

Tamkaliks dances into Wallowa this weekend

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A man begins to don his regalia for evening dancing as the sun sets over the Tamkaliks arbor in 2017.

WALLOWA — Tamkaliks celebrates the reunion, remembrance, and resilience of the people of Chief Joseph's band of Nez Perce, most of whom were exiled to the Colville Reservation in northern Washington following the Nez Perce conflict of 1877.

It also is a powwow where Indian dancers from across the nation compete for honors and prizes in many traditional dances, including the Grass Dance, Men's Traditional, Women's Jingle Dress and other dances. Drums from across the nation participate and compete as well.

Tamkaliks gets underway on Friday around 7 p.m. with an entry ceremony, and a non-competitive social dance, accompanied by singing and drumming. The Native Americans participating in the dance will generally wear tribal dancing regalia.

The Nez Perce will hold a Memorial Horse Procession on Saturday in remembrance of those lost in the conflict of 1877, and also in honor of the reunion and continuance of the Nez Perce people. The tradition of the memorial procession originated in 1885 when the Wallowa Band was returned to the "Northwest" as promised, but exiled to the Colville Reservation at Nespelem, Washington, 300 miles from Wallowa County.

"A rider comes calling out the names of Indians," Nez Perce elder Albert Redstar said, explaining the origin of the Memorial Horse Procession and its use at Tamkaliks.

"You could hear the weeping. He rode three times all the way around the encampment to trigger that sorrow. He called out the names of everyone that was killed and was left out there on the trail. It was those names he was saying. On the third time around, he picked up the pace, and began to move, began to gallop. And you could hear him saying, 'Now we are rejoicing. Look around you. ... We are together yet. Now stand up and shake each other's hand. We're here today.'

"That was our memorial. That is what we teach our children today," Redstar said. "Take care of the pain that's inside and bring it out. But also teach them how to take care of that pain in the days ahead."

The dance competitions begin at 1 p.m. Saturday with the Grand Entry. This entry parade is led by veterans who will carry the U.S. flag, as well as the Nez Perce's eagle staff. Dancers and elders follow. The ceremony includes prayers, songs and drumming. Competitive dancing follows.

Dances include categories for senior men and senior women, and dances for children. Dances to watch include the Men's Traditional, Men's Fancy Dance, Men's Grass Dance, Women's Shawl Dance and Women's Jingle Dress Dance. The Grass Dance has its origins with Great Plains peoples, and also would have served the Nez Perce well. It may have originated as a ceremony or exercise to trample down high grasses for a campsite. Plains tribes also say that it originated as a way for a handicapped boy to learn to dance by imitating the swaying grasses on the prairie.

The Friendship Feast is a highlight of Tamkaliks. In 2018 more than 600 people shared salmon, buffalo, and a wide variety of potluck dishes. The line was long and stretched almost halfway around the dance arbor. Elders and honored guests are served first at tables set up in the dance arbor.

Tamkaliks concludes Sunday afternoon with dances that are fun and non-competitive, with traditional categories for

men, women, and children. The event wraps up about 5 p.m. with awards for the dancers who won their categories and a closing ceremony.

Tamkaliks is on Whiskey Creek Road just south of Wallowa on 320 acres along the Wallowa River. Along with traditional cultural events, vendors from around the Northwest sell a variety of food including Indian fry bread, along with handmade goods like moccasins, jewelry, leather, and beaded purses. You'll find some Nez Perce vendors among the plethora of more commercial booths.

Historic bridges, bedecked with informative interpretive signs, link the powwow grounds to the town of Wallowa, and provide easy access to the Wallowa Band Nez Perce Interpretive Center. The steep hill on the north side of the grassy meadow and dance arbor is known as Tick Hill. A trail from the valley floor winds up to the top. Interpretive signs along the way explain plants, animals, and Nez Perce life. The view from the top provides a nice overview of the Wallowa Mountains and the fertile lower Wallowa Valley, home to the Wallowa Band Nez Perce for thousands and thousands of years.

Primitive camping is available. There are no specific designated campsites, no electrical or sanitary hookups, and water is available only at spigots near the Dance Arbor. A corral and horse stalls are on site for those bringing horses. A limited number of showers and vault toilets are available for campers.

Tamkaliks Schedule
In 2019, Tamkaliks' schedule has changed slightly with the addition of a Veterans' Dance and two new dances on Saturday night. As always, Tamkaliks will begin Friday evening with social dancing, singing and drumming, beginning at 7 p.m. at the dance arbor on the Homeland Project's grounds. Note that some events may start slightly later than their scheduled times. Please be patient.

- Friday, July 19:**
- All day: Wallowa Band Nez Perce Homeland Interpretive Center open.
 - All day: Arrival and camp setup for participants. Arrival and booth setup for vendors.
 - All day: Nez Perce Homeland Interpretive Center open.
 - 7 p.m. Social Dance, singing and drumming.
- Saturday, July 20:**
- All day: Wallowa Band Nez Perce Homeland Interpretive Center open.
 - 9 a.m. Memorial Horse Procession.
 - 1 p.m. Grand Entry: 1 p.m.
 - 1:30 p.m. (approximate) Dance competition. Includes men's, women's, and youth dances.
 - 7 p.m. Veterans' Dance.
 - 8 p.m. (approximate) Slick Style and Short Fringe special dances.
- Sunday, July 21:**
- All day: Wallowa Band Nez Perce Homeland Interpretive Center open.
 - 9 a.m. Washat Service at the Longhouse
 - 12 Noon: Friendship Feast. Please come early and bring a dish to share!
 - 2 p.m. Grand Entry
 - 2:30 pm (approximate) Non-competitive dancing, with categories for men, women, children, and families.
 - 5 p.m. (approximate) Contest dancing awards.

First West Nile virus detected in Umatilla County

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

UMATILLA — West Nile virus, a flu-like disease spread by mosquitoes, has been detected in mosquitoes at a testing site in Umatilla County.

Oregon Public Health officials say the the mosquitoes, found in Umatilla, are the first to test positive for the disease in Oregon in 2019. The mosquitoes were collected last week by the West Umatilla Mosquito Control District. The Oregon State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Corvallis confirmed the discovery.

West Nile virus spreads to humans via the bite of an infected mosquito. About one in five infected people may show signs of the virus. People at risk of serious illness include individuals 50 and older, and people with immune-compromising conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

West Nile symptoms include fever above 100 degrees and severe headache, stiff neck, mental confusion, muscle weakness, shaking, paralysis and rash. People should contact their health care provider if experiencing any of these symptoms.

The incubation period is usually two to 14 days. Rarely, infected individuals may develop severe brain or spinal column infections that could cause death.

The number of mosquito pools — samples of about 50 mosquitoes — testing positive in any area could lead to infection. Dr. Emilio DeBess, veterinarian at the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division, recommends people and animals guard against mosquito bites.

"It's very easy for people to prevent bites from mosquitoes that may carry West Nile virus," DeBess says. "Although the risk of contracting West Nile virus is low, people can take simple precautions to keep these insects at bay if they're headed outdoors."

DeBess recommends

eliminating sources of standing water that are a breeding ground for mosquitoes, including watering troughs, bird baths, clogged gutters and old tires.

Use mosquito repellent when engaged in outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants in mosquito-infested areas.

Make sure screen doors and windows are in good repair and fit tightly.

During the 2018 mosquito season, there were two human cases of West Nile virus in Harney and Clackamas counties. The virus was found in one bird, 58 mosquito pools and two horses. In 2017, seven humans, 92 mosquito pools, five horses and one bird tested positive for West Nile. The virus also can be found in chickens, squirrels and dogs.

Health officials say climate change effects, such as increased temperature and changes in rainfall, mean longer mosquito seasons and are contributing to the spread of West Nile virus.

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BRIEFLY

Life Flight responds to crash in Pendleton

PENDLETON — One motorcyclist was injured Tuesday in a crash in Pendleton and required an emergency flight.

The wreck occurred shortly before 5 p.m. in the intersection of Southwest Dorion Avenue and 10th Street. According to city staff who responded to the crash, the motorcycle was heading east on Dorion and the van was going north on 10th when they hit. The van drug the motorcycle and rider for about a block.

Emergency personnel called for the Life Flight helicopter, which landed at the

old Pendleton Grain Growers property, and medics hustled the rider onto a gurney and into the helicopter.

Police and city public works staff blocked off the area and rerouted traffic. The crash investigation continues.

It was the second serious motorcycle-versus-vehicle crash in Umatilla County in about a week — Hermiston resident Nathaniel John Bloomer, 56, lost his life in a crash in Hermiston on July 8 after his motorcycle collided with a trailer being pulled by a pickup truck.

Pendleton will see a surge in motorcycles on the road all week, as Pendleton Bike Week starts Wednesday.

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| TUESDAY | 1:30pm | Bucking Horse Stampede — Main Street |
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| | 6:00pm | Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
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| | 7:00pm | Tough Enough to Wear Pink — Wear Pink |
| | 9:00pm | Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — DJ — No Cover Charge |
| FRIDAY | 8:00am | Golf Tournament — Alpine Meadows Golf Course |
| | 10:00am | Chief Joseph Junior Parade — Main Street |
| | 2:00pm | Slack — Arena |
| | 6:00pm | Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 7:00pm | PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 9:00pm | All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center |
| | 9:30pm | Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — FrogHollow Band |
| SATURDAY | 6:00am | Shrine Breakfast begins |
| | 10:00am | Grand Parade — Main Street |
| | 12:00pm | Nez Perce Friendship Feast — Encampment Pavilion |
| | 2:30pm | Slack — Arena |
| | 3:00pm | Traditional Indian Dance Contest — Encampment Pavilion |
| | 6:00pm | Rodeo Gates Open — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 7:00pm | PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena |
| | 9:00pm | All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center |
| | 9:30pm | Music and Dancing at Thunder Room — FrogHollow Band |
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