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Members of Hog Heaven Muzzleloaders use historical methods in constructing the dugout canoe in preparation for the Bicentennial float in 2005. They camped and worked on two canoes on the flat near Pink House Hole. (Photo courtesy of Vern Illi)

## 'You don't know what you've got Till it's gone'

By Nancy Bulter

'You don't know what you've got till it's gone', Joni Mitchell made a song with these lyrics popular in the 1970s singing about all the things you don't notice, or appreciate, until they are gone. That's kind of how I felt when I heard that they had removed the dugout canoe from Canoe Camp Historical Park.

The park is just a short distance from my home and I have walked there often and been past the canoe more times than I can begin to count. I knew it was deteriorating, in fact very quickly falling completely apart with pieces of its wood falling off. A maintenance crew from Nez Perce National Historical Park removed it recently because it presented a danger to the public and I guess was an eyesore for visitors. What they will do with the space remains to be seen.

It was a replica of the dugout canoes that were built at the site for the Corps of Discovery to continue their journey to the Pacific Ocean. (If you have forgotten your history, Lewis and Clark met Nez Perce Indians on the Weippe Prairie after a very arduous and hungry trip across the Bitterroots. In addition to feeding the members of the expedition, the Nez Perce taught them to make dugout canoes from the large Ponderosa pine trees that grew in the area. To this point, they had travelled by horse, or on foot. Chief Twisted Hair was entrusted with caring for their horses until their return. They also cached some of their supplies before they headed out Oct. 5, 1805 after 10 days of canoe building. There is a lot more for another time.)

According to the interpretive sign at the site, The Corps of Discovery built four large and one small canoe to accommodate the 34 member group. The large canoes were about 50 to 55 feet long and could carry a minimum

of seven men and 800 to 1,000 pounds of gear.

The sign reads: "Canoe-Building Site--Guided by Twisted Hair and several other Nez Perce, Capt. William Clark selected this as a campsite because of the many large ponderosa pines that grew there then. The canoe makers chopped out small portions of the pine logs, then used fire or hot coals to char the wood. This made it easier to then chip out the inside of the canoes."

The Corps of Discovery departed after 10 days, having made five canoes. Canoe Camp was an important turning point. Here the expedition made the transition from arduous overland travel to travel by water--onward toward the Pacific.

Vern Illi shared the history of the canoe that was recently removed:

The dugout canoe that was at the Canoe Camp Historical Park was constructed by the Hog Heaven Muzzleloaders (HHML) in late September of 2005 at a Lewis and Clark Canoe camp, on a flat next to Pink House Hole boat launch. The group spent their time camping and building canoes using historical methods.

It was one of two that were constructed on that site in late September and 1 of 17 constructed by HHML from 1997 to 2007. This canoe was built in 4 days and was readied for its journey to the Pacific Coast. The journey started on Oct. 7, 2005, the canoes were put in the water manned by HHML men, and men from The Discovery Expedition of St. Charles who were following the expeditions trail day by day on its 3 year Bicentennial. The dugout canoe was

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2021 Wild Weippe Rodeo Queen Breyer Boyer and her horse Rein. Photo by Bobbi Boyer

Mark your calendars for Aug. 20, 21 and 22

## Queen Breyer Boyer's Wild Weippe Rodeo roots run deep

By Norma Brand

The interest in horses and riding has been a long time interest for Breyer. She can remember riding with her Mom when she was just a little girl. Over the years the advice and training she received from her mom and from their friend Chris Nelson taught her valuable lessons to help her become an expert rider.

Breyer's choice of a horse came last year when she purchased a barrel racing mare from a trainer in Plumber. Her name is Poco Brighteyed Rein; her sire is "Good Whimps Poco" and her dame is "F R Brighteyed Approval". Rein loves the attention of the crowds and actually prances when she is in a parade, she is also very quick, a desirable trait for barrel racing. Breyer has worked with Rein and has brought her from a "Green Broke" stage to an advanced stage so anyone can ride her.

Two months before the Wild Weippe Rodeo, Breyer took Barrel Racing instructions from her neighbor and friend Kim Cox.

During this class, she became familiar on how to navigate the barrel racing pattern. Kim is a "Past Royalty" and shared ideas on the importance of how a queen is to conduct herself if she was elected to fill that position.

Last August, Breyer was encouraged by her parents, Clint and Bobbi and her grandmother Marie Armitage to try out for the position of queen for the Wild Weippe Rodeo. The Boyer roots run deep as Bobbi is "Past Royalty" from 1995 and her Aunt Shannon Snyder served as Princess in 1978 or 79. Breyer has spent the year of 2021 representing the Wild Weippe Rodeo by attending events in this area.

On the weekend of July 31st she traveled with her family to Joseph, Oregon to attend the Chief Joseph Days Event. When asked what she enjoyed most about riding in the parades, Breyer commented that hearing the positive comments from the people and the admiration of the small girls who aspire to become a queen

some time in the future.

Breyer will begin her senior year at Orofino High School. She has a full schedule with 7 hours of classes, two will be dual credits for college. She will have 8 months of cheerleading and then finish the year with Track and Field.

Breyer is a member of the Fraser Boosters 4-H Club and has been a 4-H member for eleven years. Her hobbies are horseback riding, hunting and sports. She would like to give a big special thank you to the Weippe Rodeo Association for giving her the opportunity to represent them.

Besides thanking her parents for all the support they have provided during her reign as queen she also thanks her friend Cody Isabelle for helping transport her and Rein to required events.

Breyer invites everyone to join her for the 60th Anniversary of the Wild Weippe Rodeo on the weekend of August 21 and 22nd. It will be a fun filled weekend with lots of action.



Shelby White, of Orofino, took this photo of a massive lightning downstrike over Dworshak Reservoir just outside of Orofino last week.

## Headquarters picnic planned for this weekend

Time again for the annual Headquarters' picnic which should be lots of fun getting to see everyone again. The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. at the

Hereth Park, 1534 Powers Ave, Lewiston, ID. This event is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish for everyone to try. Drinks, food services (plates, silverware) will

be furnished. Hope to see a lot turn out!

Please call Leona Dickinson at 509-295-3134 for more information.

## Six-day weather forecast

**Wednesday**  
Sunny and hot, with a high near 101. Calm wind becoming west around 6 mph in the afternoon.

**Wednesday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 66. Northwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the evening.

**Thursday**  
Sunny and hot, with a high near 103. Calm wind becoming northwest around 6 mph in the afternoon.

**Thursday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

**Friday**  
Sunny and hot, with a high near 106.

**Friday Night**  
Clear, with a low around 67.

**Saturday**  
Sunny and hot, with a high near 107.

**Saturday Night**  
Mostly clear, with a low around 69.

**Sunday**  
Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 101.

**Sunday Night**  
Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

**Monday**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 92.

Last Week's Weather			
	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Aug. 2	99	74	.00
Tuesday	103	71	.00
Wednesday	100	73	.00
Thursday	98	70	.00
Friday	90	65	.00
Saturday	93	67	.00
Sunday	85	56	.00

  

Last year's weather			
	Max.	Min.	Pre.
Aug. 10	93	57	.00
Tuesday	95	60	.00
Wednesday	76	55	.00
Thursday	82	52	.00
Friday	89	50	.00
Saturday	98	58	.00
Sunday	108	66	.00

Temps. are read the following morning for the previous day, i.e. Friday's listed temp. would be for Thursday.

**At the Rex**  
**Friday - Thursday**  
**Aug. 13-Aug. 19**

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