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From the Chairman's Desk...

Over the last century the Tribe has engaged in on-going legal disputes with the Federal Government over waters rights to the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake. Beginning with the construction of Derby Dam in 1905, diversion of Truckee River water has caused major concern for the survival of Pyramid Lake. The lake level dropped eighty-seven feet from 1912 to 1967. Carrying its disputes to the Federal courts, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe negotiated a landmark decision in 1990 when the U.S. Congress passed the Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act, Public Law 101-618.

Public Law 101-618 Section 208(a)(3) authorized the appropriation of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$40,000,000. The fund was appropriated in 5 equal installments in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997. Since its initial \$40,000,000 appropriation the fund has gained interest in a Federal Government account. Today the interest amount is worth more than principal amount. The purpose of both the principal and interest amounts of the fund is to develop long-term, profit making opportunities for the Pyramid Lake Tribe and its members, to create optimum employment opportunities for Tribal Members and to establish a high quality recreation area at Pyramid Lake using the unique natural and cultural resources of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.

The Tribe believes an effective use of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund is a great way to maximize job creation and revenue for the Tribe is to put 50% of interest amount of the fund directly in the hands of the Tribal Members through an economic stimulus payment. In order to maximize the use of the principal amount of the fund, the Tribe further believes that the continued management of the fund by the Federal Government is prudent.

The Tribal Council of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe unanimously adopted Resolution PL41-16 which allows a distribution equal to 50% of the interest amount of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development fund. Each living enrolled member of the Tribe is eligible to receive an equal economic stimulus payment from that distribution amount.

The Federal Government will issue the economic

stimulus payments to each eligible, living enrolled member, as of November 4, 2016, regardless of age. All new applications for Tribal enrollment must be submitted to the Tribal Enrollment Office by 4pm on September 30, 2016, to be considered for inclusion in this distribution.

Tribal Members above the age of 22 at the time of distribution will be issued an economic stimulus payment in the form of lump sum check from the Federal Government. Tribal Members under the age of 22 at the time of distribution will have their economic stimulus payment placed in a minor's account to be managed by the Federal Government until the eligible Tribal Member reaches an age of 22 years old.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe along with the Walker River Paiute & the Washoe Tribes of Nevada and California went to court a few months ago to demand the Native right to early voting access on our Tribal Reservations.

Pyramid Lake was successful in our suit and the ruling by a federal judge gave our people residing on our reservation the right to early voting access on reservation. The lawsuit was based on the distances tribal Members had to travel for registration and not having a site for early voting.

Previously Washoe and Mineral Counties denied the request presented by our myself and Bobby Sanchez Walker River Tribal Chairman in August. A federal judge ruled October 7 that Washoe and Mineral County had to designate and provide access to early voting.

The Washoe County Registrar's Office will provide both early voting and Election Day voting at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Administration Office at 208 Capitol Hill in Nixon, Nevada.

Early Voting will be open in Nixon beginning October 22, 2016, 10:00 – 2:00pm, other dates will be provided and community notices made available.

Election Day voting on November 8, 2016 will take place from 7 am to 7 pm for precincts 7581 and 7589 (Nixon and Little

Nixon). Wadsworth and Sutcliffe voters will continue to vote as assigned in previous elections.

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August 12, 2016

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Chairman Dave Archambault II
Building #1, Standing Rock Avenue
P.O. Box D
Fort Yates, North Dakota 58538

Honorable Chairman Archambault II,

As the Tribal Chairman of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, I am writing on behalf of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Kooyooe Panunadu to extend our support to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and stand in strong opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

We recognized that this pipeline could potentially damage and destroy sites of great historic, religious and cultural significance as it crosses ancestral lands of the Great Sioux Nation. All tribes have an inherent responsibility to protect our ancestral and historic lands, so it is with this understanding that we stand in unity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in their fight to protect the land and resources so vital to our people.

As we stand united, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your people to give you the strength and courage to continue the battle against the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the state and federal governmental entities who permit this atrocious act.

If we could be of any assistance, please feel free to contact my office at (775)574-1000.

Respectfully,

Winston Hawley
Winston Hawley
Tribal Chairman
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Stands with Standing Rock! It is imperative that as tribes we stand together in times of crisis and when sovereignty is threatened. As a tribe who has been involved in fighting for our water for almost 30 years we alone understand the importance of protecting our resources.

The fight for our water rights isn't just about "getting paid" like people would like to insinuate. It is about the Tribe standing as a leading player in the Nevada Water Arena. Our tribe receives 100% of our water regardless of a wet year or a year of drought. We have a say in any action or construction that may eventually adversely effect our watershed, our rivers and our lake.

By signing the TROA (Truckee River Operating Agreement) we have strengthened our voice when future action is taken. We hold the government and all parties accountable for their use of our most precious resources our Paa (Water). We are named after our sacred lake Kooyoo Panunadu... we must preserve our lands and our water for our future generations. Always remember who you are e Nanumu... You are Numu—Kooyoo Tukaddu!

FINANCIAL CORNER



Welcome to *Ask Dr. Per Cap*, a financial advice column to help you travel on the winding roads toward financial independence. I will draw upon my experiences – some good, some bad! – to

help you learn skills, tricks and strategies to take control of your financial future. And if we succeed, well, hopefully you won't make the same mistakes I did because you'll know better.

Dear Dr. Per Cap: I have no idea where to start to create a budget. It seems that before the

Creating a Budget

month is over, I'm outta cash. More month than money! Can you help me keep track of my expenses? ~ Signed, Unbalanced

Dear Unbalanced:

Definitely! Creating a budget is the way to go to get a handle on making your money last as long as your month. Creating a budget, however, can seem overwhelming. Getting started is the hardest part, but it gets easier with practice.

The first thing to do is figure out what your absolutely necessary or "required" monthly expenses are. These include things such as rent or mortgage payments, utility bills (electricity, gas, water service, phone service, etc.), food, medical expenses, child care, transportation or car payments, and insurance fees. You should also

[Combating Meth Use, Suicide Among AIAN Youth](#)
Indian Country Today Media Network

The Indian Health Service has almost doubled the number of grants for meth and suicide prevention among youth in American Indian communities with the announcement of 42 new awards to support President Obama's Generation Indigenous Initiative.

The 2016 Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) funding, worth more than \$7 million, will go to tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian organizations and IHS programs, adding to the copy3.2 million in MSPI grants awarded last year.

MSPI has funded 156 programs, with awards totaling more than \$21 million; 88 of those projects support President Obama's Gen I initiative launched at the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference to improve the lives of Native youth by removing barriers to their success.

Methamphetamine is a highly-addictive central nervous system stimulant that has become widely available in Indian country. "Native Americans now experience the highest meth usage rates of any ethnic group in the nation," according to the U.S. Justice Department publication *Methamphetamine in Indian Country: An American Problem Uniquely Affecting Indian Country*.

Meth can be smoked, snorted, injected, or ingested orally. Long-term meth use may have severe mental health consequences, including anxiety, confusion, insomnia, memory loss and mood disturbances such as depression. Symptoms of psychosis, such as paranoia, visual and auditory hallucinations, and delusions may also occur. Structural and functional changes in the brain have been identified in meth

think about paying down debt and savings, so think about your credit card bills and what you can put into a savings account if possible. Since some bills vary widely month to month, a good way to come up with an "average" monthly figure is to add up the most recent 12 months of bills (your electric power bill, for example), and then divide it by 12.

List all of these monthly expenses on a sheet of paper, with a line for each type of expense. At the bottom of the column, total it all up. This is your basic monthly "nut" that you have to cover with your income.

Then also make a list of all your income sources over the course of a month. Include your take-home pay and any other payments you may get each month (such as child support, per cap, alimony, disability payment, a second job, etc.). Put these on a sheet of paper, too, and total them up.

Hopefully, when you compare the two totals, you'll find that you which have more income than you have in basic expenses. Any extra income is generally "discretionary," means it's your choice how you spend the extra each month. It could go toward your savings account (which I highly recommend), or toward entertainment or other stuff you want for you or your family, such as clothes, furniture, a night on the town, etc.

If you find that you have more expenses than income, then you need to take some drastic steps. The best approach is to see where you can cut some expenses, like eating out or going to the movies. After all, the idea behind a budg-

users, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Physical effects may include extreme weight loss, severe dental problems and skin sores. Most meth used in the U.S. is manufactured in illegal, unregulated laboratories.

Drug and alcohol abusers are at particularly high risk for suicide. A 2008 White Paper from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration states, "A growing body of studies has demonstrated that alcohol and drug abuse are second only to depression and other mood disorders as the most frequent risk factors for suicide."

The connection between suicide and drug abuse is especially strong for injected meth. A 2011 study in the journal *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* states, "M [eth] A[mphetamine] injection was associated with an 80 percent increase in the risk of attempting suicide," compared with people who injected other drugs.

The warning signs of methamphetamine use include changes in relationships with family or friends; loss of inhibitions; mood changes or emotional instability; periods of sleeplessness or agitation; hostile, angry, uncooperative, deceitful, or secretive behavior; changes in speech, including the inability to speak intelligibly; change in appearance and poor hygiene; loss of interest in favorite activities or hobbies; missing work or school; or complaints or comments from coworkers or teachers, according to IHS.

President Obama's proposed fiscal year 2017 budget for IHS includes funding to further expand the

et is to make sure your expenses are less than your income. This allows you to start building up some savings and have more discretionary income to spend or save as you see fit.

If this is your case, take a hard look at where you spend your money – primarily your discretionary spending. Do you really need a double mocha latte at Starbucks every morning, or would a regular cup of coffee at home be just fine? Are you spending too much money on "impulse items" that you really don't want or need? Do you truly need a famous brand item if a less-expensive generic item would be OK? Are there ways to cut back on your basic expenses too? A better rate on your insurance policies or even your rent, perhaps, or can you substitute generic medicines for brand names?

Little expenses, over the course of a month, can really add up. Try to pay close attention to where you are spending your money, and always have the idea in your head that you want to cut or reduce unnecessary spending. Get a handle on what your real "needs" are and take care of them first, before your simple "wants." That will help you begin to get your expenses in line with your income.

One online resource that you can use to start budgeting can be found at this link: <http://mappingyourfuture.org/money/budgetcalculator.htm>.

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MSPI program, which would be renamed Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention. Of the \$49 million proposed for expanding (as distinguished from maintaining) health care services for AIAN people, copy5 million would go to Gen I substance abuse and suicide prevention projects.

The 42 entities awarded grants in this funding round are Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Fairbanks Native Association, Kodiak Area Native Association, Maniilaq Association, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Council, Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo of Isleta, Santo Domingo Tribe, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Crow Tribe of Indians, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, Rocky Boy Health Board, Pinoleville Pomo Nation, Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc., Oglala Sioux Tribe, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Santee Sioux Nation, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Tribe, Aroostook Band of Micmacs, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Fort Defiance Indian Hospital, Navajo Nation, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Osage Nation, Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Hualapai Indian Tribe, **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**, Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Western Oregon Service Unit - Chemawa Indian Health Center, Tohono O'odham Nation, Bakersfield American Indian Health Project, Urban Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Urban Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition and Urban Nevada Urban Indians.

CONTRACT AND GRANTS DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Monday, September 26, 2016, the Department of Justice (Attorney General Lynch) announced more than \$107 million in grants to American Indian and Alaska Native communities to improve public safety, help victims, and strengthen tribal institutions. The award announcement was made at the 8th Annual White House Tribal Nations Conference. This amount includes 236 grants under the department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS), totaling more than \$102 million to 131 American Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, tribal consortia and tribal designees. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe received two FY 2017 CTAS awards totaling more than one million dollars.

The Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) provides a single application for tribal-specific grant programs. The Department developed CTAS to streamline support provided through its Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Office of Justice Programs and Office on Violence Against Women, and awarded the first round of consolidated grants in September 2010.

Since then, under CTAS, more than 1,600 grants totaling more than \$726 million have been provided to enhance law enforcement practices, victim services, and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts in nine purpose areas: public safety and community policing; justice systems planning; alcohol and substance abuse; corrections and correctional alternatives; children's justice act partnerships; services for victims of crime; violence against women; juvenile justice; and tribal youth programs.

Under the CTAS funding announcement, Pyramid Lake was awarded \$1,016,796 (one million, sixteen thousand, seven-hundred and ninety-six dollars) for two tribal programs: Law Enforcement and the Tribal Court.

Tribal Law Enforcement received a FY 2017 CTAS grant in the amount of **\$545,282**. Chief Chris Parsons is to be commended for working with the grants office in getting a funded application. Thank you Chief for the time and effort you put into this application which will greatly improve law enforcement services for the Pyramid Lake Tribal Community.

The **Tribal Court** received a FY 2017 CTAS grant in the amount of **\$471,514**. Anthony Asetamy is to be commended for his efforts and contributions to the grant application. Under this application, funding will be used by the tribal court to establish a Drug court for the Tribe. Thank you Anthony for your efforts to improve tribal court services for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal community.

For information concerning the goals and objectives to be accomplished under each grant, please contact Chief of Police Chris Parsons with Tribal Law Enforcement or Anthony Asetamy with the Tribal Court department for information on the grants their programs were funded. Bonnie Smith, Grants Writer may also be contacted at (775) 574-1000, extension 1116.

Other exciting grant news!!!

The tribe's **Transit Program** has received a State of Nevada Department of Transportation matching grant award in the amount of **\$383,368** under the NDOT's 2017 – 5311 Rural Transit Assistance Pro-

gram. This funding will be used to continue transit services for the PLPT community. Robert Hicks deserves a big THANK YOU for his efforts in working with the grants office and for the trip to the State Transportation Office which helped to get this application funded.

The **Transportation Department** was notified this week that it received a Car Seat Safety grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Highway Safety Program. Total funding for this grant is **\$6,905**. The purpose of the grant is to educate the public on the proper use of infant/child seats as well as to provide child safety seats to those that need them. Sherry Ely-Mendes is commended for her grant efforts and contributions in getting this greatly needed program funded. The grant funds will greatly benefit the Pyramid Lake community and help to keep our little ones and families safe. THANK YOU . . . Sherry.

Update – The grant application for funding of the Wadsworth By-Pass project was not funded. On Monday, September 26, 2016, a teleconference debriefing was held with a staff person from the funding agency who stated that Pyramid Lake's application was highly recommended; the application will be updated and resubmitted in the upcoming TIGER 8 funding round.

As of October 1, 2016, the Grants Office has received notice of 2016-2017 grant awards to PLPT for over \$7,000,000 (seven million dollars). Grant information can be obtained from Bonnie Smith in the Grants department. A listing of grants awarded and denied will be posted outside the Grants office.



Reid Announces Passage of Tribal Lands Bill

September 29, 2016 / Press Releases

Washington, D.C. – Nevada Senator Harry Reid announced Congressional passage of the bipartisan Nevada Native Nations Land Act, which now heads to President Obama's desk to be signed into law.

The Nevada Native Nations Land Act transfers land into a trust for six Nevada tribes: the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe of the Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe. This allows tribes to build housing for their members, preserve their cultural heritage and traditions, protect their natural resources and provide opportunities for economic development.

"Land is lifeblood to Native American Nations and plays an essential role in their economic prosperity and cultural identity. That is why I worked so hard to shepherd the Nevada Native Nations Land Act through both houses of Congress," said

Senator Reid. "For far too long, native peoples have suffered because of willful ignorance. The Nevada Native Nations Land Act is an important step toward righting the wrongs of our past and helping tribes restore their homelands. I commend the tribes who worked tirelessly to make this legislation possible and remain committed to continuing a strong working partnerships between our governments."

BACKGROUND:

The Nevada Native Nations Land Act conveys more than 71,000 acres of land currently administered by the federal government over to six federally recognized tribes in Nevada to expand housing, provide economic development opportunities and promote cultural activities. The six tribes that benefit from this legislation are the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the Summit Lake Paiute, and the Ft. McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe.

Outline of Nevada

Native Nations Land Act

Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe

Conveys 19,094 acres of BLM land to be held in trust for the tribe.

Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribes

Conveys 82 acres of Forest Service land to be held in trust for the tribe.

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

Conveys 941 acres of BLM land to be held in trust for the tribe.

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

Conveys 13,434 acres of BLM land to be held in trust for the tribe.

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

Conveys 6,357 acres of BLM land to be held in trust for the tribe.

Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

Conveys 31,229 acres of BLM land to be held in trust for the tribe

DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON BENEFITS/ASSISTANCE

U.S.D.A. – Food & Nutrition Service

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)¹

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap>

State Information/Hotline Numbers: Nevada 1-800-992-0900 or 775-684-0615 (ext. 40500)

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)¹

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdpir/food-distribution-program-indian-reservations-fdpir>

See attached documents:

POLICY: Income Deductions & Resource Eligibility Final Rule

GUIDANCE: Funds Provided to AI/AN that are Excluded by Law

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)¹

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/women-infants-and-children-wic>

Nevada State WIC Contacts: Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada 775-355-5210 or Nevada Department of Health and Human Services 775-684-5942

Must meet income guidelines, may need to report payment, which could affect eligibility.

Social Security & Supplemental Security Income

Social Security¹

www.ssa.gov

Other income does not affect benefits (except wages may affect benefits under full retirement age or disability benefits). Other income could affect tax status of social security income.

Supplement Security Income (SSI)¹

www.ssa.gov

For SSI purposes, many Federal statutes provide for the exclusion from income and resources of certain payments made to members of Indian tribes and groups. Some statutes pertain to specific tribes or Indian groups while others apply to certain types of payments. Some statutes that predate the SSI program provide that some payments made under those acts shall not be considered as income or resources when determining eligibility for assistance under the Social Security Act.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)¹

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ofa/programs/tanf/>

Contact Nevada TANF for more information: https://dwss.nv.gov/TANF/Financial_Help/

The household members must have countable income within certain limits to be eligible for any TANF benefit. The maximum allowable income is based upon the number of eligible persons in the household.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Head-Start¹

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/>

In general, eligibility is based on family income at or below the poverty level. Families with other situations including homelessness, and children in foster care, or receiving SSI or TANF also are eligible. It is very important to contact the Head Start or Early Head Start in your community to find out any potential impacts to your eligibility.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)¹

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/liheap>

Must meet income guidelines, may need to report payment, which could affect eligibility.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Health Benefits¹

<https://www.nevadahealthlink.com/tribes/>

What American Indian and Alaska Native income do I include on my application?

The Marketplace application asks you to provide income information that's reportable on your federal income tax return. In general, you won't report American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) income that the IRS exempts from tax (income from treaty fishing rights, for example).

The Marketplace application will ask you to report income from various sources and will determine your eligibility for Marketplace insurance plans, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Most AI/AN trust income and resources aren't counted when determining eligibility for these programs. But per capita income derived from gaming is taxable and therefore counted for these programs.

Federally Subsidized Housing²

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued program guidance stating that per capita payments generated from the settlement funds that are not distributed regularly may be excluded as "temporary, nonrecurring or sporadic income" for purposes of Section 8 and public housing under 24 CFR 5.609(c). For HUD or tribal housing programs, follow your housing authority policies regarding when you must report a change in family income.

SOURCES

- 1 Agency Website listed
- 2 Comment from the WashingtonLawHelp.org website

Community Gathers for Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope 2016



On Saturday, September 17th, 39 community members gathered in Nixon for the annual, "Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope." This event annually brings together survivors of suicide loss, survivors of suicide attempts and community members who want to connect for suicide prevention and awareness. This year the communities of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation joined 14 other communities statewide who walked to prevent suicide.

The Pyramid Lake Walk traditionally begins in prayer and ends in prayer. A Paiute blessing was given by Reynelda James and followed by songs, an art project and presentations from prior year participants. The main presentation was by Janett Massolo of the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention and



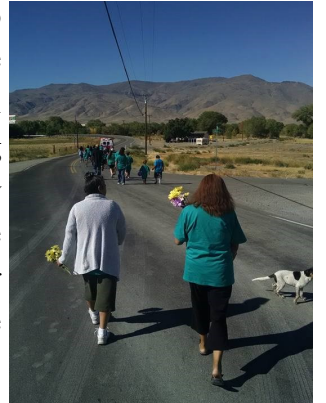
the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention. Janett Massolo, is a survivor of her daughter's suicide over 15 years ago and is dedicated to her mission of raising public awareness. Massolo states, "Because there is help, there is hope. We want to make sure individuals struggling with thoughts of suicide and the friends and families doing their best to support them can be connected to resources and services that can make a difference. The



concerted efforts of the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention, the Office of Suicide Prevention and the many local task forces and coalitions across the state hosting events such as the "Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope" will help make Nevada a healthier and safer place to live."

The communities of Pyramid Lake agree with her. Participants carried bundles of cedar and sage, held beautiful flowers in their hands, and collectively they walked to the

Truckee River to release them into the water. Traditional songs of healing were sung by Terry Wright on the bridge overlooking the river that runs through the community. Tears were shed, memories, grief, and comfort were shared as the river flowed by. And as the walkers each turned to head back, a feeling of Hope was in the air for the day when everyone can reach out for help and get help when dealing with suicide.



Many thanks to everyone who help support this event either with your monetary donations, volunteered time, or food donations for the community meal afterward. Thank you to the Pyramid Lake Emergency Response for providing traffic control. Thank you to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for supporting and providing funding for the event.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide – please call the National Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK, that is 1-800-273-8255

News from the Housing Authority

This year has been very productive for Housing. The eight (8) new homes built in Sutcliffe were occupied by 8 tribal families during May 2016. This project will be going through the first year of warranty inspections every three months. Congratulations to the new homebuyers- Kelsey Smith, Karen Hernandez, Shannon Mandell, Christine Braunworth, Tamara Harrison, Cyrus Davis, Jr., Francisco Centeno and Sarah Johnson.

There were two (2) homes, both 3 bedroom, renovated this past year. One new homebuyer occupied in March 2016 and the other new homebuyer occupied August 2016. These renovated homes are comparable to a newly constructed unit. Congratulations to Arena Tapija and Sonja Melendez.

The Wood/Pellet Stove Project was com-

pleted in March 2016. Twenty-two (22) units received either a pellet/wood stove or had repair done to an existing stove.

The 2017 Indian Housing Plan was approved by the Housing Board at the September 27th meeting. Activities include maintaining the homes under management; routine and non-routine repair and replacement of homes under the low-rent program; to provide application intake, tenant relations, monitoring collections, conveying units, re-certifications, lease and homebuyer agreement enforcement, data collection and analysis; planning and preparing for construction of more homes; feasibility studies for a new laundromat and/or playground for the low-rent Nixon apartments; rehabilitation of vacated units and modernization assistance to existing

homeowners known as the Wood/Pellet Stove project. Although the actual amount of the 2017 grant has not been determined, the budget was written on HUD's estimated amount.

Congratulations!! Eleven (11) homebuyers from various projects have paid off their units beginning back in February 2016 and are going through the conveyance process. The entire NV4-9 project will satisfy the debt on their unit in December 2016.

The Board of Commissioners meet on the last Tuesday every month. The meetings are open to the public and are held in the housing conference room. Come on over and join us.

Sept 30, 2016



NIXON COMMUNITY MEETING

Dodge Flat Solar Project

The Tribal Council is considering a long-term lease that will bring a large, solar development project to the Dodge Flat Area. The solar project can bring new economic development to the Tribe with benefits for Members. Join our team to discuss this opportunity.

**Thursday, October 27, 5:30 PM.
Tribal Council Chambers. NIXON**

Contact our Project Coordinator with questions:
James Darrough, P.L.S.
(775) 737-3208
nvjamesd@gmail.com

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TUESDAY 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

For questions contact Librarian at (775)574-0301

BURN SEASON

October 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017

Residential permits for open burning are required for the burning of weeds, old lumber, and yard waste at all residences within the reservation.

You can get your Burn Permit Application at the Natural Resources Building or online at <http://plpt.nsn.us/pud/forms/PUDburnpermit.pdf>.

Keep Your Burn Pile From Starting A Wildfire!



Clear vegetation for 10 feet around your burn pile. Keep your burn pile small and controllable.



Be prepared just in case. Have a source of water and a shovel nearby



You must stay with your fire until it is dead out, even at night. Never leave it unattended.

Notice:

You must notify the Pyramid lake Emergency Response, Pyramid Lake Dispatch, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Police, or the Pyramid Lake Ranger Station, in case of emergencies during the burn. Emergency Response can supervise burns for your safety.

If you have any questions feel free to call Amanda Davis at the Natural Resource Building at (775)- 574-0101 ex: 16.

TAX DEPARTMENT

TAX REFUNDS: Tax Department staff recently attended the National IRS Forum. Representatives from the IRS stated that individuals who are eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, or the American Opportunity Tax Credit, will not receive a refund until after February 15, 2017. Tax payers are urged to file as they usually do. The IRS will be diligently reviewing tax returns for fraud on these three tax credits.

2016 TAX RETURN FILING: The 2016 tax filing season will be here before we know it. The Pyramid Lake Tax Department does not keep any information on file so please bring in all documents with you. Here are some tips for you to consider:

- ◇ Please wait until you have received ALL forms and paperwork before coming in.
- ◇ If you receive unemployment, request to have taxes withheld.
- ◇ IRS receives copies of all income and they will find out anything you leave out.
- ◇ File your return the same way every year, switching how you file sends a red flag to IRS.
- ◇ Have your employer withhold at least 10% of your pay, if it's a lower amount you may end up paying. We highly recommend you check with your employer. By increasing your federal tax withholding, you may stop owing taxes year after year.
- ◇ Form 8332 must be signed by the custodial parent if you claim a child that is not yours.
- ◇ If you claim a child for Head of Household purposes, they must be related to you by blood. You cannot claim your child who is over the age of 24 for Head of Household filing status unless he/she is a student. You can claim the child but not for Head of Household status.

◇ If the IRS keeps all or part of your return, we are not responsible, as the IRS keeps outstanding student loans, child support and any amount owed from previous years which includes any earned income credit that you received and were not entitled to

TAX SCAMS: We have learned there are two scams that have been occurring throughout the United States. People have been receiving telephone calls from individuals claiming to be with the IRS. The IRS does NOT contact tax payers by phone.

Recently, tax payers have reported receiving fraudulent CP2000 notices for Tax Year 2015. These notices have a return address of Austin, TX. In order to determine if a notice is fraudulent, please note the following indicators: notices being sent from Austin, TX; information being requested related to the Affordable Care Act; and a payment voucher that lists the letter number as 105C.

If you receive a CP2000 notice, whether it came from Austin, TX or somewhere else, please call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for assistance.

VEHICLE SALES TAX LETTERS: The Tax Department has recently received requests from Tribal members and car dealers for sales tax exempt letters when a vehicle is being purchased. The Pyramid Lake Tax Department does not issue these letters. If you do not pay the sales tax when you register the vehicle at DMV, you may be responsible to pay a Use Tax, which is the same amount as the sales tax.

VEHICLE EXEMPT FORMS: The Tax Department staff are the only individuals who can issue tax exempt forms and all data is kept in the Department for protection if questioned by DMV. Don't wait until the last minute to request a form; it is your

responsibility to get the form before the expiration date. If the Tax staff is out of the office, the Tribal Secretary or Receptionist can take the information from you and we will process the next day.

The DMV will not accept a tax exempt form by fax.

You can call in the information and we will either mail the form to you or hold for pickup. You can still stop by the office for the form and wait for it. The following information is needed:

- ◇ Person(s) the vehicle is registered to (we cannot make it out in just your spouse's name if they are non-Native)
- ◇ Year, Make and Model of Vehicle
- ◇ License Plate Number
- ◇ Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- ◇ Amount of the Government Service Tax
- ◇ Physical Address (form requires physical address on reservation)
- ◇ Mailing Address
- ◇ Tribal Enrollment number
- ◇ If you are a Nevada Tribal Member (not Pyramid Lake) a copy of your Enrollment Card must be on file in the office before we can issue the exemption.
- ◇ The vehicle registration address must match a Reservation address.

NOTARY SERVICES: Tax Department staff provide notarial services for the public. Remember that you must have your ID with you and do not sign the paperwork until you are in the office. As of September 27, 2016 Vernelda Frazier is no longer a Notary Public until further notice.



NUMU WORDS

Koomeba	Cloud	Weather
Koomeapunne	Cloudy	Weather
Kooseebu	Dust	Weather
Kooseegageana	Dust is coming	Weather
Pagunaba	Fog	Weather
Hoozea	Frost	Weather
Hoozeapu	Frost is there	Weather
Patzegoba	Ice	Weather
Puzume	Light fog mist	Weather
Tukwukwetseba	Lightening	Weather
Sagwanne Koomea	Partly cloudy	Weather
Powma	Rain	Weather
Powmagean	Rain is coming	Weather
Pooetukwunuda	Rainbow	Weather
Powmawunu	Raining	Weather
Nubabe	Snow	Weather
Tuukwawunu	Snowing	Weather
Tabedo'a	Sunshine	Weather
Nunuabu	Thunder	Weather
Nunuawunu	Thundering	Weather
Petoomaba	Whirlwind	Weather
Hukwapu	Wind	Weather
Hukwawunu	Windy	Weather

Pyramid Lake Algae Blooms

By Kameron Morgan

You may remember back in August of 2012, when Pyramid Lake was in the local headlines for an algae bloom that caused visitors to develop "swimmers' itch." With headlines such as *Swimmers' Itch Still a Problem at Pyramid Lake* and *Safety Warning at Pyramid Lake*, little was known at the time about the correlation between the algae and symptoms that people were developing. Although *Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)* research has come a long way in the past 4 years on Pyramid Lake and other waterbodies across the world, there are still a lot of unanswered questions including: What causes a HAB? What triggers toxicity of a HAB? When exactly will a HAB occur? How long will the HAB last?

"HABs" is a general term used for any algal bloom that causes negative impacts to health of other organisms through the production of natural toxins. Most algal blooms are not harmful, but some types of algae contain bacteria called cyanobacteria, which produces toxins that can be harmful to humans, pets, fish, birds and other animals. The frequency and toxicity of HABs may be linked with increased nutrients, nitrates and phosphorus, and from human activities. It is also known that other natural elements such as iron, silica or carbon may have an effect on severity (Moore, 2011). For Pyramid Lake, we know that HABs occur during the summer time, typically in the months of July and August.

There are several different methods for mon-

itoring HABs, but all methods are extremely expensive and don't provide us with much clue as to when a HAB will occur, until it's already occurring. "Qualitative" tests analyze whether or not a sample contains cyanobacteria, but does not tell us the level of toxicity the sample contains. This involves a color-changing strip of paper that is dipped into the sample, which provides results within 24-36 hours. "Quantitative" tests require a sample to be sent to a laboratory, where scientists can test the sample for cyanobacteria concentrations. In either case, analysis of whether or not an algae bloom contains cyanobacteria requires sampling to occur after the bloom is already occurring. That is why the public should take common-sense approaches to avoid coming into contact with HABs.

What Does a HAB look like?

Algae blooms appear as thick foam or scum floating on the surface of the water. The algae may vary in color including bright green, blue-green, white or brown. However, the color of an algae bloom does not indicate whether or not the algae contains cyanobacteria. If you encounter these floating mats of algae on Pyramid Lake, simply avoid the area and visit other parts of the lake.

Exposure and Associated Risks

People are usually exposed to a HAB through recreation including swimming, jet skiing and boating. Those exposed to a HAB

typically report skin irritation or rash. In more severe cases, other symptoms include diarrhea, cramps, vomiting, fainting, numbness, dizziness, tingling and paralysis. Animals including dogs, birds, livestock and other animals that are exposed to a HAB may experience weakness, staggering, difficulty breathing, liver poisoning and convulsions.

What to do if you're exposed to a HAB

People who have been in contact with a HAB should rinse off with fresh water as soon as possible. If they are experiencing any of the above symptoms, they should seek medical attention immediately. Similarly, if your pet comes into contact with a HAB, consult a veterinarian right away.

More information:

If you would like to report a HAB or a related illness, please contact the Tribal Clinic at (775) 574-1028. If you would like more information regarding HABs, please contact Kameron Morgan, Water Quality Manager, at (775) 574-0101 ext. 19 or at kmorgan@plpt.nsn.us.

Moore, S.; et al. (2011). "Impacts of climate variability and future climate change on harmful algal blooms and human health". *Proceedings of the Centers for Oceans and Human Health Investigators Meeting*. doi:10.1186/1476-069X-7-S2-S4.

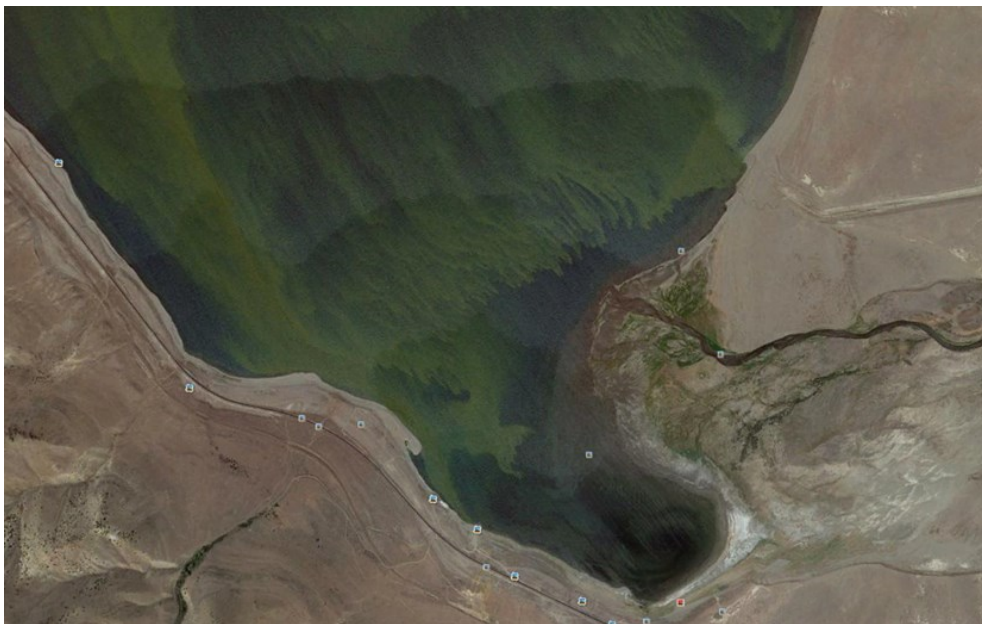




Photo 1: Google Earth imagery from August 3, 2013, shows an aerial view of an algal bloom in the southern region of Pyramid Lake.

**THERE WILL BE NO
VETERANS DAY
CEREMONY THIS YEAR.
MEMBERS OF THE
PYRAMID LAKE
VETERANS & WARRIORS
ORGANIZATION
WILL BE TRAVELING ON
THE FIRST NATIVE VETERANS
HONOR FLIGHT TO
WASHINGTON DC
ON NOVEMBER 10-12, 2016**

Enrollment Services Update

The Office of Enrollment Services is open Monday through Friday during normal work hours and closing for lunch between 12:00 and 12:30pm. Please call ahead of time to ensure that staff is available to process your requests. Applications and Change of Address forms are available in at the Tribal Office in the Lobby.

Enrollment Services forms now available at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe website:

Card Replacement Request Form

Document Request Form

Enrolled Member Address Update Form

Name Change Request Form

Please be sure to sign and date the form before mailing to the Enrollment Office.

Tribal ID Cards/Roll Numbers: All tribal members are urged to keep their membership card with them at all times and to know their roll number. It is also recommended that a list of your children's roll number be kept. **Roll numbers cannot be verified over the phone.**

Address Updates: The 2015 Tribal mass mailing notice sent to all members regarding the 2015 December distribution turned up many invalid mailing addresses. We received many returned items from the post office due to invalid mailing addresses. To ensure you receive future mailings, please make sure you have updated your mailing address with the Enrollment Office. While addresses cannot be updated with a phone call, you can download the form from the website or you can call or email the Enrollment Office and one will be sent to you. You may also write a letter stating your name along with your new address and sign it.

Custody Orders

We ask that all custody orders be kept updated. If a copy of the custody order is not in the minor child's Membership file we cannot be held responsible for information given to non-custodial parents. It is your responsibility to keep this office informed of any changes in your child's legal custody.

In any upcoming Distribution if a minor child's check is being disputed by the parents the child's check will be held until the following week for determination of custody. It is in your child's best interest to settle disputes before any distribution.

Applications

Applications for new enrollment are available at the Enrollment office or the Tribal Office lobby for pick up or you may call or email and an application will be mailed to you.

Applications must include the following to be processed:

Family Tree

Original Certified Birth Certificate

Original or copy of the Social Security Card

May require proof of paternity if application is filed using the father membership

Omission of any document will delay the enrollment process.

All original Certified Birth Certificates and Social Security cards received by mail will be returned via Certified Mail.

Proof of Paternity is required if the father is the tribal member and the application is being filed under his family membership. If the father is from another tribe and is being listed on the family tree the Affidavit of Paternity is needed to claim the father's blood quantum.

Proof of Paternity

Proof of Paternity: Proof of paternity shall be required to determine the blood quantum of a child born out of wedlock. A birth certificate does not establish paternity. The four legally acceptable proofs of paternity when the parents are not married are:

A notarized Affidavit of Paternity signed by the father.

A decree issued by a court of law that states the father's name.

The findings of a probate examiner.

Letter provided by the applicant or sponsor at their own expense, from the Division of Vital Statistics verifying that a completed Affidavit of Paternity is on file at their office.

Official Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) blood test result that is legally acceptable to confirm that the alleged parent is the biological parent of the applicant.

All proofs of paternity will be obtained at the expense of the applicant or application sponsor.

Requirements for Membership under the current Ordinance

Ordinance III (First Revision)

Current Membership Eligibility Requirements

Ordinance III, (First Revision)

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following criteria must be met for membership in the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe:

ELIGIBILITY FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

All persons of Indian blood whose names appear on the official certified Constructed Base Roll of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation as of January 1, 1935.

All children born to any enrolled Regular member of the Tribe who is a resident of the reservation at the time of the birth of said children, provided it is proven that said children are direct lineal descendants of a Base Enrollee as identified above.

All children born to any enrolled member of the Tribe holding Adoptive membership, provided the child is born after to the effective date of the parent's adoption into the Tribe. All children born prior to the effective date of the parent's adoption into the Tribe may only be considered for membership under the provisions of Part B of this Article.

Any person whose membership was relinquished while the person was a minor child is eligible to reapply for membership within five (5) years after turning eighteen (18) years of

age. If he/she received judgment or per capita funds as a member of another Indian tribe, colony or band, prior to filing the application or prior to the Tribal Council approving the application, such person will be eligible for membership purposes only.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADOPTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Any person of one-quarter (1/4) or more Pyramid Lake Paiute blood, or any person of one-half (1/2) or more Indian blood who is married to a member of the Tribe may become a member of the Tribe by filing an application with the Tribe in which the applicant agrees to renounce his/her membership in or affiliation with any other tribe, colony or band, and by receiving the endorsement of the Tribal Council by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members.

Any child of one-quarter (1/4) or more degree of Paiute blood who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is living with a mother or father, guardian, or relative who is a member of the Tribe, is eligible for adoption by the Tribe into membership by filing an application with the Tribe, provided it is proven that the minor child is a descendant of a Base Enrollee, and further provided that the application receives an endorsement of the Tribal Council by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members.

Adoptive membership is at the discretion of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council and is a privilege granted to those who do not meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for Regular membership.

For the purposes of this section, any child born to an enrolled member who holds Adoptive membership, if born prior to the effective date of the parent's approval for Adoptive membership can be enrolled only under Section B of this Article.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

A person not meeting the requirements under Article III, Section 1.A or 1.B may be eligible for Honorary Membership by resolution of the Tribal Council, provided however, that such Honorary membership shall not entitle any such person to Tribal privileges, resources, property, voting power, or the right to hold a political office in the Tribe.

Not Eligible for Membership

Ordinance III, (First Revision)

SECTION 2. PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP

In addition to the membership requirements stated in Section 1, persons meeting the following criteria shall not be considered for membership in the Tribe:

Any person who is enrolled, affiliated, or recognized as a member of another Indian tribe, colony, or band.

Any person who has relinquished membership in the Tribe, unless such person was less than eighteen (18) years old at the time of relinquishment. In such case, the person will be eligible to reapply for membership provided the application for membership is filed prior to the person's twenty-third (23rd) birthday. If he/she has received judgment or per capita funds as a member of another Indian tribe, colony or band prior filing the application or prior to the

Enrollment Services Update cont...

Tribal Council approving the application, such person will be considered for membership purposes only.

Any person who has been disenrolled by the Tribe, unless such person was than less than eighteen (18) years old at the time of disenrollment. In such case, the person will be eligible to reapply for membership provided the application is filed prior to the person's twenty-third (23rd) birthday. Such person will be considered for membership purposes only.

Approvals

We welcome the following new members of the Tribe:

No New Members in December

New Members January: Elijah Jase Alejandro, Jordan Jade Alejandro, Briar Velvet Carolyn Bell, Mia Naomi Duncan, Nevaeh Van Rose Fellows, Noah Wade Scott Greene, Adrian Juan Carlos Hernandez, Dominic Jon Andres Hernandez, Leonidas Saulo Jimenez, Walker Fredrick McCoy, Aiden Allen

Sepsey, Rocky James Rambeau, Isabella Ruby Urbina, Braylen Carl Weaver, Jaci Anna Weaver, Presley Irene Williams

New Members February: Gavin Bryce Alejandro, Levi Simon Bill, Nina Red Plume Calvin, Ruben Jack Harden, Niku Aroha Tzintzuni Lopez-Soriano, Kairi Rose Love Noneo, Uriyah Marcel Sarabia, Chelsea Blair Weaver, Kirsten Lynnee Weaver, Shelby Elizabeth Weaver.

New Members March: Koomea Nesta Blindman, Joehl Angel Correa Davis, Landon Lawrence Harnar, Channelle Sphira Miller, Bobby Dennis Marley Quimayousie

New Members April: Wicahpi Olowan Wi Blindman, Parker Mitchell Espinosa, Padua Noseeda Kochampensken, Emily Krepps, Jordyn Lowery, Riley Hummingbird New Moon, Carlos Raul Morales, Jordana Lourdes Nish, Priseis Monroe Shaw, Dustin Wyatt Thompson

New Members May: Ritchie Damacio Ashton, Eldon Lane Reitz, Giselle Abigail Nila

New Members June: Channing Duke Blossom, Alejandro Aviel Olalde, Arianna Christine Olalde, Juliana Jordan Olalde, Miguel Angel Olalde, Halley Day Paquin, Taelyne Kodaseet Phillips, Tsofigh Bison Phillips, Elijah Jontae Rollins, Raeann Michele Rollins, Kayla Starr Cortes, Mia Rose Sarabia, Carl Jack Tobey, Corrina Love Vidaurri

New Members July: Holland Deal, Danielle Rey Eben, Hudson Paul Frazier, Alfredo Aviel Garcia, Tsaillee Meadow Phillips, Jaiden Heneli Phoenix, Kenai Copper Phoenix and Tayah Malia Phoenix.

All of these individuals have met the criteria for Regular Membership and are the direct descendants of Base Enrollees.

Enrollment Services 775)574-1000 ext. 1115

PLEASE KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT FOR ALL FUTURE TRIBAL MAILINGS

Active Warrants

The following names are a current list of warrants that have been issued in the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court for unpaid citations or for criminal matters. Please be advised that all warrants will remain valid until quashed or an arrest has been made, and quashing a warrant cannot be done by court staff unless given permission to do so by the judge, as a warrant is a court order and pursuant to PL Law & Order Code §3.03.110 (d), orders can only be changed by order of the judge. Also, paying the quash warrant fee, without being heard by the judge, does not quash the warrant.

We ask that you refrain from contacting the court on behalf of a family member or having a family member contact the court on your behalf, as we will only speak to you or your advocate/attorney of record. A Notice of Representation must be submitted in order for Court staff to speak to your legal representative. No exceptions.

Please understand that the Court is always willing to work with clients as long as requests are within reason, it does not require an order of the court to do so and we are contacted prior to a warrant being issued.

If there is a No Bail Hold ("NBH") beside your name, you will need to contact your advocate/attorney, appear on a criminal court day, pay the \$50.00 quash warrant fee and wait until the end of the docket to be heard to address your issues. We understand that you may be in a hurry, but the other clients that are docketed, have waited patiently, and appeared in Court when ordered to do so will be heard prior to you as no one advocate/attorney and client are more important than any other. No exceptions.

If you receive a citation and cannot pay the balance in full or are contesting, you must appear at the date specified on the citation. The citation you received will state your violation, fine, and court date. Remember, you will not be reminded by the Court that you are scheduled for a hearing, as you have agreed to appear on the date specified upon signing the citation. If you cannot pay the fine in full,

the Judge may allow payment arrangements. Once arrangements are made, however, you must comply with them, or contact the Court if you encounter an issue. If you fail to do either, and fail to make contact after a 30 day letter is sent, a 14 days letter is sent and you fail to appear for a Show Cause Hearing, after being notice via U.S. Mail, a warrant will be issued. If the Court does not have an accurate address, it is up to you, and it is your responsibility, to contact the Court to have it updated. Once the warrant is issued, you will be required to pay the total amount due in order to quash the warrant. If you are making payments on a citation where a warrant has been issued, the warrant will remain in effect until the fine is paid in full, and in order to remain objective, the Court staff will not advise the Pyramid Lake Police Department that payments are being made. Until the fine has been paid in full, the warrant may be served at any time.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court at (775) 574-1094.

The following names are listed in alphabetical order with amount of bail due.

Able, Cheniya	\$230.00
Albright, Mildred Sage	\$265.00
Arthur, Troy	\$500.00
Barlese, Darrell	NBH
Barnes, Erik	\$125.00
Berreman, Anthony J.	\$ 90.00
Brown III, David Warren	\$780.00
Cagle, Mariah	NBH
Christy, Bryson George	\$ 10.00
Christy, Sheilaann Ambario	\$565.00
Cleveland, Jessica L.	\$380.00
Crutcher, Venissa	\$200.00
Delgado-Ortero, Marcus A	\$165.00
Dennison, Lydell Lynn	NBH
Dennison, Lydell Lynn	NBH
Duncan, Norman Nelson	\$658.00
Dunn, Conrad Frank	\$ 25.00
George, Mathew Allen	NBH
George, Matthew Allen	NBH
Green, Dashina Rose	\$220.00

Guerrero, Robert Douglas	\$100.00
Harry, Kailauni Jean	\$390.00
Henry Jr., Frank Aaron	NBH
Henry, Randall R	\$ 75.00
Jack, Jeff	\$ 50.00
Jackson, Victor	NBH
James, Shelly	NBH
James, Shelly	NBH
James, Steven	NBH
Johns, Trevor L.	\$ 90.00
Kinerson, Leon Larue	\$780.00
Lenior, Teresa	NBH
Love, Joshua Nathan	NBH
Love, Joshua Nathan	NBH
Lowery, Randal	NBH
Lowery, Randal	NBH
Lundy, Shanice	\$ 35.00
McCauley, Matthew	NBH
Medina, Justin	\$186.00
Melendez Jr., Manuel	\$ 10.00
Miller-Cruz, Rhonda	\$110.00
Narcho, Jacob	\$480.00
O'Neil, Victor Troy	\$ 50.00
Paddy, Katrina	NBH
Phoenix, Robert	\$565.00
Quintero, Jacob Randall	\$150.00
Quintero, Karmen	NBH
Rambeau, Shannon	NBH
Rambeau, Shannon	NBH
Randall, Duane Andrew	NBH
Sander, Richard Duane	\$120.00
Shoshone, Vernon Wade	NBH
Shoshone, Vernon Wade	NBH
Shoshone, Vernon Wade	NBH
Shoshone, Vernon Wade	NBH
Smith, Linda	\$240.00
Taylor, Shepp Dodd	NBH
Tom, Rachelle	\$250.00
Wadsworth II, Gordon Lee	\$ 50.00
Whitehorse, Elstenio Zane	NBH
Whitehorse, Elstenio Zane	NBH
Williams, Christianna	\$100.00
Williams, Delson	\$395.00
Williams, Delson	\$395.00
Williams, Delson	\$395.00
Williams, Delson	\$395.00
Williams, Steven	\$265.00
Wilson, Benjamin	\$ 10.00

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

Current Open Positions As of 10/14/2016

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

Environment Department, Nixon, Nevada
 32,905.60- \$34,590.40 Per Annum, Full-Time, 40 hours week, Exempt, Class 432, Grade 17, Step 1-3; DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

TRIBAL COMPROLLER

Administration, Nixon, NV
 \$59,092.80 – \$62,088.00 per Annual; Full-Time, 40 Hours Week, Exempt, Class 607, Gr 29, Step 1-3; DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

SHELTER ADVOCATE (ON-CALL) Victim Services Department, Wadsworth, Nevada

\$11.81 – 12.41 per hour; NTE 20 hours, Non-exempt, Class Code 309, Grade 11, Step 1-3 DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

RETAIL CLERK (on-call)

Tribal Enterprises, Wadsworth, Nixon, Sutcliffe, Nevada
 \$8.39- \$8.81 per Hour, Part-Time, On-Call, Non-Exempt, Class 123, Grade 4, Step 1-3; DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

CHILDCARE PROVIDER (PART-TIME)

Pyramid Lake Child Care Centers, Nixon, & Wadsworth, Nevada
 \$10.20-\$10.72 per hour, 29 Hours Week; Non-Exempt, Class Code 112, Grade 8, Step 1-3 DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

CHILDCARE PROVIDER (ON-CALL)

Pyramid Lake Child Care Centers, Nixon, & Wadsworth, Nevada
 \$10.20-\$10.72 per hour, 29 Hours Week; Non-Exempt, Class Code 112, Grade 8, Step 1-3 DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

GRANTS ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST

Pyramid Lake Tribal Administration – Nixon, NV
 \$20.19 – 21.21 per hour; Full-time Class Code 416, Grade 22, Step 1-3; DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

ENROLLMENT CLERK

Tribal Administration Office - Nixon, Nevada Supervisor (s) Joanne Shaw
 \$8.39 – 8.81 per hour; Temporary 10 weeks, 40 hrs per week CI 219; Grade 11 / Step 1-3
 CLOSES:10/21/2016

PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL TRANSIT NEWS

We are pleased to inform you that Pyramid Lake Tribal Transit has received a Notice of 2017 Federal Transit Authority 5311 Rural Transit Assistance from the State of Nevada Department of Transportation, the total Award is \$ 383,368.00.

The performance period of this award is from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. The Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) Transit Section recognizes the vital role that this project will play in enhancing the quality of life, economic vitality to our community and support that we will provide through this grant award.

Competition for the 5311 Rural Transit Assistance Program remains strong and increasing in requests.

The 2017 FTA budget allocated for the state of Nevada was \$6.1 million for 5311 Rural transit Assistance Funding.

NDOT received approximately 20 grant applications requesting a total of \$9.84 million in fund requests.

Our project was selected and it will be a pleasure administrating the award, to continue our service for our People. Have a great day.

Robert Hicks, Transit Manager

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Health Clinic, Nixon, NV; Dawna Brown, Supervisor
 \$59,092.80 - \$62,088.00 Per Annum; Full-time, 40 Hours Week; Exempt, Class Code 419, Grade 29, Step 1-3 DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

JOM TEACHER AIDE

Nixon, NV 89424
 \$8.81-9.26 per hour; Part-time, 20 hrs. per week, Non-Exempt, Class 109, Grade 5 / Step 1-3, DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

TRIBAL BUSINESS OFFICER

Administration, Nixon, NV
 \$62,046.40 – 65,187.20 per annum; Full-Time/Exempt Status, CI: 608 Gr:30, Steps 1-3 DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

PROPERTY MANAGER

Realty Department, Wadsworth, Nevada
 \$38,084.80 - \$40,019.20 Per Annum; Full-time, Exempt CI 524, Gr 20, Step 1-3 DOE
 CLOSES: OUF

SECRETARY II

Diabetes Program, Nixon, Nevada Supervisor(s) Jenell Fellows \$9.26 per hour; Full-Time 40 Hours Week; Class Code 212, Grade 5
 CLOSES:10/20/2016

COOK/NUTRITIONIST

Nixon Store - Nixon, NV Supervisor(s) Kodie Cook
 \$8.81-\$9.26per hour; Part-Time (29 hours/week), Non-Exempt Class Code 106, Grade 5, Steps 1-3 Depending on Experience
 CLOSES: 10/26/2016

TO APPLY: Applications may be obtained on-line at www.plpt.nsn.us or from the Human Resources Office at the Tribal Administration Building in Nixon, Nevada; by writing to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe at P.O. Box 256, Nixon, NV 89424; or, by calling the Human Resources Office at (775) 574-1000, extension 1119/1120/1132 or hrrecruiter@plpt.nsn.us

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department is responsible for the Tribes personnel management which includes recruitment, employee relations, employee benefits program, salary administration, worker's compensation, grievance and appeal system, and personnel records management. Human Resources provides assistance to Department Heads and Supervisors in developing, communicating, and implementing the Tribe's personnel policies.

Hours of Operation:
 Monday - Friday
 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Human Resources Staff

Lesley Hawley, HR Manager
lhawley@plpt.nsn.us

Emma Powell, HR Generalist
hrgeneralist@plpt.nsn.us

Latoyah Williams, HR Assistant
hrrecruiter@plpt.nsn.us
 775-574-1000

Ed Harney, Background Investigator
eharney@plpt.nsn.us
 Located at the Police Department
 (775) 574-1014

www.plpthehumanresources.org

Safe Native American Passengers Training

When: Friday, November 18, 2016

Time: 9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Where: New Wadsworth Community Center, Wadsworth Nv.

Contact: Sherry Ely Mendes —(775) 574-1000 ext. 1107

Continuing Education Units—0.6 CEU's

The Safe Native American Passengers (SNAP) training is a 1 day course that provides a basic introduction to child passenger safety in Indian Country. Students will gain practical experience through a variety of presentations and hands-on exercises related to vehicle seat belt systems, various types of car seats, and the misuse of car seats. 0.6 continuing education units will be offered for those who register online.

*SNAP does not offer certification and does not replace or serve as a substitute for the 32 hour National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program technician course offered by Safe Kids Worldwide.



To register, visit www.ihs.gov/EHSCT, click on Classes and Registration, and then select Safe Native American Passengers from the list of classes. Follow the instructions on the website to complete registration.

US Judge Sides With Nevada Tribes in Voting Rights Case

BY SCOTT SONNER, ASSOCIATED PRESS
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Two Native American tribes in Nevada won an emergency court order late Friday in a federal lawsuit accusing the Republican secretary of state and two counties of discriminating against them under the Voting Rights Act.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du issued a temporary injunction in Reno requiring the establishment of satellite polling places on two northern Nevada reservations ahead of next month's election in the Western battleground state.

The Pyramid Lake and Walker River Paiute tribes say their members are being denied equal access to the polls due to long distances some must travel to vote early or cast ballots on [Election Day](#).

Du said they've proven they'll suffer irreparable harm if she doesn't intervene with the election less than five weeks away.

"The court finds that the public interest is served by a preliminary injunction," she wrote in her 20-page ruling issued shortly after 5 p.m.

Lawyers for Washoe County in Reno said they would consider an appeal. The legal battle is the latest in a series of cases arguing violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act in Arizona, Utah, Montana, Alaska and the Dakotas. Like most minorities, Native Americans in general are more likely to vote for Democrats than Republicans. They say many tribal members are mired in poverty and other socio-economic conditions that make it more difficult for them to travel off the reservations to vote.

Nevada is considered a key swing state in the upcoming [presidential election](#). A tight contest for the seat of retiring Democratic Sen. [Harry Reid](#) also has the potential to determine majority control of the U.S. Senate.

The tribes in Nevada's Washoe and Mineral counties asked in the Sept. 7 lawsuit for relief in three different categories — on-site voter registration, early voting and in-person voting on Election Day.

Du denied the request for an injunc-

tion in regard to the establishment of on-site voter registration at either reservation. She said all the individual plaintiffs in the case already are registered to vote so they cannot show any harm in that regard.

But she ordered polling sites be set up for early voting at both, and for Election Day voting in Nixon on the Pyramid Lake reservation northwest of Reno. The Walker River tribe in rural Mineral County already provides for Election Day voting on the reservation in Schurz, where the early-voting option will be added under the judge's order. The counties had argued the sudden change would present a huge, costly technical challenge at such a late date and Republican Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske argues she has no authority to intervene.

"The court acknowledges the substantial costs that injunctive relief places upon the counties, especially at this late hour," Du wrote Friday.

"It is difficult, however, to balance a financial and logistical hardship with a burden on constitutional rights," she said.

The Washoe County District Attorney's Office said in a statement Friday night the county's previous decisions on the location of 22 satellite polling sites were based on "population, fairness and in accordance with controlling federal and state laws."

"Nevertheless, the court's order must be followed or appealed, and Washoe County will make that determination after having a full and thorough opportunity to review the court's decision," the statement said.

Some members of the Pyramid Lake tribe living in Washoe County say they currently must drive 96 miles roundtrip to register to vote or cast ballots in person. The lawsuit says that's more than twice as far as mostly white voters on Lake Tahoe's affluent north shore would have to travel to vote if the county had not set up a satellite poll in upscale Incline Village.

The Nevada counties argued this week the tribal members who don't want to

October 1, 2016
Nixon Head Start Newsletter



Summary of Events:

Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm at Pyramid Lake High School Softball field

T-Ball game between Nixon and Wadsworth Head Start Centers

Friday, October 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm Family Reading Night, an event for the whole family. Get free books

Friday, October 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm Domestic/Teen Dating Violence Seminar & R.A.D Self Defense

Get information and basic self-defense to protect yourself.

No School Days (tentative):

October 7, 2016

October 14, 2016

October 28, 2016 (Nevada Day)

drive that far can still vote by mail or online.

But Du said in Friday's ruling the distance the tribal members must travel combined with the associated costs "bears more heavily" on them "especially given their relative difficulty in accessing transportation, affording travel, and experience (of) off-reservation discrimination and intimidation."

She specifically cited a 2010 case in North Dakota, Spirit Lake Tribe v. Benson City, when Chief Judge Ralph Erickson concluded:

"There simply is no more essential duty of a democratic government than to provide open, fair elections that are accessible to all eligible voters ... In a representative republic, the right of the people to elect their representatives is superior to concerns over the public purse."



Congratulations PLHS ALUMNI



**Congratulations
Nikwich and Lena Wright**

This Spring, Nikwich graduated with an English degree with a concentration in creative writing from Stanford University. Lena graduated from Stanford University with a degree in Art and a minor in Edu-

cation. Lena also participated in Interdisciplinary Honors in Art Cohort 2015-2016. She was a recipient of the Raina Geiss Portrait Award. Nikwich and Lena are both alumni of Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr. High School. While both students are considering grad school, both are taking time off to gain work experience.

Nikwich will be a substitute teacher this year, and although he has no definite plan for the future, he is currently looking into either going into a Graduate School of Education or Law School.

Lena plans on working on her portfolio in preparation of applying to graduate school for this upcoming year. This summer she was a participant of Graduate Horizons, and encourages other students to apply and take part in the upcoming College Horizons Program. Their family is proud of their accomplishments and thankful to the support from the community for the past five years.

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

P.O. Box 256, Nixon, NV 89424, 775-574-1000 FAX 775-574-1008

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is currently recruiting for one (1) vacancy on the

LAND AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

If you are interested in serving on the Land and Resources Committee, please complete a Committee/Board Participation Application and return to:

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE
ATTN: Tribal Secretary
P.O. Box 256
Nixon, NV 89424

Must be a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Stipend \$100

Forms available at the Tribal Administrative Office

CLOSING DATE: Friday November 18, 2016 AT 4:30 PM

**Wherever
you live...**

**Natural gas is
your neighbor.**

Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere, even in areas that don't use natural gas, like all-electric or propane neighborhoods. So it's important that **EVERYONE** knows how to recognize and respond to a natural gas leak, wherever they are.

A leak may be present if you:

- SMELL:** An odor similar to rotten eggs, even if it's faint or momentary.
- HEAR:** A hissing or roaring coming from the ground or above-ground piping.
- SEE:** Dirt or water blowing into the air, unexplained dead or dying grass or vegetation, or standing water continuously bubbling.

If you suspect a leak:

- Leave the area immediately.
- From a safe place, call **911** and Southwest Gas at **1-877-860-6020**, day or night, **whether you're a customer or not.** A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible.
- Don't smoke or use matches or lighters.
- Don't turn on or off electrical switches, thermostats, or appliance controls; or do anything that could cause a spark.
- Don't start or stop an engine, or use automated doors.



SOUTHWEST GAS

For more information about natural gas safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call 1-877-860-6020.





Nixon Center
195 W Pyramid Lake Road
(775) 574-1031

Wadsworth Center
380 Pyramid St.
(775) 575-2774

NOTICE

In accordance with our new cycle of funding from Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) we have made changes to some of the financial aspects of our program. These changes are generally explained below, but should you have further questions please speak with Constance Athayde, Child Care Director via email cathayde@plpt.nsn.us or at one of the child care centers.

- 1 - **Sliding Fee Scale:** the scale is based upon the monthly family income. There will be a single weekly fee per family rather than per child.
- 2 - **Income Calculation:** the monthly income will be calculated using the gross income minus taxes, medical/vision/dental premiums, and paid child support. Supporting document are required to utilize the deductions.
- 3 - **Child Care Fees:** The fulltime and drop-in rates will remain unchanged. The part-time fees are eliminated. The discretionary days are also eliminated.

Please keep in mind that the family weekly fee is based on income rather than the number of children or the number of hours in care. If you have not recently completed an Income Verification one will be required. You may provide a paystub and supporting documents for the deductions in lieu of us sending the income verification to your employer. If you are a student or attending workforce training, you may continue to provide proof of enrollment. As usual, an Attendance Change form needs to be completed to avoid unnecessary charges if your child will be changing to Drop-in care or withdrawing from child care.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make the transition to our revised payment structure.

Posted: September 26, 2016

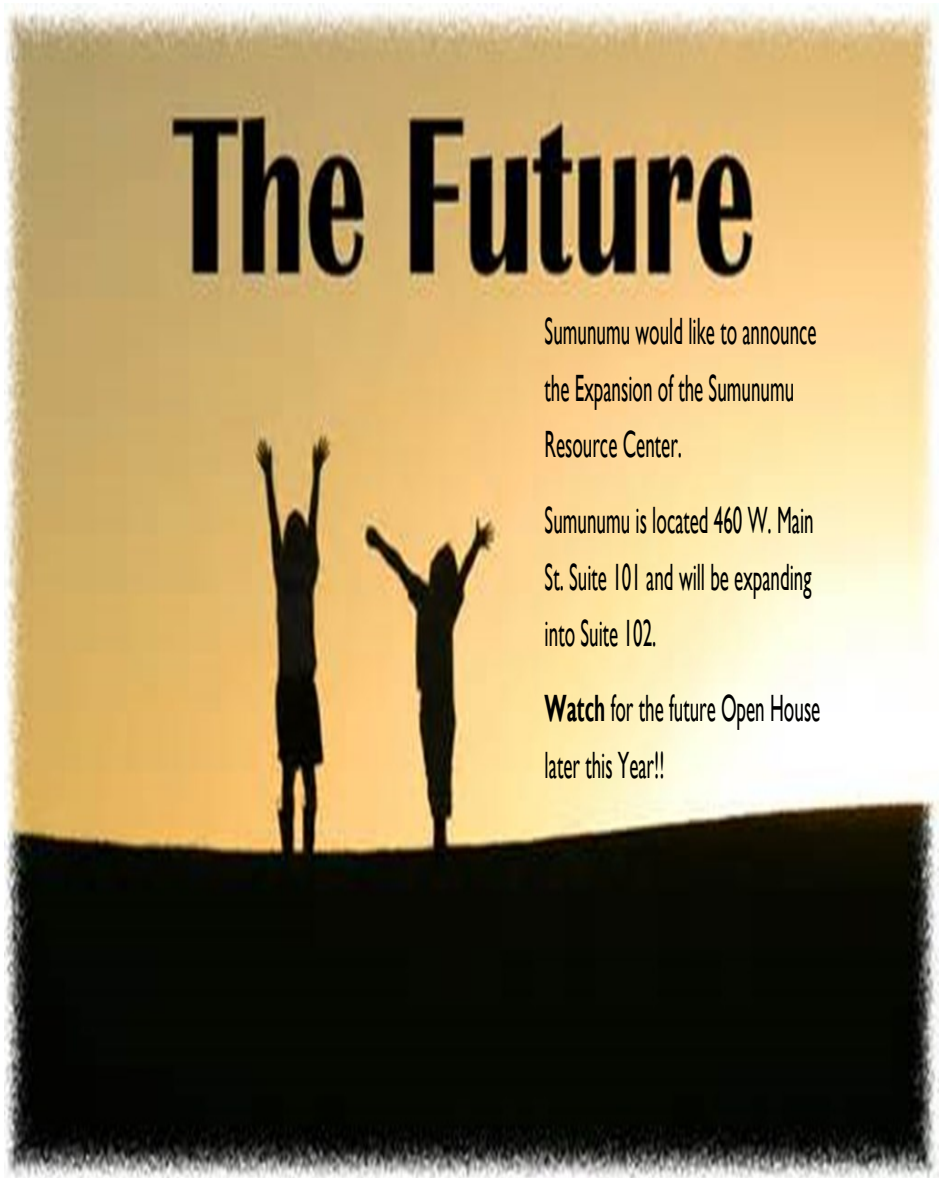
Offering quality care to families in the Pyramid Lake communities

The Future

Sumunumu would like to announce the Expansion of the Sumunumu Resource Center.

Sumunumu is located 460 W. Main St. Suite 101 and will be expanding into Suite 102.

Watch for the future Open House later this Year!!



PYRAMID LAKE VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM

PRESENTS THE

2016

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENT
"MOURN, CELEBRATE, CONNECT"

Food

Please Join Us

Info

Thursday,

October 20, 2016

6pm-8pm

At the
Nixon Gym

Giveaways

Candlelight Vigil

Everyone Welcome!!

This project was supported by Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program, 2015-17-1A-00016 and Tribal Governments Program, 2013-18-1A-00033, Rural, 2015-18-1A-00032, Office on Violence Against Women, and Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance, 2014-18-1A-00032, Office for Victims of Crime, US Department of Justice, Victims of Crime Act, 15-1002-16-0017 AND Family Violence Prevention Act, 15-FV-16-010, from the State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services, Nevada Office of the Attorney General-2016 Violence Against Women Act, 2016-18-1A-51

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Exercise Q & A

Exercise improves quality of life and prevents elder falls!

Is it safe for me to start exercising?

Yes, it is important to start slow.

Isn't it better for older adults to "take it easy"?

No, regular physical activity is important to health and abilities of older people, "taking it easy" is risky, older people lose their ability to do things on their own.

How much activity do I need?

At least 3 days a week, but, doing anything is better than doing nothing at all.

I have a medical condition, should I exercise?

Yes, you should talk with your doctor regarding your limitations.

I am overweight, what kinds of exercise can I do?

Anything that gets you moving, begin slow, feel good about what you do.

Information is available at:

Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic

Elder Fall Prevention Program

Diabetes Wellness Program

574-1018



Sumunumu Resource Center, window clings created by Adrian Tom, Prevention Coordinator. We are located at 460 W. Main St. Suite 101 & 102 Fernley, Nevada



Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Center, Announces 2016 Local Impact Award Member. Pyramid Lake tribal member Debbie Barlese was honored at the National Indian Health Board Conference held in Scottsdale, Arizona. Wednesday September 21, 2016.

Debbie has been employed with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Health Clinic for over 35 years. Debbie has overseen many changes at Pyramid Lake - from early years in a modular trailer, to the expanded facility in Nixon, Nevada. In her years of working for the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic, she has stepped into a leadership role without reservation and has ensured quality health care was being provided to the communities of Pyramid Lake. Sumunumu honored this achievement on Sumunumu Resource Center Facebook page over 1,121 reactions and many congratulations from community members and friends around the area.

2016 Local Impact Award

Crisis Call Number:
1-800-273-8255

Tribal Police
Dispatch: 574-0444



In honor of Suicide Prevention Week Sumunumu planned an evening to release sky lanterns during the evening September 7, 2016 at Wadsworth Community Center the program began with Josh Davis, who offered a song to begin the event. Sumunumu honored Josh with Pendleton blanket. Sky lanterns were provided by Sumunumu and with permission from the PL Fire Department and were on site to oversee this event.

Due to the weather participants were unable to release lanterns. Sumunumu utilized a backup plan. Participants were given Hearts to write prayers, wishes & messages of hope with supervision all participants were allowed to burn the hearts to release all the prayers and hopes up to the sky.



Sumunumu applied and received the Generation Indigenous Meth Suicide Prevention Initiative for youth Suicide prevention activities including behavioral health services. Amount awarded is \$175,000



Sumunumu honored Josh Davis with Pendleton blanket.



Fernley/Wadsworth AA Meetings

- Sunday** 6:00 PM Grapevine Meeting
10 North Center Street - Fernley Community Center
- Monday** 12:00 PM .Beginners Big Book
10 North Center Street - Fernley Community Center
07:30 PM Keep It Simple
10 North Center Street - Fernley Community Center
- Tuesday** 6:00 PM Step Study Meeting
Big Bend Ranch Old Highway 40
- Tuesday** AA Talking Circle, Nixon
6-7:00 pm
- Wednesday** 7:30 PM Keep It Simple
10 North Center Street - Fernley Community Center
(First Wed CL & Last Wed BDM)
- Thursday** 7:30 PM Men's Meeting
875 Freemont St Calvary Chapel
- Thursday** 7:30 PM Women's Miracle Meeting
875 Freemont St Calvary Chapel
- Friday** 12:00 PM Living Sober
10 North Center Street~ Fernley Community Center
- Friday** 8-9 PM. Road to Recovery
Parish hall-Wadsworth Nevada
- Saturday** 4:00 PM Stairway to Heaven
875 Freemont St Calvary Chapel

Substance Abuse Evaluation Process

ONE week is need to get Evaluation back to client.

Call make appointment at Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Center Phone: 775-574-1018 or Sumunumu/ Resource Center Phone: 775-980-6507.

- ◆ Plan for 2 hours to complete GAIN (Global Assessment of Individual Needs)
- ◆ Set up Evaluation review appointment following GAIN Assessment prior to leaving Clinic or Resource Center with Judy Kroshus, Sumunumu Director
- ◆ Client will receive an Walmart gift card of \$20.00 on completion of evaluation review.
- ◆ Evaluation will be given to client unless client signs a release of information for evaluation to be given to a third party.

Adolescent Evaluation Procedure

Same as the adult with exception: Adolescent must sign a release of information for the evaluation to be shared with anyone including **Parent, Social Services and The Courts.** (Per 42 CFR 2.12, 2.12b, Privacy Rule, April 14, 2003. More information call: 775-980-6507

Consolidated Higher Education Program, NEWS....

From High School into College!

Well here we are again, starting off another school year! We have finished with our fall scholarship intake added many received many new incoming freshmen and we also had a many seniors graduates. Best Wishes to those graduates.

This year, we are again working on a high school outreach. Our goal this year is to reach out to as many juniors and seniors students in our target areas of Fernley High School, Pyramid Lake Jr. /Sr. High School, Spanish Springs High School, Reed High School, McQueen High School and Bishop Manoque High School and any other high school within our visiting range.

Our goal is to assist our senior students in transitioning from high school onto college. But there is a catch!!!! We cannot do this without **"PARENTAL PERMISSION!"** Last year with the help of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Enrollment Office, they mailed out for us our permission slip to those parents who had student in the age range of 17 – 18 years old. We received three (3) permission slips back...

Must often our high school students are passed over or forgotten by student guidance counselors due to workload... This is where our Consolidated Higher Education Program can be of assistance. By filling out our permission form we will be able to visit with your student and help guide them in making that transition from high school on into college or vocational training school. The choice is yours. We want to help your student.

If you choose in wanting our Higher Education Programs help, please call us at (775) 574-0300. Call or visit our Consolidated Higher Education Office, we are located next to the Nixon Gym. Our office is Rm. 100. Open hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Or call us and request a permission slip. I can even meet with you after hours and drop off a permission slip, your choice.

College Graduation Diploma's

It's a great feeling receiving a college diploma, and the Consolidated Higher Education Program Congratulates you in your success! We would like to ask

you before you put it away or frame your diploma, please send us a copy of your diploma for your student file.

It is important that we receive a copy of your diploma for your personal file. It's also important for our program statistical data... When we can show the outcome of provided services, the data supports future program funding and possible employment with the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Part of that data collecting is also to build a supportable workforce for the future of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Your graduation is important to the tribe; it is why the Tribal Council invests in our tribal higher education program. The education of our tribal membership is important for the future of the very existence of our Tribe. So please send us a copy of your diploma.

PLPT Scholarship Revisions

The Consolidated Higher Education Committee and the Program Coordinator have been busy working on our Higher Education Policies. The first revision was the \$350.00 Tribal scholarship. The Committee saw the need to revise the scholarship/policy due the increased cost of college tuition fees, lab fees, registration fee, books and other costs that add up. They increased the scholarship from \$350.00 to \$500.00. This was passed by the Tribal Council and is now available for student to apply for.

The Enrichment Policy has been revised and was submitted and turned back to us with commitments; the CHECOM will be meeting Oct 3rd, 2016 to implement any necessary changes and will be resubmitted the policy to the Tribal Council for approval.

Currently the Consolidated Higher Education Policies are posted for community comment, so please; when you are in the posted areas, stop by and read them, and if you have a comment you would like to see implemented into the policy drop, off any comment to the Tribal Secretary.

Next Scholarship intake for the Spring Semester

The next scholarship intake for higher education will be November 30th, 2016. This intake will be for the 2017 Spring Semester. If you are interested con-

tact the Consolidated Higher Education Office at 775-574-0300.

FAFSA-Free Application for Student Aid

State Deadline

Nevada - Silver State Opportunity Grant - As soon as possible after October 1, 2016. Awards made until funds depleted. All other aid - Check with your financial aid administrator. Additional forms may be required.

College Deadline

Check with the college(s) you are interested in attending. You may also want to ask your college about its definition of an application deadline - whether it is the date the college receives your FAFSA, or the date your FAFSA is processed.

High School Students should begin seeking assistance from their high school guidance counselor to begin the process of seeking out possible colleges they want to attend, filling out scholarship applications. By all means calling the PLPT Consolidated Higher Education Office if your student needs help! Don't wait until the last minute. CHE Office hours are 8:00am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday (775) 574-0300

Just a few scholarships sites; Look and you shall find, seek and the door shall be opened, apply and receive....

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND
Native American Scholarships
USA Grant Applications/Scholarships
Scholarships for Minority's
Scholarships.com

American Indian/Native American Scholarships

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Tribal Land Office

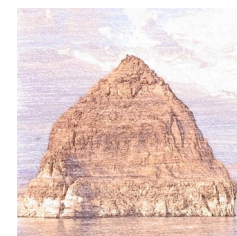
In August 2016, a new department became a reality within the PLPT Administration. A Tribal Land Office was established to address the concerns of all the tribally controlled land holdings within the exterior boundary of the reservation. The focus of this office will be to manage, research & record all tribal property, land assignments, acquired land plus lease properties. This office is the result of some long well thought out planning, along with a need for such an operation. Since established we have had positive input from many of the existing departments. I believe this will be a valuable asset not only for the tribal administration but for the community as well.

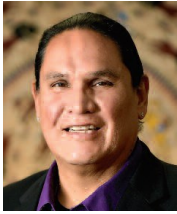
The information collected will be entered into a GIS geodatabase for data recording, management, storage as well as retrieval purposes. We can also assist tribal members in preparation of land assignments, site locations and data searches that will best suit their needs. Over the years the tribe has acquired and collected so much data, both digital & hard copies, that this eventually will be managed into a central location and be a benefit all concerned at some point.

The Land Office will have a close working relationship with other tribal departments in addressing their mapping needs.

Stop by for a visit or just to share some of your personal history & knowledge of the Pyramid Lake Rez. My office is currently located in the Higher Ed Modular, next to the old gym.

Richard Frazier
Tribal Land Manager
rfrazier@plpt.nsn.us
574-1038





Fight for the Native Vote: Positive Outcomes for Indian Country

By Ernest L. Stevens, Jr.

Every four years, citizens hear the call that "every vote counts" and "elections have consequences." You don't have to dig deep to understand that elections do matter to Indian Country, and despite significant barriers, Native Americans must fight for and make every effort to exercise our right to vote.

It wasn't until the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 that Natives were afforded the right to vote, making us the last group to gain voting rights in the United States. With no Native American voice in the political process, Congress enacted the Removal Act of 1930 and the Dawes Act of 1887, which forced Allotment & Assimilation on Native Nations. These policies stole hundreds of millions of acres of tribal homelands, authorized the taking of Indian children from their homes, and suppressed Native language, culture, and religion. Tribes continue to suffer from the impacts of these failed policies to this day.

Fast forward to the 2008 election. At the time, Indian Country had swung statewide elections in the previous four election cycles. As a result, presidential candidates sought out the Native vote. Then-Senator Barack Obama implemented a widespread ground game to expand the electoral map that included an extensive Native American outreach.

Since his inauguration in January of 2009, the Obama Administration has opened doors within the Executive Branch that were long closed to Indian Country. The President established a Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs in the White House. He has posted dozens of Native Americans to key decision-making positions within his Administration, including liaisons and "offices of tribal relations" within nearly every federal agency. The significance of this Administration will go down in history for Indian Country.

The Obama Administration has also reached settlements with dozens of tribes and tens of thousands of individual Indians to settle longstanding lawsuits involving claims of discrimination and federal trust mismanagement. Prior Administrations stalled the legal battles, fought to limit the federal government's liability, or offered to settle for far less than required by law. The recent settlements bring justice to thousands of families throughout Indian Country and help begin to rebuild trust that has been broken for centuries.

However, the impacts of elections on Indian Country do not rely on one political party or the other taking the White House. Our issues are non-partisan. We can't afford to write any candidate off or give them a pass. We have and must continue to ana-

lyze the candidates and their positions on issues that impact Indian Country. If they haven't yet stated a policy position on Native issues, we have to press them for answers. For us, it is about protecting tribal sovereignty and strengthening the government-to-government relationship.

In addition, Indian Country's policy gains or losses don't rely solely on who sits in the White House. The House and Senate also play a major role in advancing legislation and spending bills that are critical to our people.

Indian Country enjoyed broad bipartisan policy gains over the past six years in the areas of health care with a permanent reauthorization to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, improved public safety through the Tribal Law and Order Act and the VAWA Reauthorization of 2013, and reforms to IRS activities to passage of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act.

Champions of Indian Country on the House and Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittees have also played a major role in obtaining steady and significant increases in funding for critical services to Native communities. From 2009 to 2015, the IHS budget alone has increased from \$3.5 billion to nearly \$5 billion. Republicans and Democrats championed these policies and worked to usher them through Congress.

A strong Native Voter turnout, not only in presidential election years, but also in the midterm elections for Congress, and in State and local races makes serious impacts on lives in Indian Country.

Every federal official takes an "Oath of Office," swearing to uphold the United States Constitution before taking on duties. While many don't fully understand that oath, it includes a promise to acknowledge Indian tribes as separate distinct governments and the fact that treaties are the Supreme Laws of this Nation. As we advocate for policies to improve life on Indian lands, we have to remind federal officials about these promises. For Indian Country, it's about mobilizing, making our voice heard, and educating, educating, educating before and after elections.

Without question, elections have consequences: some very, very good, and some historically devastating. As a result, it's clear we must make every effort to participate in the political process, and get out support for candidates who have earned our vote. However, significant barriers exist for Native Americans to exercise their con-

stitutional right to vote. Many of these barriers are created by state and local jurisdictions, which for the most part control the local voting process. Some of these barriers are born of ignorance of the situation in Indian Country. Others are deliberate acts of voter suppression.

Tribes and individual Indians have filed a number of federal lawsuits to force changes. Federal legislation has also been introduced to mandate more polling locations on Indian lands.

Tribal governments and individual Native activists can do more to get out the Native vote. Tribal leaders nationwide could consider new tribal government policies that make voting a community-wide event to increase turnout. Tribal newspapers and radio stations can publish detailed voter guides to educate our people on the voting process and the potential impacts of the election. Our tribal schools and community centers can also be utilized to distribute voter information.

Tribes can encourage their members to volunteer at the polls or provide transportation for elders or others who have difficulty getting to the polls. With the combined strength of tribal friends, employees and neighbors, we can change the outcome of elections from school board supervisors to the President.

The bottom line is this: our ancestors fought and many died to protect tribal sovereignty and our rights to self-governance.

Now that we have a voice in Congress and the right to vote in all elections, I call on all of Indian Country to honor the sacrifices of those who came before us by ensuring that you exercise your right to vote. Indian Country can and does impact the outcome of elections, so let's do it again in 2016!

Ernest L. Stevens, Jr. is Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). He can be reached by calling (202) 546-7711 or visit www.indiangaming.org



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING NEWS

The last few months have been busy for the Transportation Planning Department. We have been diligently working on the close out of the Pelican Point Project which was a huge undertaking for the department. The project was completed in 2015 and is a great addition to the lake front. We hope that all Tribal members have a chance to visit the site and see the great work that our local force account crew did.

We continue our efforts to find funding for the Wadsworth Bypass Project which is greatly needed for safety reasons for the Wadsworth community and also access for industry in the industrial park envisioned by the Tribe. The project is 100% shovel ready with the planning phase which helps us tremendously in seeking funds to put the project into motion.

The Strategic Transportation Safety Plan is in effect and the Transportation Staff have been working diligently to implement the goals of the plan thus far.

In July of this year we hosted a Bike Rodeo for kids attending the Pyramid Lake Cultural Youth Camp at the Nixon, Gym. It was a huge success. The kids learned technics to ride on the roadways safely such as sudden stops, object avoidance and road way etiquette. Bikes were provided so that the kids could practice what they learned. Each child was issued a safety helmet and some goodies for their participation. The trainers for this program were from the Nevada Department of Transportation, Office of Bike and Pedestrian Safety. We hope to have similar events in the near future in other communities on the reservation. If you are interested in having such an event for your program please let us know and we would be happy to work out the logistics.

One of the upcoming activities the department is hosting is a Safe Native American Passenger training which will be conducted by Carry Brown, Circuit Rider for the National Indian Justice Center. The course was created in the 1990's to teach correct car seat installation and to encourage those interested in becoming Child Passenger Safety Technicians to see the importance of proper child passenger car seat installation and use. The course will be held on November 18, 2016 from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Registration is free and can be accessed at www.ihs.gov/EHSCT. Participation is limited so if you are interested please sign up now.

The Transportation Planning Department wrote and has received The Child Passenger Safety Seat program grant which will help us to begin a safety seat program here on the reservation that will inform the public about the use of child passenger safety seats. Additionally the grant provides funding to access seats for those families unable to afford the cost of a seat for their child. Our goal



is to ensure that all families and children are aware of the benefits of using a safety seat and most importantly breaking down the barriers for families to access to a proper safety seat for their child.

We have also written for funding to complete a safety audit on all of the paved roads on The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Roads Inventory. Additionally, we have requested from the State of Nevada DOT that a roads audit be done on State Route 445, 446, & 447 so that we can collectively look at factors that might pose a transportation hazard on these roads as well. The NVDOT were in agreement with this plan and will be working on getting these assessments done within the near future. We are anxiously awaiting confirmation that we qualified for this round of funding to begin our work to make our communities safer.



Another safety initiative that we are looking at is the movement toward "Safe Routes to School" which is an ongoing issue in rural communities across the U.S. We have initiated discussions regarding this issue on the Pyramid Lake Reservation with the State Department of Transportation and the Washoe County School District Safe Routes to School staff to get a comprehensive overview of the issues we face so we can start to seek funding for improvements.

In an article published by the National Center for Safe Routes to School a list of typical hazards for rural communities lists items which are familiar to what is happening right here at home. Take a look.

Barriers to Walking and Bicycling in Rural Communities

In addition to the challenges specific to accessing and using Federal funding, rural communities often face other barriers related to Safe Routes to School and active transportation. While many of these challenges also exist in other areas, they can be more pronounced in rural areas and create barriers for people walking and bicycling (National Safety Routes to School, 2016).

- ⊗ Long distances between home and school. Although distance is one of the biggest barriers to children walking and bicycling to school in the United States as a whole, the distances can be much further in rural areas. The closing of small rural schools and school districts has worsened this trend.
- ⊗ Limited sidewalks and other infrastructure for walking and bicycling. Without sidewalks and bicycle lanes, people are often walking and bicycling along shoulders or

on makeshift paths.

- ⊗ County roads and State highways bisecting towns. These roads and highways are often the major thoroughfares in rural communities and their design accommodates all sizes and types of vehicles including large trucks and freight
- ⊗ High speeds. Rural roads and highways often allow for higher speeds than other areas, creating hazards for children and other people walking and bicycling. Particularly when combined with the scarcity of sidewalks or bicycle lanes, these high speeds increase the likelihood of a driver hitting a child who is walking or bicycling, and also increase the severity of injuries if a crash occurs.
- ⊗ Stray animals and wildlife. Aggressive Dogs and other stray animals and wildlife pose a danger to people walking in some rural areas. In addition, in areas where wildlife is abundant, animals can wander onto roadways and trails, and children may feel threatened while on foot or bicycle.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

- ☞ Make eye contact with drivers
- ☞ Avoid distractions like headphones or cell-phones that will divert your attention
- ☞ Stay alert and look both ways before and during crossing
- ☞ Obey signs and signals and only use designated crosswalks
- ☞ Remain alert and help children cross the street safely
- ☞ Be noticed - wear bright clothing

How to Drive Safely Around Pedestrians

- 🚗 Be alert - look for pedestrians and stop for them when they cross the street.
- 🚗 Don't pass stopped cars waiting on pedestrians - it's against the law and highly dangerous
- 🚗 Slow down - the faster you are going the longer it takes to react and brake
- 🚗 Follow signs and signals - stop on red, look right before turning on green and follow other traffic signals
- 🚗 Avoid distractions - stay off the phone or anything else that may distract you from keeping your eyes on the road
- 🚗 Drive sober - don't drive impaired

Creating a comprehensive plan to address some of these issues is part of the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan as well as the effort to seek funds to alleviate the identified problem areas.

Johnnie Garcia, Transportation Planner
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PYRAMID LAKE MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER

The purpose of the Museum is to collect, exhibit, and preserve the history and culture of the Northern Paiute People of Pyramid Lake and provide an educational forum for the appreciation, expression, and understanding of the Paiute culture.

There's still a lot going on at the Museum! We have seen many international visitors, as well as locals. We surpassed the visitor count with 1,148 visitors in the month of July beating the April high attendance record. We recently had visitors from Latvia, India, Russia, Peru, Nepal, Cambodia, Africa, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Tunisia, West Africa, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Chile, Philippines, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, China, Japan, Belgium, Hawaii, and Italy. Group tours included the Sierra Club, Fernley Retirement Home, and UNR International Studies Program. Upcoming groups will be from the National Indian Education Association, Discovery Museum, Daughters of American Revolution, and Lena Juniper School. Other groups are working on confirmation of dates and times for a future visit.

Jackie Davis-Cawelti was hired as the Museum Attendant starting on September 10, 2016. Prior to that, she was an on-call worker, so was already familiar with the Museum operations. Jackie is a tribal member and has worked in various tribal programs throughout the last 30 years. Jackie is a welcomed addition to the Museum/Visitor Center and has already demonstrated her talent as a Tribal Ambassador, and loves to share her knowledge about the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and reservation life.

The facility grounds continue to be cleared. The tree line was full of the invasive Russian Olive trees which were cut down. The Environmental department will soon have a trunk removal system to take out the noxious tree trunks that use up most of the water. The pine trees and cottonwoods look much happier and healthier without being crowded out. The Sierra Club came to the Museum in September to help clear the tree line and dig the irrigation ditches for watering. We also have buckberry and chokecherry bushes that produce fruit. Weed control will be the next effort, so we can maintain an attractive facility and keep rodents away. Drivers are discouraged from using a shortcut across the front of the Museum. Please have respect for the endless work it's taken to make our facility look presentable to our visitors, and for a positive reflection of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

The Shared History Department at the University of Nevada has a display about the Pyramid Lake Museum, Stewart Indian School, Nevada Native Foodways, Indian Reorganization Act, and Fancy Dancing. The display moved to the renovated Lincoln Hall. A grand opening and reception will be held on October 6th. Feel free to visit the displays prepared by students in the Museum Studies Program. We will have 3 UNR student interns for the fall semester. We look forward to providing an educational practicum for those interested in Museum Studies. We welcome Shannon Montez, Brittany Knight, and Brandon Fortin.

Billie Jean attended the Tribal Tourism Conference in Tulalip, Washington in September. The conference was sponsored by the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA). The mission of AIANTA is to define, introduce, grow, and

sustain tourism that honors traditions and values. Sherry Rupert, Paiute-Washoe, is the President of AIANTA and works to promote tribal tourism in Nevada through Indian Territories, as well as leadership for all of Indian Country. It was good to network with Native professionals all seeking to promote tourism for our particular reservations. Billie Jean spent the first day at the Tulalip Tribal Museum, Hibulb Museum, a very beautiful display of Northwest culture. Conference workshops were held in Telling Our Story through the Media, Federal Partners, The Role of Indigenous Foods, Tourism Assessment, Preparing for International Tourism Trade, Heritage and Tourism, and Reaching the Right Travelers. Our Museum/Visitor Center shares the same goals in Cultural Tourism, including to support a positive tribal image, strengthen cultural identity, provide economic opportunity, educate others, encourage partnerships, and tell our story. During the conference the Native Act was passed by congress and President Obama signed it on September 26th. The Act requires Federal agencies to update their management plans and tourism initiatives to include Indian tribes and tribal/native organizations. This law empowers native communities to tell their stories and build economic opportunities. Tourism in the United States and Indian Country is a one of the fastest growing sectors for economic development.

Billie Jean was awarded a scholarship to attend the 2016 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Phoenix during the month of October. The conference will provide workshops addressing issues related to language preservation, digital inclusion, repatriation, collection care, and tours at area tribal and public museums.

Billie Jean was also awarded a scholarship to attend the Indigenous Language Institute symposium at the end of October. Workshops will share knowledge about language immersion work, and information about preventing and reversing language endangerment. Language is the most important social and cultural marker of identity, and if not used or spoken will become extinct. Language revitalization is in a critical stage for our Paiute language and new speakers must be produced!

More donations were made to the Museum. Our Tribal Museum appreciates all donations, both monetary and archival. This past month we received a 50 year old Contemporary Pottery Tea Set made in the theme of Pyramid Lake. The set belonged to a couple that received the Tea Set as a wedding gift and they just celebrated their 50th anniversary in March 2016. The set includes the tea pot with a representation of Pyramid Lake on the lid and 10 tea cups with handles depicting various animals from the area. We also received a Paiute-made cradleboard from the early 1930's. The basket belonged to a lady from the Truckee-Tahoe Area, her mother actually used the cradleboard and put her in it as a baby.

We would like to facilitate and initiate a Numu Book Club. This would be a way for our community members to learn more about our Paiute history. The idea would be to have discussion at the first meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to decide which book to read, you

can purchase the books from our Gift Shop at a 10% discount. We have several easy-to-read books, such as "Sand in a Whirlwind – The Paiute Indian War of 1860" by Ferol Egan; "Sarah Winnemucca" by Sally Zanjani; "At Pyramid Lake" by Bernard Mergen; "As Long As the River Shall Run" by Martha Knack & Omer C. Stewart. It will be a great learning experience to learn the history of our Numu. We can decide which day to meet, how often, brown bag lunches or after work? If you are interested in helping to start a Numu Book Club, please contact the Museum so we can set up a meeting date that works for most.

We received a wonderful collection of historical photos, including kooyooee fishing at the mouth of lake (1940's), a rancher in his field with his plow, a Mother on the front porch with her children, a gathering of Numu posing in front of a white building during the early 1900's. We will proudly display these on the main wall near the entrance of our Museum.

We are in planning stages of a Stone Mother Display. The vision of the display will focus on our Beloved Tupe Pea, Stone Mother. We would like to incorporate pictures of our Grandmothers to surround Te Tupe Pea. Please assist us with sending in 5x7 copies of your Grandmother(s) on matte photo paper, this copy will not be returned to you. Please include information on your picture such as name, birthdate, age in picture, and family relations. We honor the knowledge and wisdom of our grandmothers whose love is unconditional and never-ending. The deadline to send in your pictures is November 1, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. We look forward to great response, so spread the word.

Discussions were held with Larry Burton, Professional Photographer, to have a studio day to take family and individual photos before the holiday season. Be on the lookout for flyers in the near future giving all of the details.

The Pyramid Lake Museum Gift Shop has been very busy selling our local community crafts, from keychains and earrings to books and t-shirts. We received new items which includes new magnets of the Pyramid, Stone Mother and a unique picture of a ground squirrel and bird cohabitating in the wild; ten new scenes on Postcards; mugs with a panoramic view of Pyramid Lake; Carry-Alls with an amazing "Pyramid Lake Numu" design by Adrian Tom. We have plenty of Pyramid Lake Museum t-shirts with a beautiful designs of Our Stone Mother and Pyramid Lake. We get new arts and crafts often, so please come by, shop, or just browse. Keep us in mind for your Holiday shopping. After November 1, 2016 we will provide free gift wrapping.

Saa a' mu poonedooa!

Billie Jean Guerrero, Museum Director

Jackie Cawelti, Museum Attendant



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