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## Boise Valley People descendants carry on legacy of ancestors



FHBC Vice-Chairman Lee Juan Tyler (with staff) and Clyde Duke Dixey after the sunrise prayer ceremony on Saturday, June 13 at Quarry View Park. (Lori Edmo-Supphah photo)



The sun peaks over the hills of Quarry View Park during Saturday's sunrise ceremony. (Roselynn Wahtomy photo)

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BOISE – Each day of the Return of the Boise Valley People gathering June 11-14 was met with a sunrise prayer at Quarry View Park.

The sun shined on Castle Rock in the distance on Saturday, June 13, when Lee Juan Tyler led the ceremony with assistance from Clyde Duke Dixey. Merceline Boyer prayed for the water.

Tyler said they were adding to the prayers of the old ones and prayers were a way of life.

It is the fifth year of Return of the Boise Valley people, which is a gathering of the descendants of those who originally roamed the land and were forced to move by U.S. soldiers in the 1800s. Descendants come from Shoshone-Bannock, Burns Paiute, Shoshone-Paiute,

Warm Springs Paiute and Fort McDermitt Paiute.

The event was jam packed with activities and started with a tribal leaders consultation meeting with the Idaho Military Division on Thursday evening, followed by a presentation on an 1870 letter regarding Boise Valley and other historical documents.

On Friday, June 12, Boise Valley descendants were asked to share their family histories. Some did so in songs or stories. Vivian Ballard introduced herself and said she enjoyed coming back every year. Louida Ingawanup shared her mother was in the Teton family and came from the Boise area.

Clyde Duke Dixey said it was important for people to know their relations were buried in the area. His great grand mother was



Paddy Capp Band from Duck Valley march in the tribal walking parade. (Hoss Supphah photo)

buried real deep in the ground and a big rock was placed on top of her. They did it to protect her, because the settlers used to dig up the dead and take their belongings and cut their hair off for money.

He said the settlers didn't want the Indian people there because they found gold. He emphasized that's why they all got split up and went different ways.

It took 29 days for his grandfather to get to Fort Hall in the middle of March. They had to

stop a lot along the way and struggled because there was no feed for the horses.

A tribal walking parade took place and featured each of the visiting Tribes. Veterans brought in tribal flags. An honor song followed.

Shoshone-Bannock elder Lionel Boyer said the song was in memory of all the ancestors and for the spirits of those that were there.

Tribal leaders shared their perspective on the significance of the event.



Each tribe presented cultural demonstrations. Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy students performed songs in Shoshone. (Roselynn Wahtomy photos)



Walkers/runners make their way to the top of Castle Rock.

Fort Hall Business Council Vice-Chairman Lee Juan Tyler said when he first came to the site he remembers there were no homes above the park and the

area wasn't developed as much as it is today. He encouraged everyone to share where they come from.

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## Tom dedicated to keeping art of basketry alive

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BOISE — Rosie Tom, Paiute from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in Oregon, said she's excited so many people were interested in learning basketry at the Return of the Boise Valley People event.

She taught how to make a wagus that is a storage bag for roots or dried meats.

She believes the June 12 workshop was a good starter — 30 people participated and of those about 10 people completed. "I was excited that so many people were so interested in learning — the feeling it gave me was like a lot of energy coming from them (rush/excitement)." Rosie said when

you are learning, you learn all over again how to handle with a gentle touch, how to relax and concentrate — you become content with your weaving. At one point in the session people were so quiet weaving you could hear a pin drop. "I knew at that point they were well into the weaving project and you appreciate what you have learned."

All the participants were so excited about learning it helped her grow in teaching and interact more. "I had a sense this project was really going to take off with some of our people," she said. A few people came forward on Saturday and were asking questions such as what kind of string is this, where can I get the



Rosie Tom, a Paiute from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs demonstrates basket weaving to onlookers. (Lori Edmo-Supphah photo)

## Idaho Attorney General responds to instant horse racing lawsuit

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden says the Coeur d'Alene Tribe is going after the wrong guy in their legal fight over instant horse racing terminals.

The tribe filed a petition with the Idaho Supreme Court last week, asking it to require Secretary of State Lawrence Denney to certify the legislation as law.

The tribe contends Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's move to keep the betting machines legal was invalid. Tribal officials say Otter's veto of legislation banning the betting machines didn't come within a required five-day time span.

On Wednesday, the attorney general's office filed its response with

the Idaho Supreme Court. In the document, Wasden contends that the fault of any error in the veto lies outside of the Secretary of State's Office and so it would be improper to force Denney to act.

Denney has declined to enforce the bill despite requests from the tribe to certify the law.

While Wasden's office stopped short of pinpointing whom the tribe should go after, it did explain that the Idaho Senate was responsible for insuring that the veto was made in the right timeframe.

"The originating house sits as the time-keeper on its legislation during the session," wrote Deputy Attorney General... See LAWSUIT, page 10