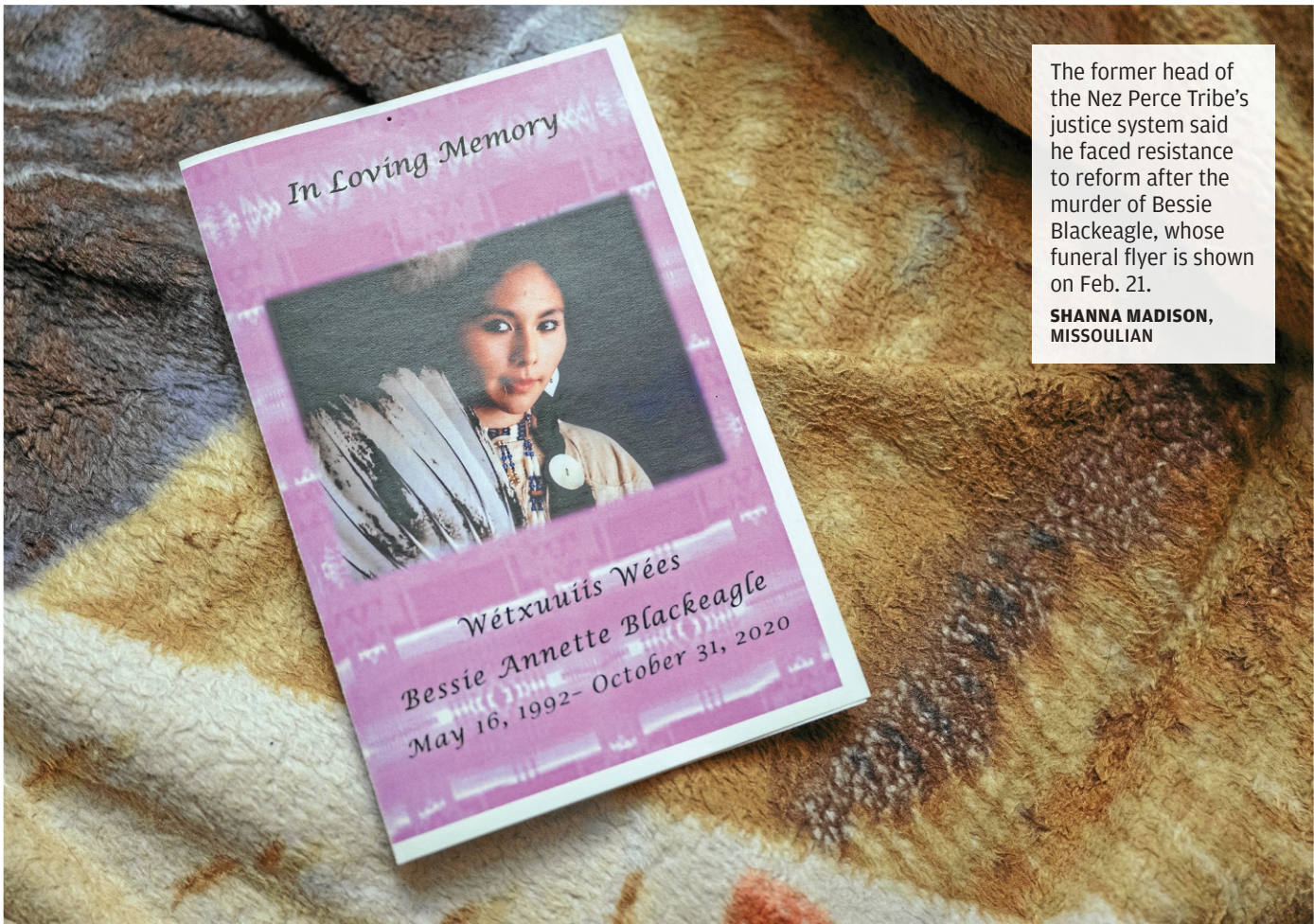


RESERVATION POLICE



The former head of the Nez Perce Tribe’s justice system said he faced resistance to reform after the murder of Bessie Blackeagle, whose funeral flyer is shown on Feb. 21.

SHANNA MADISON, MISSOULIAN

FIGHTING FOR REFORM

Ex-prosecutor says attempts to fix tribal police met with resistance

TED MCDERMOTT | ted.mcdermott@lee.net, Public Service Journalism Team

Kenton Beckstead didn’t know what he was getting into when he left his law practice in Twin Falls, Idaho, in 2016 and took a position as a tribal prosecutor 400 miles north on the Nez Perce Reservation.

But soon after he began working with Nez Perce tribal law enforcement, Beckstead had a striking first impression that the police department was embroiled in “chaos.”

“One of the big issues was just getting information from the police department to the prosecutor’s office to be able to review it and decide the charges,” he said.

Please see **POLICE**, Page A3

About this series

This story is part of a series by investigative journalist Ted McDermott of Lee Enterprises’ Public Service Journalism team.

Up next: Tribal officers saw ‘huge red flags’ in the way police force administered justice on the Nez Perce Reservation.

US SPACE COMMAND

Headquarters will move to Alabama

President says action taken in part due to Colorado mail-in voting

SEUNG MIN KIM AND KIM CHANDLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Tuesday that U.S. Space Command will be located in Alabama, reversing a Biden-era decision to keep it at its temporary headquarters in Colorado.

The long-expected decision from Trump caps a four-year tug of war between two states and opposing administrations about where to locate U.S. Space Command, an intense fight because the headquarters would be a significant boon to the local economy.

Alabama and Colorado have long battled to claim Space Command, with elected officials from both states asserting their state is the better location.

“The U.S. Space Command headquarters will move to the beautiful locale of a place called Huntsville, Alabama, forever to be known from this point forward as Rocket City,” said Trump, flanked by Republican members of Alabama’s congressional delegation, from the Oval Office on Tuesday. “We had a lot of competition for this and Alabama’s getting it.”

Trump said Huntsville won the race for the Space Command headquarters, in part, because “they fought harder for it than anybody else.”

GOP Sen. Tommy Tuberville, who is running for governor of Alabama, said Huntsville is the “perfect place” for the headquarters and suggested it be named after Trump. Alabama Republican Sen. Katie Britt, who stood next to Trump during the announcement, thanked Trump for “restoring Space Command to its rightful home.”

“The Biden administration chose to make this political,” she said. “What we want to do is put the safety and security of Americans first. We want to make sure our American war fighter is put first.”

U.S. Space Command said in a statement on social media after the announcement that it “stands ready to carry out the direction of the President following today’s announcement of Huntsville, Alabama as the command’s permanent headquarters location.”

Its functions include conducting operations like enabling satellite-based navigation and troop communication and providing warning of missile launches.

Huntsville, Alabama, nicknamed Rocket City, has long been home to the Army’s Redstone Arsenal and NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center. The Army’s Space and Missile Defense Command is also located in Huntsville, which drew its nickname because of its role in building the first rockets for the U.S. space program.

Please see **HEADQUARTERS**, Page A2

US colleges begin to panic as international enrollment drops

Groups forecast a huge impact on schools’ budgets

LUENA RODRIGUEZ-FEO VILEIRA, MAKIYA SEMINERA AND COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

One international student after another told the University of Central Missouri this summer that they couldn’t get a visa, and many struggled to even land an interview for one.

Even though demand was as high as ever, half as many new international graduate students showed up for fall classes compared to last year.

The decline represents a hit to the bottom line for Central Missouri, a small

public university that operates close to its margins with an endowment of only \$65 million.

International students typically account for nearly a quarter of its tuition revenue.

“We aren’t able to subsidize domestic students as much when we have fewer international students who are bringing revenue to us,” said Roger Best, the university’s president.

Signs of a decline in international students unsettled colleges around the U.S. Colleges with large numbers of foreign students and small endowments have little financial cushion to protect them from steep losses in tuition money.

Please see **COLLEGES**, Page A2



RODRIQUE NGOWI, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pedestrians walk near a Northeastern University sign Jan. 31, 2019, on the school’s campus in Boston.