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## Dance crowned Miss Sho-Ban



New Miss Shoshone-Bannock Sequoia Dance was crowned on Friday evening, August 8. First attendant was Kourtney Arriwite (center) and second attendant was Sequoia Pahvitse-Auck. (Submitted photo)

By ALEXANDRIA ALVAREZ  
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Sequoia Dance was crowned Miss Shoshone-Bannock August 7.

First attendant is Kourtney Arriwite and second attendant is Sequoia Pahvitse-Auck.

Dance said she was really excited after they called first attendant, "I did my best to stay mellow, because I was excited for both girls. I thought that both of them was just as deserving of the crown as I was, but I was especially excited for my first attendant because she is so young, and she did so well to have made it in this competition."

She intends to call on her first attendant for help through the year and do her best. "I'm really proud of both of them, they did such a great job," said Dance.

Dance said she worked hard this past year as Miss Shoshone-Bannock's First Attendant, and did her best to represent as part of Tadrashell Murray's royalty court. She really dug into the history of the Shoshone-Bannock people learning about the history of the Tribes and more about her own family history.

She also began powwowing a lot more this past year and began learning as much as she could from other people, including a professor who formerly worked



Sequoia smiles as she, and other Festival royalty lead in the Grand Entry on Sunday. (Roselynn Wahtomy photo)

with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and is currently a professor at Washington State University.

"I'm really excited about the coming year and I feel like I have some big shoes to fill after Taylor and Sister," concluded Dance.

The competition began with orientation August 5 to prepare the girls for what to expect during competition. Royalty coordinator Whitney Burns shared she would do her best to ensure a fair competition by having a wide array of judges for each competition.

The contestant's private interview with

judges questioned their knowledge on a variety of topics related to Shoshone-Bannock culture, and treaties and about the reservation.

The next competition would be the traditional dish competition at the arbor on August 5. Thick storm clouds steadily filled the sky and as contestants readied themselves, the rain began to pour creating a dilemma; usually each contestant would present her traditional dish inside the arbor, but with the storm pouring, the royalty committee improvised and utilized the area of the arena sheltered by the rain.

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## Historical clothing show

By ROSELYNN WAHTOMY

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FORT HALL – The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Bannock Gathering gave a glimpse into the past with the "Tribal History Expressed Through Clothing" presentation on Monday, August 3 at Sho-Ban Jr./Sr. High School.

Moderator for the event was Nancy Eschief-Murillo. Clothing shown was from the 1870s to the 1950s and featured the attire of early warriors and women's dress to cattle baron and contemporary dress. It highlighted how babies and young children were dressed, a men's traditional suit and a men's military uniforms, as well as the clothing of a tribal councilman. The show completed with a teen dressed in jeans and sweater.

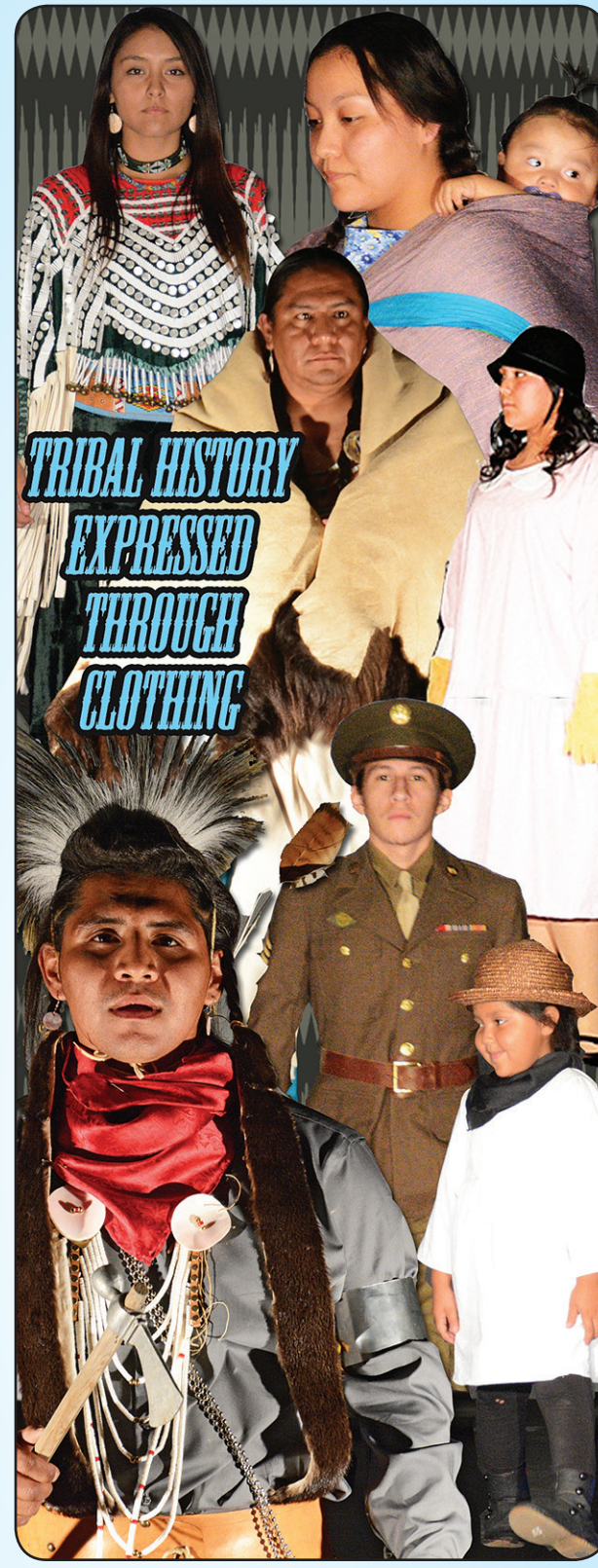
Yvette Tuell, a Doctoral student at the University of Utah studying history, coordinated the event. One of the things she has learned is that history can be taught through many different ways besides books.

"I wanted to share our tribal history through a different visual sense. So I kind of just came up with the idea to have a fashion show, but it's not a fashion show because we didn't have fashion in our past, in our clothing styles. So, it's more of a historical clothing show," she said.

The other aspect of the project was to get families talking about what their grandfathers, grandmothers and other family members used to wear a long time ago.

The planning for the event started several months ago and Tuell was please to see so many people willing to help out. She knew they would have a variety of looks and was glad to see it happen.

It was encouraging to her that many of the tribal people stepped up to either make the clothes, some even



Clothing show participants. (Roselynn Wahtomy photos)

making entire outfits or restoring their old family items.

"Our history has not only shown that we have our traditional styles, but we also have our contemporary styles. That was the other thing I wanted to show was that we adopted more of the contemporary clothing, but yet we made it our own through scarves. Me made it our own through our hair," she said adding they wanted to show how the men and women were so meticulous in their appearance.

One of the biggest challenges she found

was finding men who would model and be proud of the look they wanted to show. She was surprised once they got the models and they really talked and learned about the picture they were supposed to portray they really got interested. They really went out of their way to find out how to style their hair, how to fix their arm-bands, what shirt to wear and how to wear their roach.

The Haskett family, had two models from the 1920s era, father Russell Haskett

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## Officials downstream from Colorado mine spill demand answers

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) – Officials in towns downstream from where millions of gallons of mine waste spilled into a southwest Colorado river are demanding answers about possible long-term threats to the water supply.

Colorado and New Mexico declared stretches of the Animas and San Juan rivers to be disaster areas as the orange-colored waste stream made its way downstream toward Lake Powell in Utah after the spill Wednesday at the abandoned Gold King mine near Silverton, Colorado.

The 3 million gallons of mine waste included high concentrations of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals. Workers with the EPA accidentally unleashed the spill as they inspected the abandoned mine site.

EPA officials said Monday that there was no leading edge of contamination visible in downstream sections of the San Juan River or Lake Powell. But that has done little to ease concerns or quell the anger caused by the spill.

The Navajo Nation, which covers parts of New Mexico, Utah and

Arizona, declared an emergency as it shut down water intake systems and stopped diverting water from the San Juan River.

Members of the tribal council were frustrated during a special meeting Monday and echoed the sentiment of New Mexico and Utah officials that the federal government needs to be held accountable.

Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes discussed the legal implications with his New Mexico counterpart, Hector Balderas, and planned to hold a similar call with Colorado

Attorney General Cynthia Coffman, Reyes' office said Monday.

"We hope to work with our sister states to ensure our citizens are protected and whatever remediation is necessary occurs as quickly as possible," Reyes said in a statement. "We will continue to evaluate the legal issues as we receive data and monitor the effects on our communities."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said the governor is disappointed in the EPA's

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