit, Brad said, "My team roping partner is Corbin Fisher, he is from Northern Cheyenne reservation in Lame Deer, Mont."

Moreno said his

favorite event is the bull riding. He was named the National Collegiate All-Around Cowboy this year when the dust settled at the National Collegiate Finals Rodeo in Casper Wyo. Moreno said, "It feels pretty good to set a goal and accomplish it." Moreno travels alone most of the time but picks up traveling partners sometimes. Next, he's traveling to Afton, Wyo., Albuquerque N.M. and Lovington, N.M. He is currently sitting fourth in the permit cardholder standings in the bull riding event and is also in the top five in the Turquoise Rodeo Circuit bull riding standings.

Other professional cowboys in attendance were Erich Rogers, Corbin Fisher, hometown local Trevin Fox, Rooster Yazzie, James Arviso, and Creighton Curley, just to name a few.



Cowboys Derrick Begay, Erich Rogers and Colter Todd sort cattle at the Legends Rodeo.

# HRDC building demolition underway

FORT HALL – Construction Management Services, Facilities staff, and a hired contractor will begin tearing down the Human Resource Development Center portion of the Tribal Business Center (TBC) this week.

Crews will remove the building and prepare the space for future use. The area is currently fenced off, and the public is reminded to stay clear of the demolition zone for their safety.

While the work is underway, visitors and staff can expect reduced parking, increased traffic in

the area, and construction noise during business hours. Power at the TBC will be shut off from 1 p.m. Wednesday, August 13, until 5 p.m. Friday, August 15, which may briefly affect network services across the campus. Normal office hours for TBC employees are expected to resume on Monday, August 18, unless otherwise notified. Updates will be provided as needed.

During the outage, TBC employees will not be working at their desks. Staff have been advised to take laptops or other portable devices home so they can work remotely, and to forward desk phones to

work cell phones. Field workers and staff based outside the TBC will continue their normal shifts, and any time adjustments can be made the following week. The Executive Office will temporarily operate from the TOEM Office on August 14 and 15.

The main construction work is expected to take about 60 days, with landscaping to be completed in the spring to restore the site. Anyone with questions about the project can contact Construction Management Services at the Executive Office.



Demolition began on the south side area of the HRDC building August 12. (Joseph Wadsworth photo)



Above: Syan Hooper and Omar Apadoca in a foot races. At right: Children participate in kick the shoe. (Jeremy Shay photos)

# Traditional games & FHHA sponsored barbecue featured on Sho-Ban Festival Children's Day at Delbert Farmer arbor

FORT HALL — The Festival Children's Day traditional games and barbecue were conducted at the Delbert Farmer Festival Arbor on Thursday,

August 7. Youth participated in foot races, stick relay, 3-legged-races, shoe kick, and more.

Authority staff and board members provided the food for the hamburger and hot dog lunch.

Fort Hall Housing



# Softball Tournament results

FORT HALL — Lady Lakers from Ariz. won the Shoshone-Bannock Festival Fort Hall Recreation women's softball tourney August 9.

Taking second was Extreme Heat, Idaho; Playmakers, Idaho finished third and Swingers of Nev. were fourth.

Mackenzi Whitehair of Lady Lakers was named Most Valuable Player. All Stars include Erin West and Kendra Whitehair of Lady Lakers; Donalynn Headswift and Tiauna Walker of Extreme Heat; Shayla Johnson from

Playmakers and Ryessa Runninghorse of Swingers. Men's Tourney – T6 of Utah won the Men's Tournament. Second was Lakers of Ariz., Brown Streaks of Idaho was third and Unks and Nephz of Wyo. finished fourth.

Most Valuable Player was Armondo Benally of T6. All Stars include Kristian Marks and Jarron Monroe of T6; Logan Big Thumb and Tristan Whitehair of Lakers; Nate Johnson of Brown Streaks and Devonte Smith of Unks and Nephz. Coed – Lakers of Ariz.

won the Co-ed Softball Tournament. Second place was RNS, Utah; third was Real Ugly of Idaho and fourth place was Money Line of Utah.

Lyle Dedman and Michaela Whitehair both of Lakers were Most Valuable Players. All Stars include Conner Shirley and Erin West of Lakers. RJ Lopez and Camille Simpson of RNS, Nate Johnson and Talisa Johnson of Real Ugly, along with Armondo Benally and Timber Buckner of Money Line.



Mens Champions T6 from Utah. Below: Men's All Stars Kristian Marks, Most Valuable Player was Armondo Benally from T6. (Fort Hall Recreation photos)



Above: Womens Champions Lady Lakers from Ariz. Below: Mackenzi Whitehair of Lady Lakers named Most Valuable Player. All Stars Erin West and Kendra Whitehair of Lady Lakers. (Fort Hall Recreation photos)



Above: Lyle Dedman and Michaela Whitehair both of Lakers from Ariz. were selected Most Valuable coed players. All Stars include Conner Shirley and Erin West of Lakers. At left: Lakers of Ariz. Championship Coed team. (Fort Hall Recreation photos).

## Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival Women's Golf tournament results



Women's Golf first place team. (Submitted photos)

**Submitted by Krissy Broncho**  
SHELLEY — The Shoshone-Bannock Indian Festival Women's Golf Tournament was August 9. First place winners: Ruthel Johnson, team Playa Makers \$100; Alexis Mendez, team Rivers \$100; Elizabeth Moss, team Rivers \$100 and Kelly Nez, team Fairway Friends \$100. Second place — Three way tie: Pam Coby, team Tee Timers \$90, Andy McBryde, team Spam Queens \$90, Cheryl Hone, team Creasey Ranch \$90, Rachel Ariwite, team Tee Times \$90. J'Shon Shaw, team Different Strokes \$90; Jackie Yokoyama, team Different Strokes \$90; Joya Nephi, team Nuchue \$90; Rachelle Denny, team Different Strokes \$90. Tamara Ortiz, team Fairway Friends \$90; Madison Grant, team Nuchue \$90; Brandi Williams,

team Bogie Girls \$90; Rose Brockie, team Spam Queens \$90. Third place — Two way tie: Ginger Van Orden, team Bogie Girls \$35; Jonna Grant, team Nuchue \$35; Frankie Creasey, team Creasey Ranch \$35; Elizabeth Moss, team \$35. Krissy Broncho, team Tee Timers \$35; Carol Jimenez, team Playa Makers \$35; Jamie McBryde, team Spam Queens \$35; Talia Martin, team Different Strokes \$35. Longest Drive — 2 way tie: Tamera Ortiz, team Fairway Friends \$50 and Evelyn Galloway, team Rivers \$50. Closet to the Pin — Tamera Ortiz, Fairway Friends, \$100. Longest Putt — Tamera Ortiz, team Fairway Friends \$100. Wheel of Fortune (fun round) — Team Tee Timers: gifts awarded, Pam Coby, Krissy Broncho, Michelle

Houtz and Rachel Ariwite. Goofy Goggle Drive (fun round) — Andy McBryde, team Spam Queens gift awarded. Tennis Ball Drive (fun round) — Alexis Mendez, team Rivers, gift awarded. Croque Putt (fun round) — 3 way tie - Team Different Strokes: Gifts awarded, Jackie Yokoyama, J'Shon Shaw, Talia Martin, Rachelle Denny. Team Nuchue (Utes): Gifts awarded, Joy Grant, Madison Grant, Jonna Grant, Joya Nephi. Team Fairway Friends: Gifts awarded, Melissa Tecumseh, Tara Lavato, Tamara Ortiz, Kelly Nez. Thanks to their additional sponsors for helping make the tournament possible: Kershaw Curb & Gutter, Coors, Kase Warbonnet, Tessengerlo Kerley, Cindy Gardner, Pratt Lumber, Tumbleweed, Hitching Post, Mike Crapet, Collette's, Doug Bower, Bucki Hicks, Frankie Creasey, Dave Creasey, Simplot, and Lance Osborne for cooking. Without the help of all their volunteers it would not be possible, so thank you!



Goofy Google drive winners



Women's golf Croque Putt Winners.

## Sho-Ban Festival Men's Golf tourney results listed

FORT HALL — The Shoshone-Bannock Festival golf tournament was at the Highland Golf course and Riverside Golf course.

There were two divisions - 60+ winners, Gross winners first Mike Escamilla from Nevada, second Mitch Gonzalez from Idaho, third was a tie Kirby Arrive and Darrell Roberts both from Utah and they split third and fourth prize money. Longest drive for the first day was Mitch Gonzalez. Day 2 was Junior Lopez. Closest to the pin day one was Jerry Sampson from Oregon, and day two was Jim Houtz, Idaho.

59 and under division, there were five places in gross and net. First with the Gross first place Lytle Denny, Idaho. Second Mike Blackhawk, Idaho, third Monte Johnson, Idaho. There was a tie for fourth and fifth places Jessie Crispin, Wyo., and Wilson Brockie, Wyo.

Net places first Clarence Benally, Idaho, there was a tie for second and third places Tierre Johnson, Idaho and Patrick Wopsock, Utah, fourth Kenyon Lopez, Idaho. There was a tie for fifth place, Fisher Denny, Idaho and Lex Jenkins, Utah. Longest drive day one was Mikee Blackhawk, day two was Patrick Wopsock. Closest to the pin day one was Wilson Brockie, Wyo. The second day there was no winner.

Organizer Sonny Dixey wanted to say thank you to Highland Golf Course and Riverside Golf Course for hosting the Shoshone-Bannock Festival golf tournament. Also a big big thank you to the staff



Roland Marshall tees off. (Jeremy Shay photos)

Greg, John and "the gentleman that helped me out at Riverside sorry forgot his name but so professional and had everything moving smoothly."

They had 44 golfers this year and "It went great, thanks to the help I had throughout the weekend and the new and old friends

I got to catch up with and met. I hope all the golfers had fun and look forward to next year, thanks to the Sho-Ban Festival Leah Tindore and thanks for the opportunity to organize and run this tournament," Sonny said.



Tierre Johnson during Men's Golf tourney.

## Sho-Ban All-Indian Horseshoe tournament results



Singles winners Isaiah Lee, Joe Antelope, Richard Hicks and Rick. (Sonya Wadsworth photos)

FORT HALL — Following are Shoshone-Bannock Festival Horseshoe All-Indian Tournament results. Singles winners: First

place: Isaiah Lee, second place Joe Antelope, third place Richard Hicks, fourth place: Rick. Most Ringers Isaiah Lee with 47 ringers.



Doubles winners KW Pete and Martin Thomas, Isaiah Lee and Joe Antelope, Curly Thomas and Joe Harney.

Doubles winners: First place: KW Pete and Martin Thomas, second place: Isaiah Lee and Joe Antelope, third place Joe Harney and Curly

Thomas. Special thanks to Sonya Wadsworth, Leland Wadsworth, Jeffery Nappo Festival Coordinator Leah Tindore and Sho-Ban Tribes.

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