

Festival Coordinator: Event went smoothly

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FORT HALL — Shoshone-Bannock Festival Coordinator and Fort Hall Business Council treasurer Tino Batt said the event went smoothly but there are still some issues to be addressed.

They seen a large increase in participants in the INFR Tour Rodeo and Indian Relay races. “I received a lot of compliments on the Festival from various visitors and telephone calls. Over the years it will take time to address all the issues but keep in mind we do accomplish a lot as an outdoor event.”

He wants to thank the committees for all of their hard work and dedication for a smooth and successful event.



Sunday grand entry. (Lori Edmo-Suppah photo)

Batt said the new coordinator will be advertised and will establish his or her own new committees. His report will be submitted to the Fort Hall Business Council within 30 days.

Pevo shares grandmother’s eclipse teachings

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FORT HALL — Dammeah Daveah Diihundah – our sun died – that is the teaching Shoshone-Bannock tribal elder Bob Pevo was taught from his late grandmother Mae Lipps Pevo regarding eclipses.

She was in her 80s when she passed on the teachings to Bob and every time a lunar or solar eclipse occurs he thinks about her teachings. “I was first born and that is what I grew up with – it’s a thing I hold sacred to my heart,” he said. And he has been teaching his nephew the same things.

“Respect Mother Earth as she has her own way of cleansing – cleaning the bad stuff – renewing things, that’s what I know,” Pevo said.

His grandmother would say not to go outside during an eclipse. She would prepare her bucket of water the day before and pray for it. All of the windows would be covered and she would tell them no moving around, sit still, no talking or eating. They were also told not to be bathing and don’t make an attempt to open a shade.

He compared it to the Bible when people stayed inside their houses and lamb’s blood was put on their doors – they would not leave.

When the eclipse was over, his grandmother

would pray for them, wipe them down with the blessed water and they would drink it. Whatever water remained she would pour it on the east side of her house. She would ask in Shoshone how they were doing – how do you feel? After that they wouldn’t eat for the rest of the day, fast, then start a new day. The first thing she would do was check on her animals – the chickens and dogs.

He recalled his grandmother didn’t know what year she was born but she was born in Bannock Creek then moved to American Falls. Beets and Ben Davis Lipps were her uncles and they were survivors from the Bear River Massacre, “They escaped with some other kids down in Washakie, Utah,” he continued, “They ran and ran until they couldn’t run anymore and they didn’t go back to the Massacre.” The boys just left, they somehow crossed the river, made it further south then made a big circle back to Bannock Creek. He added the older boys knew how to hunt so they survived. Yupe was one of the boys.

Pevo said concerning the eclipse, he heard stories from other tribal elders who said a whirring noise occurs during an eclipse. The late Gilbert Jack would tell them stories, saying the children needed to sit still for the duration of the eclipse,



Bob Pevo

don’t drink water.

“We revere Mother Nature as a phenomenon,” he continued. “It’s not to make money off of and it’s where our respect comes into being – for dama sogo bia – what she endures.”

He was asked to do a prayer Sunday at the hand-games and he told them Mother Earth endures a lot and one day she’s not going to be there for us – the signs are showing – dama gassun dah – the last days. Pevo said people

Ariwite crowned new MSB



Crystal Dawn Ariwite. (Roselynn Wahtomy photo)

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FORT HALL – Crystal Dawn Ariwite was crowned the new Miss Shoshone-Bannock on Friday, August 11.

“When I was crowned I just couldn’t believe my eyes or what I just heard,” said Ariwite. “It felt as if time stopped.

In the back of her head she heard the voice of her late mother say, “Great job baby girl!”

“My heart felt as if it had stopped as well because right then, my biggest goal in life, since I was a baby, was accomplished - I was so happy I had tears of joy. Being crowned Miss Shoshone-Bannock will be the first title I have ever held, but most definitely not the last title I will run for.”

Crystal is 19 years old and the daughter of Roderick Ariwite and the late Christi Jay.

She decided to run for Miss Shoshone-Bannock to get everyone back into the culture, particularly to inspire the youth. She wants youth to know they are the future and with education and knowing the language will make the people stronger.

Ariwite presented her traditional talent as spear

pole making and prepared a traditional dish of salmon, mint tea, berries and Bannock bread.

She felt this was the best Festival so far, and she loved every single day with the food, dancers, hearing the drums, meeting her friends from Italy, being interviewed, challenged, and listening to the funny emcees.

Ariwite said. “This will be a year I will never forget, knowing I made all of my families from both sides proud and closer together.”

She plans on attending powwows all over Indian country and will visit local schools to promote her platform, encouraging education and “Denewap” (our way of life) all throughout her title. She hopes to attend any and all events she can go to, to let other tribes know who we are.

“I’ll represent this title with the best of my abilities and can’t wait to learn what this year will teach me,” she said.

The other three contestants results are as follows: Atalya Benally is first attendant; Jennifer Murillo is second attendant; Effie Hernandez is Miss Congeniality.

SBT Public Safety issues solar eclipse advisory, high traffic alert

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FORT HALL — Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Public Safety Department Director Wes Jones advises the total solar eclipse is August 21 and in eastern Idaho it will begin around 10:15 a.m. and end around 12:58 p.m. with totality around 11:33 a.m.

Totality will last approximately two minutes and 18 seconds.

The Department of Transportation and Idaho State Police anticipate a high number of

travelers on the roads so are advising to drive safe and be alert. Jones says Tribal Public Safety will be out in full force in preparedness. The Fort Hall Fire and EMS Department is staging an ambulance at Sage Hill in Gibson for immediate access to Interstate 15 and Highway 91. However they will still be able to support community calls from the fire station. Fort Hall Fire Chief Brian Briggs said they will also have personnel working at Camas Wildlife Refuge.

Fort Hall Police Captain

Mark Massey said the FHPD will have extra officers on shift beginning Thursday through Monday of the eclipse in anticipation of increased travelers and those coming off Exit 80 and 89. He advises to give plenty of time to go to work, prepare for heavy traffic in all directions unless taking the back roads.

Robert Moss of the Tribal Corrections Department said they will be ready to respond for traffic control if needed.

Fort Hall Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Randy

Thompson said BIA offices will be open.

Chris Waterhouse of the Shoshone-Bannock Community Health Center said it will be open its regular hours from 4 to 8 p.m.

Fort Hall Not-tsoo Gah-Nee Indian Health Center CEO Shirley Alvarez said the clinic will be open during regular business hours. They provided tips in the August 7 Sho-Ban News for preparedness.

Public Safety officials advise to complete all necessary shop-

ping in advance. Have plenty of drinking water for your family. Make sure vehicles are full of fuel. Pick up prescriptions and medications prior to the event. Wear eclipse glasses. Make travel plans ahead of time and be prepared for traffic. Know the signs and treatment of heat related illnesses. Know the fire risks and restrictions for where you plan to be. Take drinking water and a first aid kit if hiking into a viewing area.