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For the love of horses



Teton relay horses. (Joseph Wadsworth photos)

By **LORI EDMO-SUPPAH**
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LINCOLN CREEK
— Clarence Teton's passion is his love for horses and one can see it as he stands next to the corrals at his ranch in Lincoln Creek.

Teton, 65, is the elder member of the Teton Indian Relay horse racing team that came into existence in 1984 but his youthfulness appears to come through as he describes how tirelessly he cares for the horses for a productive team.

He recalled many of the team's riders including Leo Teton, his brother; he was the one who told Clarence "let's start our own team". Woody, Alonzo Coby, Brandon Weed, Ernie Appenay, Robert Cerino and his nephews Guy Teton, Josh Thompson, Brisco and Colton Teton. "We did good with all these guys — they all liked riding horses."

His brothers Larry and Denny Teton were also on the team in its beginnings.

He has 25 head of horses on his ranch, along with many dogs and about 30 cats that mostly live outside. A canal runs through his property and the dogs cool off in it taking frequent dips then run around with the heat quickly drying their fur.

He has nine horses in the barn area, in shape and ready to run while the others are out in the pasture area that can be brought in to get ready to run if another happens to get hurt or sore.

He brings the horses in the barn for the season in February when he starts feeding them and makes sure he has plenty of hay.

Clarence gets up at 4:30 a.m. daily to feed and water them. He checks their legs for soreness and at times he will put them on "the circle" — an exercise area for the horses in the form of a circle that's similar to



Clarence Teton at his home.



Teton's barn for the horses.



Training circle for horses.

a walker. He attaches the horse's halter to the rope that's attached to the device in the middle of the circle — the horse then gallops around it. He views how it runs and can tell by watching if the horse is hurting. If it isn't, then the horse gets some exercise.

If a horse comes up sore, then he takes care of their legs.

In the evening, the horses are again fed their share of oats and SafeChoice horse feed. He also determines which horse needs exercising that evening.

Their exercise track

is about a quarter mile away on a sand hill that has hills and valleys. "It works their legs pretty good," he said. His son Tyce and his girlfriend Crystal Dove were out exercising two horses and their silhouettes could be seen in the distance.

The Indian Relay horse racing season is in late mid season but coming up is the Eastern Idaho State Fair where Teton's training skills are put to the test with five days of racing. His horses are older than many of the other

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Citizen Review Board hears complaints



Citizen Review Board members from left, Marlon Fixico, Debra Rodriguez, Nancy Eschief-Murillo and Curtis Cutler. (Roselynn Wahtomy photo)

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FORT HALL — People who have concerns of whether a violation of their civil rights has occurred by Fort Hall Police law enforcement officers, Corrections, or Fish & Game Department, may go to the Shoshone-Bannock Citizen Review Board and officially report a complaint.

Complaints must be reported on a complaint form and notarized. The CRB can assist filling out the complaint forms. Forms can be found on the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal website and the Police Department reception desk.

The Citizen Review Board is an independent investigative board that reviews citizen complaints of allegations of misconduct and abuse of civil rights by law enforcement.

In 2010 the Law

& Order Commission, was split by the council into two groups, which included the Judicial Review Council and the CRB.

The Fort Hall Business Council (FHBC) Ordinance No. LWOR-2010-S6 established the CRB for the maintenance of public safety and to promote public confidence in our tribal law enforcement departments.

The CRB consists of five members (currently there are four) appointed by the FHBC and they represent the entire Fort Hall community, including non-Indians.

Their investigation includes going over police reports, examining reports of all witnesses, reviewing video footage, and hearing both sides of the story. They will then give recommendation to the FHBC, who will make decisions.

If they find insufficient justification for the complaint they will write a letter back to the citizen explaining why. They don't have any disciplinary authority.

CRB Board members include Chairman Debra Rodriguez, Vice-Chairman Nancy Eschief-Murillo, Curtis Cutler, member and Marlon Fixico, member.

Rodriguez brings to the board her experience as a tribal member and lifetime resident. She's a public notary, she's a certified mediator from the Thurgood Marshal School of Law, Idaho State University graduate with a degree in Marketing and Business Management, and she's sat on other Commissions for TERO and is a Victims of Crime Advocate.

Eschief-Murillo is a member of the

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Totem travels 4,800 miles in fossil fuels protest

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Pacific Northwest tribe is traveling nearly 5,000 miles across Canada and the United States with a 22-foot-tall totem pole on a flatbed truck in a symbolic journey meant to galvanize opposition to fossil fuel infrastructure projects they believe will imperil native lands.

This is the fourth year the Lummi Nation in northwest Washington has embarked on a "totem journey" to try to create a unified front among tribes across North America that are individually fighting plans for coal terminals and crude oil pipelines in their backyards.

The highly visible tours, which include tribal blessing ceremonies at each stop, fit into a trend of Native American tribes bringing their environmental activism to the masses as they see firsthand the effects of climate change, said Robin Saha, a Universi-



Totem on back of truck. (Photo from Facebook)

ty of Montana associate professor who specializes in tribal issues and environmental justice.

"I wouldn't go as far as to say there's an anti-development movement, but tribes are feeling the effects of climate change quite dramatically and are responding in a lot of different ways," Saha said. "Some of them feel as if they're not going to survive."

In North Dakota, for example, people from

across the country and members of 60 tribes have gained international attention after gathering in opposition to the four-state Dakota Access oil pipeline. The totem pole heads to that site, near the Standing Rock Sioux's reservation, next week.

Tribes in the Pacific Northwest have protested publicly and taken legal action as West Coast ports have emerged as strategic

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teams but they are experienced and know how to stand during exchanges. They also have their moments when they don't, such as in Elko. They range in age from seven years to upwards of 15 for the elder "Gray Dog" horse. Some of the other horses in the field are retired including "Willie Smokem," that had his share of wins back in the day for lady racers Mary (Clarence's wife) and Elese (his daughter), along with for the team when Alonzo Coby was the rider.

Teton does all of his own horseshoeing that saves much money but he makes sure he invests in the best equipment to get it done. When he first learned how to shoe horses, he hurt a few so he went back to his teacher Dennis Elison to find out what he was doing wrong. He's learned a lot since then but says he's always learning something new as he observes others at the racetrack.

"I take care of them," he said about his horses, "I know how they feel."

His team just returned from the Nevada Nation Indian Relay races where they had success in finishing second overall. The winnings will be



Kalen Hammond and horse silhouette. (Joseph Wadsworth photos)

put right back into his horses. "It's a tough sport to keep horses going - I get up in the morning when it's cool, come in the barn and if they're sitting down, I feel good," he continued because he knows the horses are feeling good.

He said he's learned much from his brother in law Kash Evans about horse training. Jim Evans started us with good horses, but he's also grateful to the information shared by the late Jimmy Gibbs, whom he purchased many of his horses from. Gibbs and Jim provided a lot of background on the horses and he had much trust in them because they are honest guys.

A family operation, the Teton team consists



Teton's 28-year-old horse.

of Clarence's son Tyce who is the mugger, his nephew Talon is the catcher, and his grandson Billy Zane is the holder while the rider is another grandson, Miaus. A team alternate is Mylze, also a grandson. They all have their roles and work as a team. In addition, his

two granddaughters Lexie and Raedeyn are the lady riders - they've seen some success and it makes him happy. They also get help from other family members when needed such as his nephew Jason Teton and grandson Kalen Hammond.

Clarence serves as



Tyce and Crystal Dove exercise the horses.

the photographer, while other family members shoot video on GoPro cameras. After a race, they view the photos and video to look for improvement. They also study other teams.

Clarence says they are always learning and he's hoping to hand over the reigns to his son Tyce and grandchildren. But in the meantime he will keep working with the horses because he views it as a challenge. "I'm in there to show my horse he can do just as good

by training - if he does something right it's a boost." "It's something I like doing," he said.

His motivation is to keep going with the grandkids as far as he can. He hopes to keep the horses healthy and don't let up. "I want to see if I get these kids to carry on and succeed in horses too." The older the horse's get, the more attention one has to give to them because they have hearts too.

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribe and resident. She has a primary concern about the reservation in retaining its sovereignty and ensuring the community are being protected and served. She's served on the Fort Hall Business Council, including being a Chairman for the Tribes. She's been on boards for Water Commission and Land Use Commission. She's currently a member of

Chief Taghee Board of Directors and does some volunteering for Channel 12 in Pocatello. Her primary purpose is to assist in making the law enforcement better.

Fixico is a Cheyenne from Oklahoma, he has lived in Washington D.C. for 30 years for 15 years of those he worked at a law firm in Georgetown, as a legal secretary and paralegal. He has two children and four

grand children who are all Shoshone-Bannock members. He's a resident of Chubbuck. He brings with him a wealth of experience working with different organizations, including national organization and different Indian organization, like NCAI, American Indian Science & Engineering Society, and a few student groups when he was in college.

Cutler is a tribal member who resides

in Ross Fork. He's a retiree from the Irrigation Department after working 37 years there. He was approached by a councilman about joining the committee and thought it looked like something he'd like to do. He feels he's non-biased and honest. He's worked on various committees, like the Rodeo. He was on the parole board prior to this experience.

Rodriguez explained they mediate

between the police and the public and if there's a problem, it's up to them to resolve it somehow.

The CRB say they average about four to five new complaints a month, but because of the process they follow they may be working on as many as 10. They tentatively work two days a week and are available to the public on Tuesday morning from 9 a.m. to noon and on Thursday morning

from 9 a.m. to noon. They will do their best to meet with individuals who can only meet outside those time frames. They can be reached at 208-540-2851 (cell) or 208-236-1118.

Sometimes people bring forth complaints not relative to what the CRB covers, however, they are able to give referrals of where they need to go if needed.

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locations for crude oil and coal companies to reach customers in energy-hungry Asia.

Seven crude oil or coal export terminals are proposed for conversion, expansion or construction on the Oregon and Washington coast. Some have already led to increased freight train traffic along the scenic Columbia River Gorge, where local tribes fish salmon.

A coalition of tribes turned out in June after an oil train derailed in Mosier. The oil from the derailment mostly burned off in a huge fire, but a small amount entered the Columbia River where the tribes have federally guaranteed fishing rights.

"We're all trying to unite our voices to make sure we're all speaking out," said Jewell James, a Lummi tribal member and head carver at the House of Tears Carvers.

In recent years, cheap natural gas has prompted many domestic utilities to abandon coal, driving down production at major mines in the Powder River Basin of Montana and Wyoming, the nation's largest coal producing region. Asian coal markets have become a potential lifeline for the mining industry - and

Pacific Northwest ports are seen as the anchor.

The Lummi Nation launched a savvy public relations campaign last year against what would have been the nation's largest coal export terminal proposed for Cherry Point, Washington, at the heart of their ancestral homeland.

In May, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied a needed permit for the Gateway Pacific terminal after finding it would damage tribal fishing rights.

This year's 19-day totem trek started Tuesday in Vancouver, British Columbia, and makes a stop Friday in Longview, Washington, where a similar ship-ping terminal would export 44 million tons of coal annually to Asian markets. With the Gateway Pacific project on ice, the Longview project would now be the nation's largest coal export terminal.

It would mean 16 coal trains a day, mostly from mines in Montana and Wyoming, and an additional 1,600 round-trip vessel calls a year in the lower Columbia River, said Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, senior organizer with the Columbia Riverkeeper. There are concerns that wake from the ships could strand juvenile

salmon and affect tribal fishing, she said.

Bill Chapman, president and CEO of Millennium Bulk Terminals in Longview, said in an emailed response to questions that a draft environmental review by Washington state and county officials found there would be no effects to tribal fishing. Trains already run through the area on established tracks and have caused no issues, he added.

The terminal on the site of an old aluminum smelter plant would create hundreds of much-needed family wage jobs and is supported by labor unions, Chapman said.

"We're building on a location where industry has existed for over

70 years," he wrote. "Our export terminal is sited on a stretch of the Columbia River dotted with manufacturing plants and docks."

A third large coal terminal in Oregon was dealt a blow this month when a judge upheld the state's right to deny the project based on a similar threat to tribal fishing rights.

If proponents decide to appeal, the case will go to trial in November.

This year's brightly painted totem weighs 3,000 pounds and is carved of western red cedar. An eagle with a 12-foot wingspan sits on top, and the pole itself features a wolf and bear - symbols of leadership, cunning and courage - as well as white buffalo and

tribal figures, said James, who has been carving totem poles for 44 years.

To the sounds of drums and a prayer song, the 22-foot-tall totem pole was blessed in a smudge ceremony at the entrance of Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle August 25. Lummi Nation member Linda Soriano fanned smoke from burning sage, covering the pole in a haze as sun rays beamed down. She then fanned the smoke through the crowd gathered outside the church.

"Mother Earth is hurting," said Lummi Nation member Randy Peters Sr. as he began his prayer song, "Mother Earth has been hurting from all of the abuse

that has been going on. The unsafe practices of the coal, and the mining and the transportation of energy."

Tribes in Oregon, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota and Canada will host the Lummi until their end point in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where tribes are fighting oil pipelines bound for the East Coast.

"You can't put a price on the sacred. Our land and our water are sacred," said Reuben George, manager of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation Sacred Trust Initiative in Vancouver, British Columbia, where his tribe is opposed to a major oil pipeline. "This totem pole represents our laws, our culture and our spirituality."

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