

Allen Payquin, left, and Les Washise dance in the senior men's competition Sunday at the Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration. Payquin won the event. The premier dance event, Men's Traditional, was won by Bryon Adams, a Yakama tribal member. Senior Mens was taken by Leroy Seth from Lapwai, Idaho.

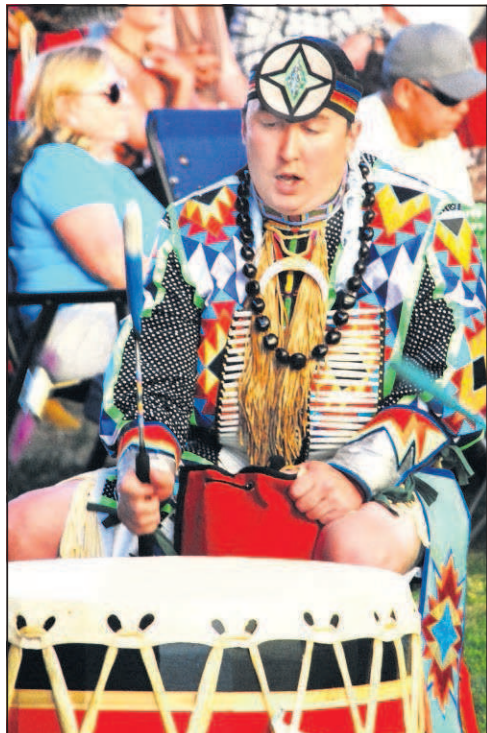
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Lakota tribal member Francis Dionne competes in the Mens Traditional Dance competition on Sunday at the Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration. Dionne hails from Boise, Idaho, and is a Chippewa-Cree tribal member. More than 140 dancers from tribes across the Northwest, 12 drums and 30 vendors participated, making it the biggest event to date.

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# Tamkaliks 2017 largest in history



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Twelve drumming groups provided the beat for the dancing for more than 140 dancers during the three-day 2017 Tamkaliks Festival. Some of the drummers also took a turn on the dance floor throughout the event.



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Following Saturday morning's Tamkaliks horse parade, a moving ceremony honored the women warriors of 1877 — women and their children whose families were part of Joseph's strategic embattled retreat. Most were descendants of Joseph or his brother, Olokot. The horse parade led by Tacopa (Fred Hill, a Nez Perce from Umatilla) leading a rider-less horse in honor of his great great-grandfather, Peyopoly Ipsiwaatx, and Logan Quempts, who rode his Appaloosa from Umatilla to Wallowa for the event.



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Plumage was the star of the dancing fashion show at Tamkaliks held outside Wallowa Friday through Sunday. Dancers and attendees included Nez Perce from the Joseph/Wallowa band in Nespelum, Washington, Nez Perce from Lapwai in Idaho and the Umatilla Reservation, as well as Yakama, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Chippewa/Cree, Lakota and other tribes. A native delegation from Taiwan was also on hand.



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