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Shoshone-Bannock elders sit under the shade at the event. (Hoss Suppah photo)

BOISE, continued

Kenton Dick, from Burn Paiute said it was good to see family members he gets to see once a year when he comes to the gathering. He feels they need to maintain the relationship they've established and would like to visit more than once a year. He said history, customs, traditions and language from the elders is important to preserve. He told everyone to learn something new each day and to share the knowledge.

"We have to keep our identity, we can't lose it. They've tried in the past," he said. "But we're still here. We're still having this traditional gathering here. It shows that we're still strong, that they're never going to get rid of the Indians, Native American of North America. We are strong, proud and we know who we are."

Burns Paiute Tribal Chairperson Charlotte Rodrique talked about how the Burns Paiute learned to survive despite past struggles. She would like to see the young people become more empowered to learn about their traditional ways of life. She's involved with the tribe's language restoration project and she thinks it's really important the children know, they are involved and they don't have shame of where they came from.

"We've got a proud history. You know people try to step on us and rub us out and everything – we all came back. No matter what

they did to us."

Shoshone-Paiute Chairman Lindsey Manning introduced Idaho National Guard Major General Gary Sayler. "I know it's been said before, here the military marched us out of here, but the military – General Sayler, has done a lot for us to march us back in here again – to facilitate to help us conduct this gathering."

Maj. General Sayler said anything they can do to facilitate the event in the future they're happy to do that. They met with tribal leaders on Thursday to gain a better understanding of one another and to continue the good relationship they've established.

"Every time I come to this event I learn more, about the history and the tribes that lived and roamed in this part of the nation and I value this experience. I'm happy and proud to be able to do that," said Sayler.

Students from Chief Tahgee Elementary Academy said a prayer and sang songs for the people in Shoshone.

Cultural presentations took place on a play about how Boise and Kuna got their names that Eva Barba explained from Shoshone-Paiute. After dinner sponsored by Fort McDermitt & Burns Paiute Tribes a presentation on family history was at the Boise Hotel & Conference Center.

The Walk/Run on Saturday was at Quarry View Park with 100 participants and

several different trails to choose from. Many hiked to Eagle Rock and took photos at the top.

Lunch was served at Gowen Field and sponsored by the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes.

Cultural classes took part throughout the day. Sunne Big Day, from the Native Women's Coalition, gave a presentation on Historical & Contemporary Violence on Native Women.

Participants had their chance to make their own duck decoys, which was taught by Sonya Dick from the Cultural Department at Burns Paiute. In the past the decoys were used to attract other birds coming in to hunt. The class learned to weave the decoys with tules, which were sponsored by the National Guard.

Indian games such as kick the shoe, foot races and tug-o-war provided entertainment for the afternoon. The games were followed by a hand drum contest and performance by Shoshone-Bannock musical artist Hovia Edwards.

A traditional salmon and buffalo feast was sponsored by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

The activity on the last day of the event was a site visit to Map Rock, which is a petroglyph panel showing a map of the Snake River region.

BASKETRY, continued

yarn and what size is it?

The session went into Saturday and she said they really didn't quit until 11 p.m.

Rosie displayed a variety of baskets — the basket hat or putlapah is a ceremonial hat that is used during tribal feasts such as Root Feast, Huckleberry Feast or funerals. "Back in the day, it was used for those purposes – the Paiute hat was used as a protector for the head," she said. Miniature cornhusk bags are also used for storage bags for roots, dried goods and also used as an Indian trade item for marriages, Indian names and giveaway.

She added the miniature-winnowing basket is used for sifting pinenuts. "Today my family uses the winnowing basket for show and to demonstrate how thankful we are to the Creator for giving us pinenuts – we dance sifting the baskets to right, then to left while we sing."

Other baskets include the tule basket also used for storage that is more flexible than a willow basket. The red cedar basket is used as a storage basket and she uses as a decorative piece. The flat, square miniature cedar bag is a decorative

necklace piece and it is also used as storage in the coastal areas of northwest Washington. The miniature huckleberry basket is made of cedar roots and dyed fibers to make the geometric design – it was made for a necklace.

Rosie said what she's learned is being taught to the community and being handed down to the next generation. "I want our basketry to stay alive!" She intends to continue to learn more and how to weave other traditional baskets.

She is on the Warm Springs Basketweavers planning committee and they are planning the 21st Gathering of the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association Conference October 2 and 3 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort in Warm Springs. She is also preparing for the Annual Tribal Member Art Show in Warm Springs in the fall. In addition, she's been working with the Oregon Folklife Network – Nancy Nusz has interviewed her about weaving that may lead to possible funding for teaching and continuing her basket interest.

"I'm pretty open when it comes to workshops – I usually go with the flow," she

said. "I'm becoming more visible to our tribe and when asked to participate, I will." She also spends time doing other traditional things such as drying salmon, deer meat, grinding roots and picking huckleberries. Other hobbies are gardening, sewing, beading, quilting, canning and powwowing. "This is to keep me busy and keep my grandchildren involved."

Attending the ROBVP event was a wonderful experience for her and her sisters Frances and Janet. "Both sisters were excited when they seen so many Paiutes in one place," she said. "Janet said it gave her a good feeling like our grandparents, father, mother, brothers were there with us – she felt blessed."

"And for me it was a good learning experience and I walked away knowing that our ancestors history are meant to be carried on forever. I am really thankful to know that I have been handed down some of the teachings for our way of life and for me to give to the next generation," she concluded.

Rosie was also glad to meet with family and friends.

LAWSUIT, continued

General Brian Kane.

Currently, roughly 250 betting terminals — known as instant horse racing machines — are installed in three locations across the state.

The machines allow bettors to place wages on prior horse races with no identifiable information. They look and sound like slot machines with bright animated screens, chirpy music and bets can be placed in mere seconds.

Proponents argue the machines are vital to saving Idaho's declining horse racing industry. Live horse races no longer attract big crowds with bigger betting pools to help sustain the industry, race track owners say. Instead, they must rely on new technology to thrive.

The tribe counters that the machines are cleverly disguised slot machines, which are illegal in Idaho.

Idaho lawmakers approved legalizing the machines in 2013, but passed legislation this year after

multiple legislators said they had been duped into approving illegal betting machines.

The legislation then went to the governor's desk, but Otter delayed announcing his decision, doing so after the five-day window had passed. Otter told reporters he put off releasing the veto decision because of the Easter weekend.

The Idaho Senate then failed to override the governor's decision but not without submitting three statements into the Senate journal stating that the Senate failed to receive the governor's veto by the required deadline. The letters were submitted by the Senate's President Pro Tem Brent Hill, Minority Leader Michelle Stennett and Secretary Jennifer Novak.

Deborah Ferguson, a Boise attorney who is representing the tribe, said she was aware Wasden's office had filed its response but had not yet reviewed it as of Wednesday afternoon.

Sho-Ban News deadline is every Friday at 4:30 p.m.
Please place accordingly.

WOMEN & GIRLS GATHERING JUNE 18 & 19, 2015

"DU'MUH WYEE'PUH'NUH"
MOTHERHOOD INITIATIVE ACTIVITY

Who: All Native women & girls 12+ are invited

Where: • Sho-Ban High School – June 18
• Fort Hall Bottoms – June 19

What to Bring:

Sweat dress or skirt, towel, lawn chair, wear comfortable clothing.

Pre-registration accepted or you can register on-site Thurs. 6/18

Thursday beginning at 3 p.m.

- Sho-Ban School – Registrations, ice breakers and guest speakers.
- Four Directions Prgm – All Women Sweat at 5 p.m. Wear your sweat dress/skirt. No women on their moon cycle but can attend other activities.
- Sho-Ban School (after sweat): Welcome, BBQ, fun evening activities and storytelling.

Friday beginning at 7 a.m.

- Fort Hall Bottoms
- Join the Fatherhood group for morning service/prayer and a Shoshone style breakfast.
- Motherhood activities ends at 10 a.m.

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For registration and information contact: 477 Human Services at 478-3737

Father's Day Fishing Day



...Mom's too if they are taking on the fatherly role.
June 19, 2015 at 7 a.m. Bottoms Sheepskin Rd. Bridge
(The 2nd concrete bridge)

Agenda

- 7 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Setting up teepee,
- Instructional & cultural understanding of the teepee
- 8 a.m. Traditional breakfast provided by the Motherhood Initiative
- Fishing begins
- 10 a.m. Return to the group area for fish net making/fishing trap demo
- 12 p.m. The catch of the day. BBQ lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, fruit and water)
- 1p.m. Demos continue if interested

Fathering our future

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS!

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 17 AT NOON

To register contact Dustin Davis at 478-3709

1. Enrolled tribal members must have Tribal IDs on their person to fish.
2. Special registration must be completed for Non-Tribal or non-Indian Fathers. Additionally, each individual wishing to fish must purchase a day fishing permit from the Tribal Fisheries Department and submit a picture ID to be attached to a group trespass permit. For more information about fishing permit contact Fisheries at 239-4551.
3. T-Shirts awarded to the first 100 fathers to sign in.
4. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
5. A Hold Harmless Agreement must be signed by all participants.
6. There will be transportation to this event only for the times of 6:30 a.m. and a general return transportation at 3 p.m.
7. Participants are encouraged to bring: sunscreen, lawn chairs, fishing poles, umbrellas, insect repellent and water clothes.

"It is not flesh and blood, but the heart, which makes us fathers to our children."