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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Over the last century the Tribe has engaged in on-going legal disputes over the waters of the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake. Beginning with the construction of Derby Dam in 1905, diversion of Truckee River water has threatened 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 Tribal Council unanimously adopted Resolution PL11-18, which allows a withdrawal of 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 Each living enrolled member of the Tribe is eligible to receive an equal economic stimulus payment from that withdrawn amount.

The Tribal Council also created The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Economic Development Fund Trust and The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Economic Development Minor's Trust to issue economic stimulus payments to each eligible, living enrolled member. On April 6, the Tribal Council will approve the final roll, and all new applications for Tribal enrollment must be submitted to the Tribal Enrollment Office by 4:30 pm on March 30, 2018, to be considered for inclusion in this distribution. Incomplete or pending applications will not be eligible for this distribution.

Tribal Members above the age of 18 at the time of distribution will be issued an economic stimulus payment in the form of a lump sum check from the Trust. Tribal Members under the age of 18 at the time of distribution will have their economic stimulus payment placed in a minors trust account to be managed by the Trust until the eligible Tribal Member reaches an age of 18 years old.

PLEASE NOTE: The distribution is not guaranteed until the Tribe receives a final determination of the withdrawal request from the Office of the Special Trustee and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. *Chairman Vinton Hawley, March 30, 2018*

President, Education Secretary Budgets Rejected by Congress

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018 (H.R. 1625) was approved and submitted to the president that he had to sign into law before midnight on Saturday (March 24) or the government would be forced to shut down. After Trump signed the 2,232-page omnibus bill he grumbled about how "no one read it" (like he did?) and declared he'll "never sign another bill like this one again!"

The massive appropriations bill includes substantial increases for the **Bureau of Indian Affairs** and the **Indian Health Service**. It provides nearly \$3.1 billion for the BIA and more than \$5.5 billion for the Indian Health Service. It shows an increase of \$204 million for the BIA and the IHS will increase by \$498 million from previous levels.

Over a year ago, Trump wanted to cut the BIA's budget by more than \$303 million and the Indian Health Service by more than \$252 million, totally ignoring this country's obligation under trust and treaty obligations.

Overall Congress was not happy with Trump's budget proposals that were supposed to be composed in 12 separate appropriations bills for the fiscal year 2018. Instead they took all 12 appropriations bills and packaged them into one all-encompassing bill that they completed on March 21 and it will become law on March 25.

In addition to the increases for the Indian programs, other domestic health, education and environmental programs received increases. The hotly contested Planned Parenthood program was continued as well as funding for the so-called sanctuary cities—both items Trump and his conservative supporters wanted to eliminate from government funding.

However, Trump's wall received nearly \$1.6 billion that Rep. Nita Lowey (D-NY) called "a

waste of money and contrary to our national character." The Tohono O'odham and other tribes oppose a border wall through their lands.

This bill will keep the government running through the remainder of the fiscal year 2018 that expires on September 30 of this year.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs will receive \$3.1 billion that represents an increase of nearly \$204 million from 2017 levels and \$575.6 million more than Trump's request for 2018.

- \$165.1 million for self-governance compacts, an increase from current levels.
- \$1.12 million for "new tribes." Since 2017, seven tribes in Virginia have gained federal recognition.
- \$34.7 million for road maintenance.
- \$19.1 million for the Indian Child Welfare Act. The 1978 law continues to receive heavy criticism in the court systems because of repeated and protracted litigation from conservative groups.
- \$40.1 million for rights protection of tribal treaty rights, resources and lands—an area that Trump wanted to eliminate.
- \$914 million for Indian education that includes the Bureau of Indian Education, and institutions like Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.
- \$30.1 million for tribal courts, another area that Trump wanted to cut.
- \$238.2 million for education construction, a significant increase from 2017 and Trump's initial request. Indian schools have a backlog of \$643 million in maintenance and replacing the worst conditioned schools is estimated to cost billions of dollars.
- \$9.2 million for the Indian loan guarantee

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2018 PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	1	Easter
	6	Tribal Council Meeting
	20	Tribal Council Meeting
	25	Administrative Professionals Day
May	4	Tribal Council Meeting
	5	Cinco De Mayo
	12	Free Fishing Day at Pyramid Lake
	13	Mother's Day
	18	Pyramid Lake War Memorial -Sunrise Ceremony
	18	Eagle Staff Run (Celebrate Sobriety)
	17	Tribal Council Meeting
	25 – 27	Tribal Permit Fee Stations Set Up at the Lake
June	28	Memorial Day
	1	Tribal Council Meeting
	TBA	Environmental Youth Camp
	14	Flag Day
	TBA	Elders/Senior Fun Day
	15	Tribal Council Meeting
	17	Father's Day
21	Summer Begins	

FINANCIAL CORNER NEWS

This is presented in conjunction with the Chairman's article on page 1. Financial literacy is the ability to understand how money works in the world:

- How someone manages to earn or make it;
- How that person manages the money they have;
- How he/she invests it (turn it into more), and
- How that person donates it to help others.

Financial literacy is a set of skills and knowledge that allows an individual or community to make informed and effective decisions with their financial resources. Individuals must identify and set personal or community goals and align their financial resources.

What are your short-term goals (less than one year)? What are your mid-range goals (from one to five years)? What are your long-term goals? For each goal, outline how you intend to reach it, determine the cost, and how you plan to pay for it. Some goals may not require a financial cost, but a time commitment. Do your goals compete with other family member or community goals?

After setting your goals, work on managing your financial resources. A budget is a written plan for how to spend, save, and invest money. It is a tool to help you keep track of how much you earn and how much you spend. You can also use it to figure out how much you can afford to save and invest.

A budget helps you manage your cash flow. Do you have enough to pay for the things that you need, when you need them? If not, how will you manage? What sources of income do you have? What is the frequency – bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly? What are the expenses you have (housing, food, utilities, car, insurance, gas, attire, entertainment, gifts)? What is their frequency – daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly?

Budgets can be simple or complex, but they should fit you and what you are comfortable with. Paper or electronic, online or mobile – there are all kinds of budgets to work from, and don't be afraid to customize your own. Search templates on your computer under Microsoft Word or Excel, search on the Internet, or even check your mobile app store – most are free!

Review your goals to help make it easier to give up or cut back on things that are really not that important to you. Budgeting is just like anything else in life, it takes practice, so try creating simple budgets to implement them: birthday parties, back to school shopping, Christmas gifts, a special distribution. Then start working on per pay check budgets, monthly budgets, and annual budgets.

Anyone – rich or poor – can volunteer in the community with time and or money. Donating your time is a great way to learn new things and meet new people that can help with your goals. Be creative when helping others. Some areas to consider supporting: youth or senior programs; environmental issues (preserving lands); cultural or health programs; serving on a Board or Committee (being a voice in your community); or help create a new program to support.

Managing your time is another important aspect of meeting your goals, including financial goals. Set aside time to create a plan and monitor your progress - make it a priority.

Written by Breakwater Investment Group, a Native-owned independent Registered Investment Advisor, founded in 2003 by members of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska. Breakwater works with Tribal governments, Tribal enterprises, Tribal housing authorities, Tribal colleges, and individual Tribal members.

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From Natural Resources

Clean Water Rule Repealed

Congress enacted the Clean Water Act in 1972 after the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio, caught fire in 1969. It was the 13th time the river caught fire since 1868. *Time* magazine wrote that the river was so polluted that it “oozes rather than flows” and that “a person does not drown but decays.” It was at this time the Environmental Protection Agency was also created.

The premise of the Clean Water Act (CWA) was to maintain the physical, biological, and chemical integrity of the nation’s waters for the public including fishing and swimming. The nation’s waters and waterways were never defined until the Clean Water Rule (CWR) was established in 2015 to define the waters: lakes, creeks, rivers, and navigable rivers, and thereby protected under the Act. But in February 2017, two weeks into the Trump Administration, an Executive Order was signed to repeal the 2015 Clean Water Rule. In fact, during the Trump’s first year many environmental regulations were repealed and the environmental scientific and research offices were eliminated from the environmental and health agencies.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosted two technical workshops in Washington, D.C. for the tribes on March 6 and 7 to discuss revising the definition of the nation’s waters. As the Nevada representative of EPA’s Regional 9 Tribal Operations Committee, I was one of four Region 9 (NV, CA, AZ) representatives who participated in the workshop.

It is certain that the need for science, specifically the connection between surface and groundwater, and the 2015 Connectivity Study is important in determining the definition for this country’s waters. The lead EPA official David Ross of the Office of Water acknowledged that science will be factor and used as a foundation for the development of the definition. However just two weeks before to the workshop, the EPA Administrator *eliminated* the science and research divisions within the agency.

Tribal representatives shared examples and highlighted their concerns in using the now-deceased Supreme Court Justice Scalia’s narrow interpretation in the *Rapanos** decision. And it is doubtful that this administration is listening regardless of the Tribal research efforts in addition with the knowledge of career EPA staff.

We did propose a definition agreeable to those in attendance and compared it to other examples. The draft example definition language provided by Rebecca Bond, Assistant Environmental Director for Oklahoma’s Kickapoo Tribe, for discussion (please note this is an example of language provided for discussion purposes and is not an approved definition put forth by tribal leaders): *Waters of the US are waters which have a demonstrable physical, chemical or biological connection to an interstate water, a navigable water, a territorial sea, or an impoundment of a jurisdictional water. In light of the unique trust relationship between the federal government and tribes, waters of the US also include waters with which Native people have a cultural connection established through traditional or subsistence practices even if those waters do not have a demonstrable physical, chemical or biological connection to an interstate water, a navigable water, a territorial sea, or an impoundment of a jurisdictional water.* (Note: In this context, “jurisdictional water” is a phrase used in the Code



of Federal Regulations and previous EPA and the Corps of Engineer documents to refer to a “water of the United States.”)

There are a number of direct and indirect issues associated with the effort to redefine the nation’s waters. The issue of determining that an ephemeral or intermittent streams (i.e., dry bed washes and arroyos) are no longer defined as the nation’s waterways and that could mean that the water quality requirements may not apply. This creates an inability to apply the Tribe’s water quality standards. There is a list of exclusions that are under consideration to be applied to the new U.S. waters definition. Many of these exclusions include items such as wastewater treatment systems, artificial lakes and ponds, closed basins, infiltration basins, ephemeral tributaries, intermittent channels, and water storage and conveyance systems. One contention is that this list includes enough water systems and waterways that could be excluded from all water quality requirements and compliance with water quality expectations.

Our involvement will continue to apply the best information and knowledge-based experience for the federal government to understand that the aesthetic quality of water and the enjoyment it brings has to be of an acceptable quality. The current Administration has eliminated many environmental regulations and controls that protect our environment. Our Department is monitoring the action being taken by the various agencies that are supposed to protect our environment instead of eliminating those protections.

Noxious Weeds. The Tribal Noxious Weeds program will be ramping up of its responsibilities as the spring months begin to warm and plants and trees are changing from dormancy to active life. It is acknowledged that certain weeds are more aggressive than the natural grasses and vegetation. The Tribal Noxious Weeds program has a treatment plan for a number of weeds that it intends to treat for control. These include tamarisk, tall white-top, Russian Olives, Russian knapweed, purple loosestrife, and curly dock.

These noxious weeds are prevalent throughout the Truckee River corridor and in areas throughout the grazing areas on the reservation.

For those at home who are looking to eliminate these weeds from your yards, it is advised that you conduct the removal through mechanical and bio-control methods. Physical removal is an effective method along with planting native grasses and other native plants in places where noxious weeds are present. Chemical application is a method that requires more control measures so that native vegetation is not eliminated. Chemicals used may require a chemical certification for the type of chemical used and its applicator. This will assure that the proper method is used to eradicate unwanted weeds, shrubs, and trees.

The Tribal Noxious Weeds program is limited to the Truckee River corridor, certain areas of the Tribal irrigation delivery system, and in grazing areas. Unfortunately, the grant does not allow control and treatment in areas that are under individual control such as land assignments or residential yards.

Cultural Places. It is important that everyone recognize that there are many places on the reservation where cultural resources exist. Whenever anyone observes suspicious activity in areas on the reservation where people may be present in secluded or in known areas of cultural significance, please report it to the Pyramid Lake Police Department and to the Pyramid Lake Ranger Department at (775) 574-1014 or to the dispatch at (775) 574-0444.

Mervin Wright Jr., Water Resources Dept.

**Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006), was a Supreme Court case challenging federal jurisdiction to regulate isolated wetlands under the Clean Water Act. It was the first major environmental case heard by the newly appointed Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justice Samuel Alito.

The Supreme Court heard the case on Feb. 21, 2006 and issued a decision on June 19, 2006.

News from the Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center

The year is off to a running start again!! It seems like the year began just a few days ago, but we're already into the second quarter. Last year we had a total of 7,763 visitors who came to the museum. We've learned on a daily basis that most of our visitors are first-timers. They may have driven by numerous times, but didn't actually stop. The word is getting out that the Museum is here and the doors are open!

This year is the 20-year anniversary when the museum officially opened in August 1998. Help us celebrate a very happy occasion by promoting the museum to your family and friends. Displays are constantly changing and new displays are created about our tribal history and culture. There is a lot to see as observed by our local tribal community members who frequently stop by. We are still recruiting Veteran photos since we don't have all of the tribal veterans. Please provide a photo if you have a family member veteran that is not currently displayed. Visitors are impressed with all of our veterans, yet they only see half of those who have served in each of the military branches. Photos will be scanned and returned to the family.

Efforts are continuously made to promote tourism as the only tribal museum in the State of Nevada along our beautiful Pyramid Lake Scenic Byway. The museum has a great advertisement created by Jackie for the Fernley Chamber of Commerce that attracts local and outside visitors. The museum is still part of the Indian Territory group under the Nevada State Department of Tourism. The Pyramid Lake Museum was recently named as one of the top places to visit in Nevada by the *Travel Nevada* magazine.

Billie Jean will be attending the upcoming Tribal Tourism Conference and serving on a panel entitled, "Stewards of Our Past and Present". The Conference will be held at the Hard Rock Casino in South Lake Tahoe on April 23-25. The Conference theme is "Revitalizing Culture through Tourism".

Billie Jean will also participate on the Stewart

Indian School Cultural Center planning group. The group will be meeting with Gallagher & Associates for an Exhibit Kickoff in April. Planning is underway to give direction for the display options. Renovations will begin in July with the expected opening of the Cultural Center in 2019. A blessing will be held prior to construction work. The Stewart Indian School opened in December 1890 with 37 students from the Washoe, Paiute and Shoshone tribes. Vocational training was the school's primary focus until a shift to academics occurred in the late 1960's. The school closed in 1980 due to federal budget cuts and earthquake safety issues with the masonry buildings. The Stewart Indian School is listed on the National Registrar of Historic Places.

Self-sufficiency is very important to continue services in this day and age. The museum is working hard to increase our revenues with a full stock of inventory, so we can keep our facility maintained and make the necessary improvements for a positive public image. It's been a busy time, as usual, with managing budgets, updating inventory, submitting taxes, making 2018 files, and performing grant goals and objectives. A new payroll system was implemented at the beginning of the year, and a brief furlough. Thankfully, the furlough was cancelled when the federal government approved a continuing resolution for the budget. It reminds us of how dependent we are with federal funding for our tribal services.

Winter is generally a slow time for visitors depending on the weather. Since it's been an oddly warm winter, we had a few groups come to visit. For the second year in a row, the Brazilian Youth Leadership Ambassadors Group held a cultural exchange with the Pyramid Lake High School students and museum. The University of Nevada Literature class and Nevada Sage Waldorf School also came for group tours and cultural presentations. Since spawning starts in March, many schools schedule their visits to include tours of the fish hatcheries. It's been great to see the pelicans already making their yearly migrations to Pyramid Lake. Starting in April, the museum will be hosting the Mendive Middle School and the Cultural Landscapes Tour.

One of our visitors recently gifted the museum with sand from Iwo Jima in memory of the native marines who raised the flag there. This was a very special tribute to the veterans who served and continue to serve this country. The late Ira Hayes is most known

for his role in raising the flag at Iwo Jima, but there was actually a Pyramid Lake Paiute who was also part of that heroic action. A white flag was signed by those heroes and will soon be presented in Washington, D.C. at a Marine honoring ceremony.

A Basket Weaving gathering was held on February 17 and 18 at the Pyramid Lake High School. The project was to make a Tsowono'o (cradleboard hood). People traveled long distances for the gathering: Montana, Oregon, Arizona, California, Idaho, and our local tribes. It was highly successful with the number of people, and participants leaving with a finished product. It's inspiring to listen and learn from experienced weavers. Everyone has their own style, "tricks of the trade," and enjoy sharing their cultural knowledge of the traditional arts. It was a great time!!



Native Song Nights were held on February 28 and March 28. Attendance was overwhelming, even with the threat of a severe storm. Everyone enjoyed sharing their special songs in an open forum. The stories and explanations of the songs were interesting and fun. The evenings were set with a high sense of respect and humility. It was awesome to experience the power of our traditional songs passed down from generation to generation. It's important to keep these songs alive!! Keep an eye out for more song nights and other events.

The Numu Book Club is still reading "As Long As the River Shall Run" by Martha C. Knack and Omer C. Stewart. The selected read is an ethnohistory of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. Meetings are held every other week at the Museum. Book Club Members can purchase a book at a discount rate for \$25.00.



Basket weavers learning to make a Tsowono'o





The Gift Shop has new items, including Native deck/skate shoes, boots, native design shawls and scarves, queen size blankets, duffel bags (small and large), and more stencil design purses. Coming soon will be children books, guide books on Wildflowers, Wildlife, and Birds, and pop-up stands for your cell phones. Remember for all of the upcoming birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and other special events are approaching fast. There's an assortment of perfect gifts for all ages, sizes, and tastes.

Saa a' Mu Poonedoo!
Billie Jean Guerrero, Museum Director
Jackie Cawelti, Museum Attendant



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Tribal Land Office Report

Business has been booming at the Land Office, since the doors have opened. The office located up at the Higher Ed modular at the south end of the Nixon Gym. We've been having an higher interest from members looking for home sites and larger ag sites.

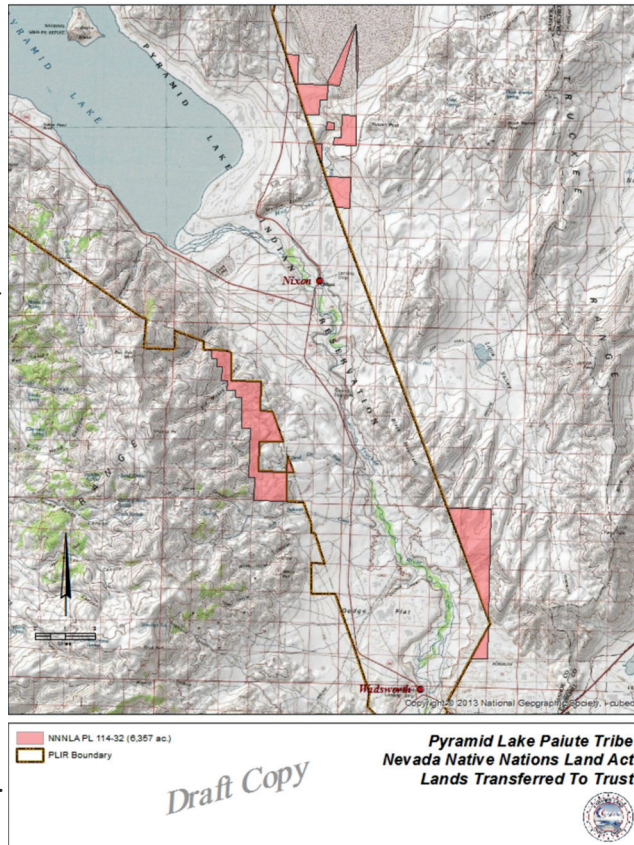
Some of the projects that I've been busy with is primarily all tribally control land within the existing boundaries of PLIR.

One of the recent projects is the acquisition of additional land that forms the new and revised reservation boundary. The tribe has acquired an additional 6,357 acres through the Nevada Native Nations Land Act in October of 2016.

The new areas are primarily on the southern portion of the reservation (red parcels).

Another project we're involved with is the Washoe County Public Lands Bill, basically this consists of federal land parcels that will be up for sale to public entities for use in conservation, recreational and infrastructure. PLPT has submitted for parcels we feel will be beneficial to the tribe and members. The Tribe has made submission stating valid points for why the land should be included to the existing land boundary. Currently, the Tribe and Washoe County are in discussions of the possibility of including our request to the Land Bill. Among the various departments who have contributed to this effort are Council members, Natural Resources, Water Quality, Environmental, Land Office, etc.

Among the many other projects the Land Office is involved with is, of course, the



management of the tribal land assignments, home sites, addresses, utility mapping, roads, range/grazing units on the rez. Assisted with mapping the Flood damaged areas and the Wildfire perimeters that destroyed rangeland here on PLIR.

I have also collaborated with outside agencies such as Washoe County GIS for addressing in the three (3) communities, NDOT, BLM, BIA, Nevada Division of Water Resources, Census Bureau, etc.

Land & Resource Committee

One important item that the Committee would like to have community input on, is the updating of each assignment holder's successors names. Some of the names listed are really old and unfortunately have passed on. This is an important part of consideration when it comes to re-assigning the assignment.

So, all each assignee would need to do to update their current file is to fill out an application with new successor names if change is needed. Each of the successors listed must be current Pyramid Lake Tribal members.

This short task can be completed with the Tribal Secretary and Receptionist at the Tribal Administration Office or you can stop by my office at the Higher Ed building #100.

In filling out a Land Application, please make sure all the blanks are populated. In the event that some are left blank, your application may be considered incomplete and possibly delay the process. This may cause the app to be tabled at the committee level. When submitting application for a home conveyance make sure a copy of the deed/title to the home is included, plus other pertinent documents you've obtained from Housing. A site map furnished from Housing is fine, in addition to a map prepared by this office.

Richard Frazier, Tribal Land Manager

Continuous Water Quality Monitoring

Water is important in every aspect of our lives. We depend on water for drinking, bathing, recreation, and growing crops. Water has two aspects that are closely associated: quantity and quality. Water quality is the biological, chemical and physical properties of water. Sustaining water quality is important in protecting human health, as well as maintaining the ecological processes that support native fish populations, wildlife and vegetation. Water quality is particularly important to the Tribe because its surface waters are home to the Lahontan cutthroat trout and cui-ui. These native fish are culturally significant to the Tribe and serve as major source of revenue for Pyramid Lake's world-renown fishing. Monitoring of water quality is crucial in pinpointing trends or changes over time and identifying existing or future water quality issues.

The Tribe's Water Quality Program protects the Reservation's waters through data collection and analysis to determine sources of pollution and management strategies for improving water quality. The Water Quality Program conducts monthly monitoring at five sites along the lower Truckee River and works with the Pyramid Lake Fisheries to monitor two sites on Pyramid Lake. While monthly monitoring is useful in determining long-term trends, monitoring once per month only captures a snapshot of that particular moment in time. Water quality can change frequently and it's difficult observe natural patterns and trends in changing conditions. That is why in 2017, the Water Quality Program implemented continuous monitoring on the Truckee River in Wadsworth and Nixon.

Continuous monitoring, compared to instantaneous monthly monitoring, involves using a device that collects data at a specified interval for an extended period of time. Continuous monitor-



ing offers a more complete picture of the changing conditions within the Truckee River and can capture episodic events, such as high flows during floods or low flows during droughts.

The Water Quality Program recently constructed the continuous monitoring stations on the footbridge near Virginia Street in Wadsworth

and the SR 447 Bridge in Nixon. The state-of-the-art monitoring stations collect measurements in 15-minute intervals including temperature, oxygen, salinity and sediment loading. Each station transmits data through an online service, which allows the program to monitor water quality from a remote location 24-hours per day. The stations also determines how water quality has changed as the river flows from Wadsworth to Nixon.

While each monitoring station is complete, equipment at the Nixon Station has not yet been deployed. ***Since its construction, the Nixon Station has been repeatedly vandalized. The first time involved the plastic casing in the middle of the bridge, crushed by a heavy object that damaged the tubing and the wiring inside. It was immediately destroyed again after it was repaired, delaying the equipment's deployment until a solution can be found to prevent further vandalism.***

If you notice any suspicious activity at either monitoring station, please call the Police Department at (775) 574-1014, or the Natural

Resources Department at (775) 574-0101 ext. 19.

If you're interested in learning more about the Tribe's Water Quality Program, please visit www.plptwq.org.

*Kameron Morgan, Water Quality Manager
Natural Resources Department*

Pyramid Lake Hatchery News



Wadsworth Day Care children visit the Hatchery to poke at the trout.

Look to the Stars! Kooyooe Tukadu Youth Camp 2018

The Pyramid Lake Natural Resources Department is holding its annual Environmental Summer Youth Camp from June 12-14, 2018, for youth ages 11-15. The 3-day, 2-night camp will be held at the S-S Ranch located near Wadsworth.



The camp is a great way for youth to learn about their local environment and participate in a variety of cultural activities. The previous years' camps were successful and participants enjoyed learning and having fun! The camp's activities include a traditional feast, swimming at Pyramid Lake, stargazing, along with a variety of cultural and environmental workshops.



The deadline for applying to the camp is June 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm – spots are limited. For more information, or for a downloadable camper application, please visit the Water Quality Program's website at www.plptwq.org/youthcamp. Alternatively, contact Patrick John at pjohn@plpt.nsn.us or Ellen Wilson at ewilson@plpt.nsn.us.

Hope to see you there!

If you have a group that would like to observe our spawning activities call our Hatchery office at (775) 476-0500 to schedule a tour.

The 2018 Spawn season is upon us. Pyramid Lake Fisheries (PLF) had the first spawn of the season on March 20, 2018. This season PLF plans on collecting and incubating approximately 800,000 Lahontan Cutthroat (LCT) eggs at the Numana Hatchery.

The PLF crew crowd up the LCT in the spawn channel and separate the fish, picking out the females that are ripe with eggs and the males within the optimal size range, for reproduction.

The female fish are stripped of their eggs and males are milked into bowls and cold fresh water is added to start the fertilization process. The eggs are then cleaned of debris and water hardened in an iodine solution, then transported to the hatchery.

These eggs take about 40-45 days to hatch in incubators before the fry are placed in tanks in the hatchery. They are then put on a feeding schedule of special commercial fish food for the next 4 months.

In the hatchery, with optimal conditions (water temperature, food, tank density) they will grow about an inch a month. Most of these fingerlings will be released back into the lake by mid-October at 4 inches or so.

There are 8 spawns planned for this season.

2018 PLPT Kooyooe Tukadu Environmental Youth Camp

June 12-14, 2018



Come join the Environmental staff at S-S Ranch for the 5th annual summer youth camp. Learn the cultural importance and natural resource use of our Paiute ancestors as well as current environmental issues. This camp is filled with fun activities and students will learn the value of natural resources.

For volunteer applications
email
envassistant@plpt.nsn.us

For applications, or more information, contact the
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Natural Resources Office
(775) 574-0101



Overnight Camping!
At S-S Ranch
Ages 11-15
Limited Space for
only 20 students

Applications due by:
June 4th




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News from the Emergency Response Department

NEW FLEET ADDITIONS

Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue EMS Department works diligently to provide you the best of service and care while working with limited resources. It was a challenge at times when we work with older equipment and vehicles. So it is with great pleasure that we share this good news with you, our community members.

At the end of the 2017 our Emergency Response Coordinator, Donald Pelt learned that Las Vegas Fire & Rescue were retiring several of their first string vehicles. These emergency vehicles were in good condition and Las Vegas Fire & Rescue and the Las Vegas City Council were seeking to sell them at a low price to local agencies and rural departments in Nevada. Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue EMS fit that criteria and after we reached out to them we became their first priority for this purchase.

On January 19, 2018, Emergency Response Coordinator, Donald Pelt approached the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council for permission to begin negotiations with Las Vegas Fire & Rescue for their available fire and medical vehicles. The Tribal Council gave their approval to move forward during their January 19, 2018 meeting. On January 23, the staff and volunteers of the Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue EMS Department travelled to Las Vegas to pick up the 2-Fire and 2-EMS vehicles and brought them home the same day.

We are proud to welcome to the Pyramid Lake fleet, 2-Pierce Quantum Engines and 2 International 4200 MedTech Ambulances. We thank the Las Vegas City Council and their Fire & Rescue for their support and generosity. Their positive contribution to the Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue EMS Department and the communities of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation will be appreciated for many years to come.



Members of Pyramid Lake Fire EMS and the Las Vegas Fire Rescue Departments

NEW MEMBERS

PLFR-EMS is proud to welcome three new members to our volunteer roster: **Brian Cain**, **Monika NewMoon** and **Patricia Victor**. These three bring a lot to the table, please join us in welcoming them to the department!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness and weapons of mass destruction. CERT offers training in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. With CERT

training, you can help protect your family, neighbors, and co-workers if a disaster occurs. Workshop Dates: To Be Determined

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE PYRAMID LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Watch. “Since its beginning, Neighborhood Watch has grown from an “extra eyes and ears” approach to crime prevention to a much more proactive, community oriented endeavor providing a unique infrastructure that brings together local officials, law enforcement, and citizens for the protection of their communities.

Today’s Watch Group programs incorporate activities that not only address crime prevention issues, but also restores pride and unity to a neighborhood. Our nation is built on the strength of our citizens.

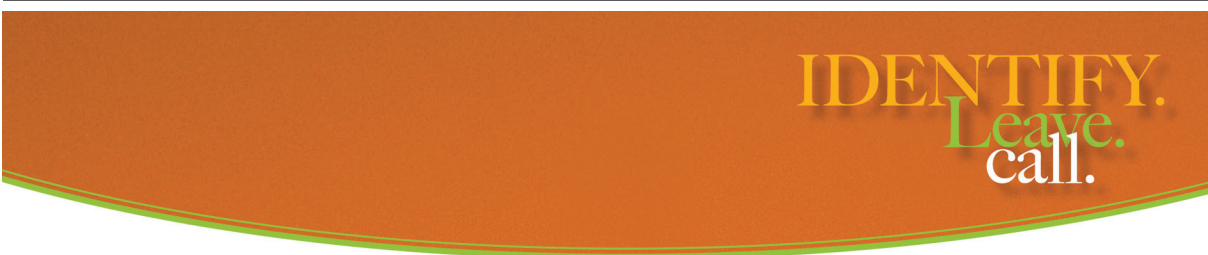
Every day, we encounter situations calling upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement. Not only does neighborhood watch allow citizens to help in the fight against crime, it is also an opportunity for communities to bond through service.

The Neighborhood Watch Program draws upon the compassion of average citizens, asking them to lend their neighbors a hand.” (Excerpt from *National Neighborhood Watch* website) Workshop Dates: To Be Determined

Once the dates, locations and times are finalized these event postings will be at the Tribal Administration, Enterprises and local Post Office bulletin boards. We are also available on Facebook and will post updates on our pages. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PLPDNV/>



Pierce Quantum Engines & International MedTech Ambulances



Trust your senses to identify a natural gas

SMELL a distinct sulfur-like odor, similar to rotten eggs, even if it's faint or momentary

HEAR a hissing or roaring coming from a pipeline below or above-ground.

SEE dirt or water blowing into the air, unexplained dead or dying grass or plants, or standing water continuously bubbling.



Suspect a leak:

- **Exit** the area or building immediately. Tell others to evacuate and leave doors open.
- From a safe place, **call** 911 AND your local natural gas company or Paiute Pipeline at 1-800-624-2153, day or night. A Paiute Pipeline representative will be there as soon as possible.
- **Don't** smoke or use matches or lighters.
- **Don't** turn on or off any electrical switches, thermostats, or appliance controls, or do anything that can cause a spark.
- **Don't** start or stop an engine, or use an automated door.



A Subsidiary of Southwest Gas Corporation



DIAL 911
for
Police * Fire
*** Medical**
Emergency

To Contact the PLFR-EMS Department:
Non-Emergency Contact Number:
(775) 560-4417, Email: plfr/ems@plpt.nsn.us

To Contact the Police/Ranger Department:
Non-Emergency Contact Number:
(775) 574-0444

Police Department Front Desk:
(775) 574-1014, Email: police@plpt.nsn.us

Numana Wetland Restoration

BREAKING GROUND

As Spring arrives, the Natural Resource Department will be hard at work to restore the Numana Wetland. During the 2017 flood, the board walks were severely damaged. Work to repair the board walks, signs, and improvements to the native plant populations are planned for April. We encourage any local resident interested in participating in these efforts, to contact the Wetland Specialist for more information on how they can contribute.

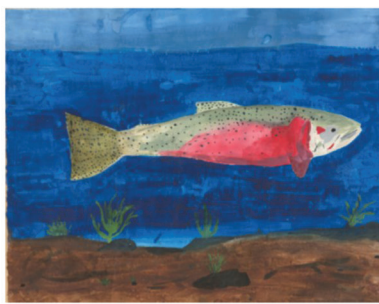
April 5th

April 10th

April 12th

CALL FOR LOCAL ARTIST

During these repairs, new informational signs will be installed to replace the vandalized ones. Students at Pyramid Lake High School have contributed a number of art pieces for the project, and many more are needed; artists interested in further submissions please contact the Wetland Specialist for further details. Submitted artwork will be included into the production of new signs.



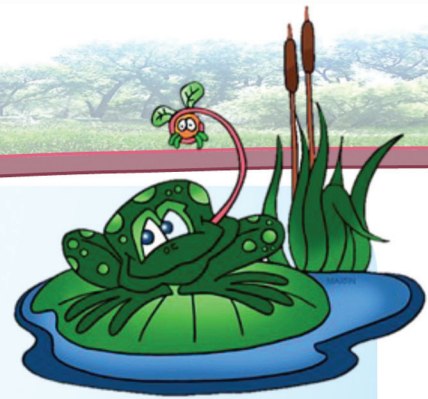
IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING !

Efforts to restore the Numana Wetland is an effort to not only preserve our wetlands, but to increase the amount of natural space for recreational activities. This area is for collecting native plants, bird watching, and to simply enjoy nature. Numana is an asset to our community.

Vandalism and misuse of the area for firewood harvest and cattle grazing has diminished its vigor. Previously established signs have been vandalized to the point they were removed, and the preexisting wetland observation deck was stolen from Numana Wetland in previous years.

A vast amount of Tribal resources is going into restoring the wetland. We encourage any community member that sees suspicious activity to report it to Tribal Police.

We also would greatly appreciate members to close gates and help keep the cattle out



Activities to do at Numana

- ◆ Bird Watching
- ◆ Wetland Walk
- ◆ Native Plant Collecting
- ◆ Family Picnic

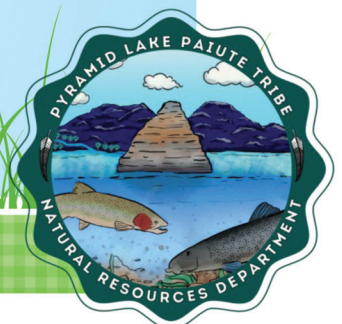
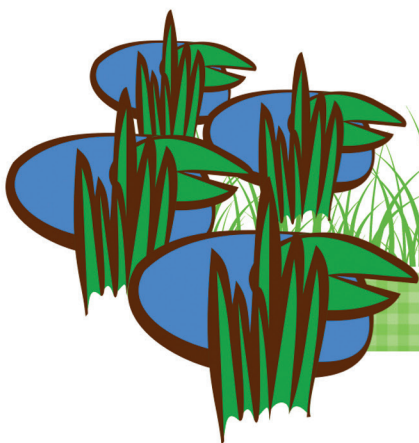
Emily Gibson

Wetland Specialist

egibson@plpt.nsn.us

(775) 574-0101 ex. 25

This wetland walk was built for our community and our youth. It is our responsibility to insure it is there for generations to come.



Greetings from the Technology Office

Over the course of the next few issues of the newspaper we will be informing you about the Tribal computer network that was built and installed from 2010 through 2013.

The Node

The node is a building that houses our computer equipment used for communications throughout the Tribe. It is what connects us to the Internet (World Wide Web: WWW) and is also used for internal communications. Currently we have three nodes that the Tribe owns and one node that we share in Reno.

Starting with the Reno node that is where our connection to the rest of the world is terminated. From there the fiber optic lines run to our node in Wadsworth. Then we have connections to our other sites in Nixon and Sutcliffe.

The nodes are important because they house all of the equipment that determines where the fiber optic lines go and how it communicates with the network. Examples of the equipment within the node are Fiber switches, Servers, and power backup equipment. Included in the three nodes the Tribe owns are two battery bays that provide 48-volt power to the fiber equipment. It also provides a buffer for a day or so if the generator fails to start in a major power outage.



A reasonable facsimile

Also at each location is a propane generator that will automatically start and provide all of the power in case of a major power outage. We saw them in use during the Sutcliffe fire last year when the power was out for days. Our generators were able to keep our equipment up and running during that time.

Fiber Optics

This is different from normal networking that you may see in your home or even within the office. A fiber optic is a little strand of glass,

not much bigger than a strand of hair, that can communicate over long distances. They work by allowing beams of light to travel through them. The beams of light are seen and translated by the fiber switches for communication. The switches are responsible for making sure that your communications go to their intended place or destination. In each office there are standard Ethernet cabled switches with a fiber port that communicate directly to the nodes in your respective community. This allows your data to either communicate within the Tribal infrastructure or with the outside world.

Please join us in the next issue as we discuss servers and the security both from physical and digital threats.

Steven Wadsworth, Technology Office

Law Enforcement Overview

There were 4855 calls for service.

Arrests: 52 native and 43 non-natives	
Domestic Assault/Battery	18
Assault/Battery	6
Home Invasion	3
Sex Crimes	2
Driving under the influence	12
Drugs	4
Disorderly Conduct	5
Grand Theft Auto	3
Warrants	42

Reports Taken:

Domestic Violence	67
Home Invasion	9
Assault/Battery	13
Child Abuse	16
Sex Crimes	10
Drugs	10
Theft	20
Grand Theft Auto	13
Vandalism	17

Traffic Accidents and Citations:

Vehicle Accidents	36
Citations	672

Ranger Activity:

Citations	481
Animal Calls	144
Boat Checks	508
Permit Checks	9234
Rescues	35

Fire and Emergency Report

This is the service summary is for the month of February 2018 and is the monthly recap of the Department's activities plus the year to date.

	Current month	Year to date
Calls for service	46	107
EMS calls	33	80
Tribal members transported	11	28
Others transported	6	8
Special service	5	8
House fire	0	0
Wildland fire	0	0
Other fires	1	8
Mutual aid given	1	3
Mutual aid received	2	2
Billable transports	18	37



Presents

Holistic Land Management Workshop

Hosted by The PLPT Environmental's Rangeland Inventory & Assessment Program

Sponsored by TERO "To build workforce capacity."

Friday & Saturday, April 6th & 7th, 2018

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Nixon Gym, 301 Hwy 447
Nixon, NV

Please bring a dish to share

Workshop will include Ranch Tour



Free for Tribal Farmers & Ranchers

Please join us to learn how to work with your land to produce better cattle operation outcomes.

Featured Speaker: Spencer Smith is a rancher and owner/operator of the Jefferson Center for Holistic Land Management. He became an accredited field professional and consultant for the Savory Institute in 2014. He consults internationally, helping farmers and ranchers to develop regenerative business models to improve soil and agricultural production.



Photo Courtesy: jeffersonhub.com/about-us/

For more information:

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Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him.

Important Information on the “Oil Pit” in Nixon

The Tribal Response Program has designated the “oil pit” (left) located on South Hollywood Road in Nixon as a brownfield site. Soils at the site are currently contaminated with used motor oil that often times contains heavy metals and other harmful substances such as lead, chromium, cadmium, arsenic, and dioxins as a result of a vehicle’s engine’s wear and tear.

Since any used oil that is dumped on the ground could eventually make its way into the groundwater or surface water like the Truckee River. Changing vehicle motor oil is no longer allowed at the site and is also considered **illegal dumping**.

Before we dump any toxic materials into our waters and soils, let us all please remember the recent efforts many activists made to protect our Mother Earth during the protests against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline.



“Oil Pit” site in Hollywood

For more information, please contact Ruben Ramos, Tribal Response Program Coordinator, at 775-574-0101, ext. 10 or visit the PLPT Brownfields Website at plptbrownfields.org



PUD News

The Pyramid Lake Public Utilities District would like to thank Chief Christopher Parsons with the Pyramid Lake Police Department for all the assistance he has provided to the program recently.

PLEASE be advised on garbage pick-up days that are windier than normal, please place a heavy item on top of your garbage can to prevent it from being blown over. This will prevent litter in your neighborhood and help keep the dogs out of your trash.



Thank you, PUD Staff



Map showing location of “Oil Pit” site



A Lakota man locks himself to construction equipment in protest during the protests against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. *Photo by Desiree Kane*

You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin. Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground they spit upon themselves. This we know. The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected.

— Chief Seattle

Agricultural Best Management Practices For Sustainable Farming







The future of agriculture depends on our ability to properly manage our natural resources, such as soil, water, and air. Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) are designed to address all of these needs. BMPs are practical, cost-effective actions that agricultural producers can implement to reduce the amount of pesticides, fertilizers, animal waste, and other pollutants entering our water resources. Agricultural practices that have important economic and environmental benefits include:

- Laser Leveling Fields
- Highly Erodible Agricultural Land Retirement
- Riparian Forest or Grass Buffers
- Tree Planting
- Nutrient Management Plans
- Cover Crops
- Stream Protection with Fencing and Off-site Watering
- Creating Conservation Plans
- Prescribed Grazing Systems
- Alternative Uses of Manure
- Animal Waste Management
- Horse Pasture Management

For more information, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Northern Nevada Office at (775) 857-8500 or the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Natural Resource Department at (775) 574-0101, Ext. 13.




Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Repatriates Ancestral Remains

NIXON—After being kept crates and storage boxes on shelves at the Nevada State Museum’s Curatorial Center for over five decades, over 100 ancestral remains were finally brought home for reburial.

In mid-January, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) Betty Aleck, members of the Cultural Resources Committee (CRC), and staff members from the tribe’s maintenance department traveled to the curatorial center in Carson City to reclaim their ancestors and funerary items to return them to native soil.

“It’s something we needed to do. It had to be done. And as Indian people we have to take care of our ancestors,” said CRC member Dean Barlese. Ralph Burns, CRC member, agreed saying, “I’m glad we did it and we learned from it.”

The 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) allow federally recognized tribes to claim and bring ancestral remains back to tribal lands for reburial. The Act provides for the repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary objects, objects of cultural patrimony and sacred objects from museum, universities and other institutions to tribes who can demonstrate cultural affiliation. All institutions (both public and private) that receive federal funding are required to catalog and inventory Native American remains and cultural items in their collections and to consult with Native American tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations regarding the return of these items.

Many of the remains repatriated by the THPO and CRC were ancestors who were removed from tribal land during the 1900-1960s. The inventory of human remains and funerary objects



Pictured are community members who helped out with the repatriation. Back row (l-r): Charlene Dressler, Carla Eben, Carl Sampson. Middle row (l-r): Brady Harry, Samuel Harry, Ben Aleck, Leona Collins, James Plympton, CRC member. Front row (l-r): Dean Barlese, CRC member, Ralph Burns, CRC member, Buck Sampson, CRC member, Heidi Barlese, Orville Barlese, CRC member.

for the most recent repatriation was finally completed 2017, which allowed the tribe to file a claim on the remains and funerary objects. Mr. Burns; however, questioned why the repatriation efforts took so long considering many of the remains were removed decades ago. Dean Barlese added that although NAGPRA allows tribes to repatriate their ancestors the law is “lacking in a lot of areas,” adding, “We shouldn’t have to prove they’re related to us.”

The PLPT was able to prove cultural

affiliation defined as a shared group identity. Typically tribes provide proof of affiliation by establishing a preponderance of evidence through oral traditions, written history, scientific proof, and/or location of the remains. However, in some cases the remains are the subject of destructive analysis such as Carbon-14 dating and mitochondrial DNA analyses. The Tribe; however, passed a resolution years ago objecting to destructive analysis on human remains and cultural objects.

The THPO received a grant from NAGPRA in 2014, since then three repatriations have taken place using those funds including two children from the Elephant Mountain Caves and 11 human remains that were stored at Arizona State Museum. The most recent repatriation, however, included the largest number of human remains and funerary items to be reburied. Overall, the THPO and CRC have participated in numerous reburials due to inadvertent discoveries and other repatriation projects not funded by NAGPRA.

Prior to bringing the remains home, THPO and CRC members worked with tribal departments to ensure the process ran smoothly. The THPO said, “We reached out to a number of tribal departments seeking assistance in this endeavor and everyone stepped up to the plate. It was a true collaborative effort.” Departments that assisted the THPO and CRC were the tribal maintenance department, Fire and Ambulance Service, Parks and Recreation, and a number of tribal members and staff who worked to prepare the remains and funeral objects for reburials.

The THPO and CRC would like to thank all the individuals and departments who helped in this repatriation project.

The tribe has always been committed to repatriating their ancestors. The original NAGPRA Committee, formed in 1994, sought to repatriate the two children from Elephant Mountain. The original committee included, Lorraine Wadsworth, Mervin Wright Sr., Virginia Barlese, Maurice Eben, Orville Barlese, Dean Barlese and Mervin Wright Jr. Unfortunately, some of the original members did not see the Elephant Mountain repatriation come to fruition as they have since passed on.

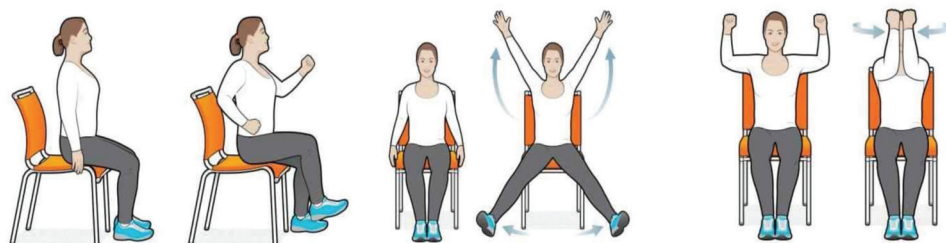
Betty J. Aleck, THPO Museum

Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic ELDER FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM Presents YOGA—CHAIR EXERCISES with Chelsie Eben

THIRD and FOURTH WEDNESDAYS

- WADSWORTH/BROWN BLDG—10:15 AM
- NIXON/NUMAGA SR. CTR—11:00 AM

Yoga—Chair Exercises helps to improve strength and balance, this in turn helps prevent falls



\$20 Gift Card for Elders who attend 2 classes.

Pyramid Lake Tribal Recreation Program

Despite the weather, Spring is upon us. We all know that this is Nevada weather: snow, sunshine, rain, sunshine, wind, and more sunshine!

The months of January and February have been very busy for our Recreation Department. In January we assisted the Sumunumu Program with their GONA training. The Sumunumu program did well as many community members participated in the training.

We are happy to report that the Heater/AC system has been completely installed in the gym, we look forward to see how they work in the hot months of summer.

Youth Basketball

We are thankful for the coaches, parents and volunteers who donate their team throughout the Youth Basketball season. We have had 11 teams practice from November to early March getting their teams prepared for the season. It was fun seeing the progress the youth made and see them represent our area in the tournaments, weekend after weekend. We have had more than 110 young people participate in youth basketball throughout the year. Thanks again to everyone for a



great season! We look forward to next year with Youth Basketball.

It also was good to see the Pyramid Lake HS/MS teams utilize our gym and have their games at the Nixon Community gym throughout their seasons. The community support for the PLHS/MS teams was great as well.

Activities Planned

Spring Day Camp is planned for the last week of Spring Break on April 2 through 5. It is for elementary students in grades K-6. MS students are also welcome if they would like to attend. The students will be working with Ben Aleck, a local artist, on a mural painting.

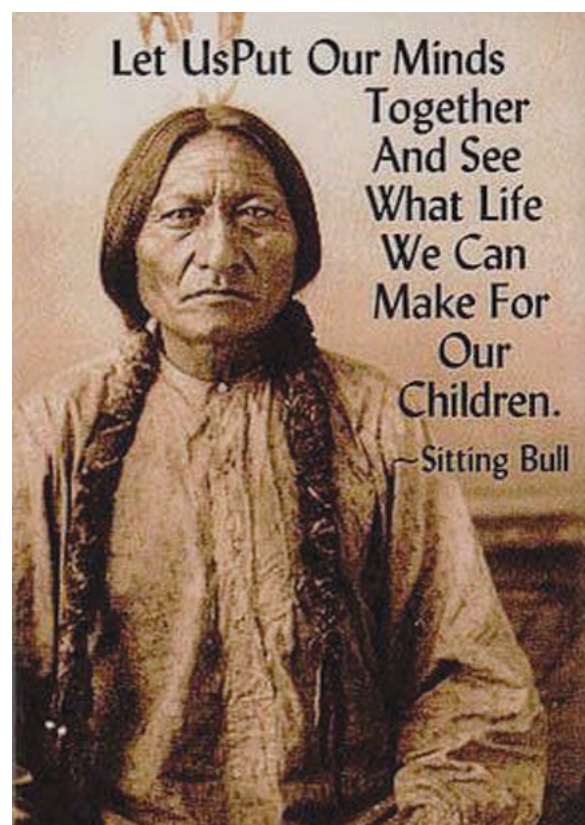
Teen Basketball

Gym is available for Teen Basketball on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Please contact the Recreation office if you are interested. **Adult Volleyball** is on Monday and Wednesday evenings for anyone interested. Please come and join everyone for an evening of volleyball.

If you would like more information please contact Tribal Recreation at 574-2409.

Enjoy our Spring weather!

Janet Davis, Recreation Director



Please Join the Pyramid Lake Victim Services Program

April 8th—14th

For Our “Crime Victims’ Rights Week Events”

“Expand the Circle, Reach All Victims”



Beginning Crime Victims’ Rights Week **April 8th, in the Tribal Chambers from 3-4:30pm**, opening prayer, a brief description of Crime Victims’ Rights Week & Guest Speakers.

We will have quilt blocks for survivors to put their expressions/remembrances on at the following dates and locations:

- April 9th (5-6:30pm) - PL Marina, Sutcliffe
- April 10th (5-6:30pm) - Tribal Chambers, Nixon
- April 11th (5-6:30pm) - Victim Services Office, Wadsworth

(Lite Refreshments will be served each day)

The Victim Service Staff will provide survivors of homicide victims with flowers to place on their loved ones graves on the following dates:

- April 12th (3-5pm) - Nixon Cemetery
- April 13th (3-5pm) - Wadsworth Cemetery

End Crime Victims’ Rights Week on **April 14th 5:30-7:30pm at Victim Service Office**, with presentation of quilt, Remembrance Walk (*FREE T-SHIRTS for participants*), Guest Speakers & potluck.

This project was supported by a National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project sub-grant awarded by the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators under a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, & the U.S. Department of Justice.

Transportation Planning Department News

The flood projects on Surprise Valley Road on the north end of Pyramid Lake are in the planning phases with Federal Highways Emergency Relief for Federally-Owned Roads (ERFO) program coordinators to complete these road repairs. The Transportation Planning Department had decided that the fixes and oversight of the project would best be served by having Federal Highways provides the fund and complete the project.

The Sutcliffe Drive repair (picture at left) is underway right now with funds from ERFO plus the Transportation Planning Department funds to repair the washed out area on Hard Scrabble Creek near Crosby's Lodge. This project is scheduled to be completed within the next ninety days starting on March 5, 2018.

The Transportation Planning Department is happy to be involved with this project and is hopeful that the fixes will provide a sound solution to this areas flood risks in the future.

The Transportation Safety Coordinator is working on addressing the challenges pointed out in the 2015 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Comprehensive Transportation Safety Plan (a copy can be found at www.plpt.nsn.us). One of



the elements of the plan indicates that young drivers are more at risk on our roadways due to the lack of driver education making poor choices on the road more prevalent in Indian Country for drivers under the age of 35.

To address this challenge the department has partnered with safety consultant Carrie Brown, National Indian Justice Center to conduct an "Alive at 25" driver safety training. The five hour training consists of instruction on how to make educated decisions while driving and informs the

students on the factual statistics that apply to the younger than 25 age group in American and in Indian Country.



Our first training was held on March 17 at the Pyramid Lake High School Library with 6 attendees. It was a fun day full of learning and hands on activities. Each participant earned a certificate of completion which can be used to reduce their insurance costs as well as give them the knowledge of how to make good choices on the roadways to keep themselves safe.

Future trainings will be in the works in the near future



The Safety Seat program is steaming ahead with approximately 27 seats distributed this grant year alone. We are hopeful that we can continue to get the funding to continue this program well into the future with the goal of keeping our families safe on our roadways.



Immunize! Protect Our Community!

Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic

Hello Pyramid Lake Communities from our nursing staff. We would like to thank all of our patients for following up with immunizations for yourselves and your families as it keeps our community protected against many illnesses.

This article is just a reminder for when your children may be due for immunizations and to inform you of new requirements for school and child care facilities.

A new requirement for individuals being admitted to childcare or enrolling into school in Nevada after June 30, 2018 will need a written statement from a physician attesting to a person's positive history of Varicella(chicken pox) or laboratory proof of Varicella immunity. Unless an individual has record of vaccination for Varicella, recommended at 12 months and 4 years old.

Our nursing staff and providers would like to stress the importance of getting your children vaccinated following recommended schedule.

This would help ensure the effectiveness of vaccine and that your child will receive the least number of injections possible.

Immunization schedules:

Children ages 0-6yrs.

- Birth
- 2 months old
- 4 months old
- 6 months old
- 12 months old
- 15 months old
- 18 months old
- 4 years old

Children/Teen 7-18 yrs.

- 11 years old
- 16 years old

If children fall behind there is a catch-up schedule which can result in your child receiving more injections.

InFLUence Others: GET VACCINATED

Key Messages

The CDC recommends a flu vaccine as the best way to protect against flu.

Every day preventive actions like covering your cough, staying away from people who are sick and washing your hands often can help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like the flu.

Influenza antiviral medications are an important second line of defense against the flu.

Influenza Updates

Flu activity is decreasing but many states still report widespread flu.

CDC reports 119 pediatric deaths this season.



Thank you to all our patient's here at Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic, for following up and receiving immunizations as recommended. PLTHC has been rewarded a Healthy People 2020 Award for high immunizations rates!! Keep up the good work PLTHC staff.

In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations.

– From The Great Law of The Iroquois Confederacy

Consolidated Higher Education Opportunities

This is the chance for our junior and senior high school students from the surrounding communities along with their parents, to come out and look around at what is being offered to your high school graduates!

There's going to be vendors from surrounding colleges and universities along with many of the local union trades in our state that will provide you with information on Vocational Trades and Apprenticeship Programs. This is also an opportunity for those young adults who are looking for opportunity to seek possible opportunity *"because there will also be a vendor for those looking for work at USA Parkway and other possible job leads."*

Also for those young adults who are looking for a way back into school, **Sierra Job Corps** will also be there to assist you, with a possibility of obtaining your high school diploma along with a certification in a skilled trade....

Hope to see you all there!

Tribal Junior and Senior High School students and Parents "Student Outreach"!

The Consolidated Higher Education Office is reaching out to our Parents that have students enrolled in the WCSD and LCSB.

Our Higher Education Office is mailing out parental permission forms that need to be signed. I need your permission for be able to assist your junior or senior high school student. The school districts will not allow our Higher Education Program access to meet with students unless you as the legal guardians give us authorized permission.

Please when you receive the forms, please consider in filling them out and either fax them to **775-574-1008** or mail them to our Higher Education Office address; **PLPT, Consolidated Higher Education Office, PO BOX 256, Nixon,**

Puppy Privacy Fiercely Protected



A Tampa Bay, Florida, newspaper reporter requested information from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) on the inspection reports of 15 puppy mills in Tampa Bay.

The USDA normally had such regulatory information on their

website for the general public but it was removed after Trump took office.

The reporter had to file a Freedom of Information request for the information. It took over 9 months to get the material. The 54-page report was of heavily redacted (blacked out), deeming it almost useless to the reporter.

USDA's explanation for the redaction was that providing "personnel and medical files" would "constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" (of the puppies?).

People who run the puppy mills raise them in extremely unsanitary conditions, with no medical care or proper nutrition. They sell them to local pet stores.

The USDA is under the direction of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue.

NV 89424. If you can bring them in to our Higher Education Office, we are located by the **Nixon Gym, Modular 100.**

Again, this is for us to help with College / Adult Vocational Training Readiness for your graduating high school student as they exit secondary school.

Consolidated Higher Education Scholarship intake for the 2018/2019 school year!

Well it's coming close to that time of year again, our *"Scholarship Application Drive!!!!!"*

All Consolidated Higher Education Applications need to be turned in completed by and no later than June 30, 2018, no later than 4:30 PM.

All applications are on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Website, **"plpt.nsn.us"** or come on by our Higher Education Office by the Nixon Gym. **If you need help, call 775-574-0300 our office is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.**

Anthony Sampson

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711 State St. Nixon, NV. 89424

COLLEGE — CAREER — JOB OPPORTUNITY
When: APRIL 12, 2018 From: 2:30 PM — 6:00 PM

For more information, call;

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Higher Education Program, Anthony Sampson at
775-574-0300. PO Box 256 Nixon, NV. 89424

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Native Workforce Development; Johnathan
Lowery at
775- 355-0600 ext. 282, 680 Greenbrae Dr. Suite 282, Sparks, Nevada.

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Home Improvement Opportunity Available for Seniors

Every day you may seem like, “ugh, I wish I could get rid of this tub!” Stepping over the tub wall often is fall hazard in the home. Bathroom falls are the number one safety hazard for older homeowners. The older homes in our communities were not designed for the older generation in mind, therefore the need for home modification and improvement is ever present.

As a tribal service department, the Pyramid Lake Human Services observes the Title VI Older American Act of 1965, Section 1326.17 Access to Information. The primary focus is:

1. Establish a list of all services that are available to older Indians in the service area;
2. Maintain a list of services needed or requested by older Indians;
3. Provide assistance to older Indians to help them take advantage of available services.

If you are over sixty years old, a homeowner, and receiving a modest monthly income, you may be eligible to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant (USDA-RD) for home safety improvement. This grant is for \$7,500.00; money available to replace a bathtub with a step-in shower, address safety issues with electrical, flooring, install grab bars, and perhaps a handicap ramp.

The paperwork often stops people because

it is a two-part application consisting of a loan application and for the grant.

The applicant provides verification of homeownership, income, identity, bank statement, and phone number.

The completed application is mailed to the Nevada regional office. Soon thereafter, the USDA-RD office will contact the applicant if there is additional information needed or to schedule an inspection.

The approved process takes approximately six months.

The income guideline that determines eligibility is based on the State of Nevada USDA-RD Adjusted (annual) Income Limits as of 05/17/2017:

Very Low Income:	1 person	25,000/yr
	2 persons	28,600/yr
	3 persons	32,150/yr
Low Income:	1 person	39,950/yr
	2 persons	45,700/yr
	3 persons	51,400/yr
Moderate Income:	1 person	45,450/yr
	2 persons	51,200/yr
	3 persons	56,900/yr

The USDA-RD website is at this address: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/nv>.

If you are interested in applying for the USDA-RD Grant, contact Paula Wright at 775-574-1047 for an application.

Former Moapa Chairman Passes

As one of the youngest people to serve as tribal chairman for the Moapa Band of Paiutes, **William Milton Anderson** led the fight to close a coal-burning power plant next to his reservation and replace it with the first utility-scale solar power facility built on tribal land in the United States.

Anderson died unexpectedly Sunday, January 28, at his home on the Moapa River Indian Reservation, 55 miles northeast of Las Vegas. He was 44.

“He was a born leader,” said his cousin, Eric Lee, who served on the council with Anderson. “It’s in his blood.”

Anderson was born in Las Vegas but lived his whole life on the reservation along the Muddy River, where he put his artistic talents to work designing T-shirts he sold at powwows and other events.

He was 26 when he first became chairman of the tribal council in 2000, following in the footsteps of his grandfather and several uncles who also served on the council.

After his first term in office, Anderson briefly left politics to study graphic arts before being elected to the council and named chairman again in 2011. That is when he took a leadership role in the tribe’s efforts to shut down NV Energy’s Reid Gardner Generating Station, a coal-fired plant that had operated at the edge of the reservation since the 1960s.

Anderson partnered with the Sierra Club, Earthjustice and the Western Environmental Law Center to file a series of lawsuits over the plant. In April 2012, he led a three-day, 50-mile march from Reid Gardner to the federal building



William Milton Anderson

in downtown Las Vegas to call for the plant’s closure.

Under political pressure, NV Energy switched off three of the four generating units at Reid Gardner in 2014 and shuttered the plant for good in 2017, years early than originally planned.

At the same time, the Moapa Band of Paiutes, under Anderson’s leadership, was negotiating an agreement with First Solar and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to build a 250-megawatt solar power plant on the reservation. That photovoltaic array went online in March 2017, and a 100-megawatt expansion is in the works.

Lee said the deal became a blueprint for other tribes looking to leverage their land for solar energy development.

Anderson stayed active after he left the council, lobbying for the creation of Gold Butte

FINANCIAL CORNER NEWS

This is a continuation of the financial article on page 2.

Distribution Forms

Tribal Members above the age of 18 at the time of distribution will be issued an economic stimulus payment in the form of a lump sum check from the Trust. To receive the payment, each eligible adult member will be required to submit a completed Distribution Request form, copies will be available starting on April 9.

Tribal Members under the age of 18 at the time of distribution will have their economic stimulus payment placed in a minor’s account to be managed by the Trust until the eligible Tribal Member reaches an age of 18 years old. After a minor reaches the age of 18, they must submit a completed Distribution Request form, copies will be available starting on April 9.

All forms will be available at the Enrollment Office and the Tribal Office lobby, or by emailing: plpt.nsn.us.

Distribution Payment Potential Impacts on Benefits/Assistance

Each individual should contact applicable agencies to determine any reporting requirements and any potential impact from the planned Tribal economic stimulus payment. In 2016, Breakwater Investment Group compiled information about the potential impacts on benefits and assistance programs.

This information is available at the Enrollment Office and the Tribal Office lobby, or by emailing: Leilani@BreakwaterInvestmentGroup.com.

U.S.D.A. – Food & Nutrition Service

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

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

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income

Social Security

Supplement Security Income (SSI)

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Head-Start

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Other Programs

Health Benefits

Federally Subsidized Housing

National Monument on a 300,000-acre swath of northeastern Clark County that was once part of the Moapa River Indian Reservation.

Lee said his cousin was more like a little brother to him but also someone he looked up to. He was a funny, personable guy, but “he meant business when it came to politics,” Lee said.

When they served on the council together, Anderson used to tell him, “You’re not here for you, you’re here for us. He influenced me a lot.”

Anderson battled health problems for years stemming from a back injury. He was fighting a bad cold just before he died, but his cause of death is not yet known, Lee said.

Anderson survived by his mother, Shirley Anderson, sisters Launa Lane, Monica Surret, Docian Molden and Betty Henry, and his 8-year-old son, Logan Anderson of Moapa. He was preceded in death by his father, Milton.

Henry Brean, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*

Passages



Irene Smith Melendez

1921 – 2018

Louis Melendez

1923 – 2016

Irene Melendez, 96, passed away peacefully on March 4 at her residence in Sacramento, California. She joins her beloved husband, Louie, who passed away 14 months earlier on December 26, 2016 at age 93. They were married 73 years and had lived in Susanville until illness forced them to move closer to their son Mike in Sacramento.

They raised their young family in various places including Utah, Nevada, and eventually

settled in Susanville. Louis worked for the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads and retired as Roadmaster after 42 years. They loved road trips and visited the National Parks and State and World Fairs. They were devoted fans of the Lassen High School Grizzly football team and continued to attend the games long after their sons had played for the team.

Irene is remembered for her delicious tortillas and pies, plus being an excellent seamstress and produced numerous crocheted items including a beautiful bedspread. She was quiet but funny, petite but strong, and very compassionate and caring to all her family members. Louis was a dedicated and proud husband, father and patriarch to four generations of family. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II that included the brutal conditions in the Aleutian Islands, a chain of volcanic islands that extend southwest from the Alaskan Peninsula.

Louis and Irene were preceded in death by their sons Wayne, Robert, and Ralph. They are survived by their son Michael (Donna), grandchildren Stacy, Eric and Michele, 10 great grandchildren, nine great great grandchildren and numerous other family members.

Irene was born to Bill Smith and Lena Mauwee on June 18, 1921 and is survived by her sisters Kathleen Wright of Sutcliffe and Rosalie Dunn of Nixon. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Lanita, Winona and Loretta; brothers Walter, Willard, Harlan, and Mervin.

Louis was born on July 29, 1923 to Manuel and Nellie (Taylor) Melendez in Nixon. He is survived by his brothers Donald and Carlos; sisters Rose Rodriguez, Nancy Otero and Josephine Shores. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Irene and Alveda; and brothers Harold, Valentine and Freddie.

Irene and Louis are buried at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.



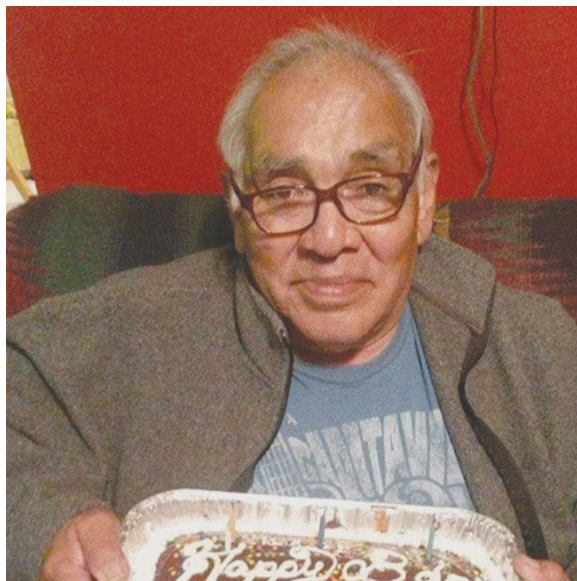
Andrea Dunn

November 8, 1984 - January 2, 2018

The family wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during our time of sadness.



“Etta” passed away at her home in Nixon on January 31 following a long illness. Her husband, Lenny, passed away two weeks before from a respiratory illness, also at their home in Nixon. Married for 30 years, they made their home in Nixon after living several years in Reno. She is survived by sister Kathleen Wright of Sutcliff and Irene Melendez of Sacramento, Calif. Both leave numerous family members. Etta and Lenny are buried at the Wadsworth Cemetery in Wadsworth.



Burton Pete

January 11, 1941 – January 28, 2018

Burt, widely known as “Uncle Burt”, passed away quietly at the Rosewood Living Facility surrounded by family members. He was a resident of the Reno/Sparks Colony and a well-known artist talented in painting, beadwork, woodwork, and making traditional artifacts. He had many paying customers and gave away many of his works to family and friends. His artwork was featured in many publications, local and regional.

His 40 years of artwork included beadwork on buckskin, wooden carved dolls outfitted in traditional dress, traditional weaponry as bows, quivers, tomahawks; beaded and feathered war bonnets; drums, and miniature creations

of carved figurines, beaded and buckskin cradleboards, and dog sleds. All of Burt’s art pieces were highly valued by collectors, family and friends, but his greatest accomplishments were his beaded portraits and landscapes of his beloved Pyramid Lake some that contained of over 75,000 beads.

Burt was born to Mamie Kaye Nez and George Pete at the Schurz hospital. The family moved to Reno when Burt was 3 or 4 years old and lived near the Truckee River until a devastating flood in 1949 forced them to move to the Reno Colony.

He attended the South Side School until he was sent to Stewart Indian School when he was 9 years old. He was an outstanding athlete in basketball, football and track where he broke several records with the shot put and one year

he was named Outstanding Athlete. He was a leader and served as the class president in his Sophomore and Senior years.

Following a brief period at Bacone Indian College, he enlisted in the Marines in 1963 and served two tours in Vietnam and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He received the Vietnam Campaign and Services Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, Navy Unit Commendation and a Good Conduct Medal.

Following his military service, Burt returned to Reno and worked at St. Mary’s hospital and Washoe Medical Center as a Surgical Orderly. In the early 70s, he married Barbara Ridley Malotte and helped raise her children Jack, Sharon, and Alan “Toolie” Malotte. In addition, they adopted Burton Pete Jr. (Little Burt).

Burt was preceded in death by his parents, wife Barbara, son Little Burt, brothers Claude “Perk” Pete, William “Chip” Burns, and Thomas B. Pete. His maternal grandparents were Edna Abraham and Sam Kaye of Pyramid Lake and his paternal grandparents were from Ft. Bidwell.

He is survived by Jack, Sharon, and Alan Malotte, granddaughters Bhie-Cie Ledesma and children, Darcy Malotte, and Tena Malotte and children, spouse Linda McCauley of Wadsworth and sisters Ruth Pete Johnson and Dorothy Nez of the Reno Colony, Aunt Sally Kaye Melendez and numerous family members from throughout Nevada.

His funeral services were held at the Reno/Sparks Indian Colony on February 6. He took his final drive on Pyramid Highway to his beloved Pyramid Lake and to the Veteran’s Services and burial at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley on February 7, 2018.



President, continued from page 1 program that has generated some internal criticism.

The Indian Health Service will receive \$5.5 billion, a \$498 million increase from 2017 levels and \$828.9 million more than Trump's initial request for 2018.

- \$2.0 billion for hospitals and health clinics, a substantial increase from current levels.
- \$962.7 million for Contract Care.
- \$49.3 million for urban Indian health programs.
- \$717.8 million for contract support costs that tribes need to fund their self-determination contracts. The U.S. Supreme Court has twice ruled that the federal government must fully fund those contracts.
- \$167.5 million for facilities maintenance and improvement.
- \$243.5 million for facilities construction.

The bill also extended the Special Diabetes Program for Indians for 2018 and 2019.

Education Budgets Increased

Thousands of Indian students attend public schools that receive federal funds to help support their education. Plus a large number of young people are attending colleges and universities throughout the country that also receive government support. All of these students would have been left "high and dry" if the Education Secretary and Trump had their plans realized.

Congress once again rejected Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and Trump's plan for a substantial \$3.6 billion cut in supporting education programs like the K-12 education, civil rights protections, college affordability and more. They also rejected her request for \$1 billion for charter and private schools. According to Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), DeVos wants to privatize the public school system and essentially dismantle the Department of Education.

DeVos wanted to eliminate the after-school programs, the Pell Grant program that helps low-income students go to college, and shut down the Department's Office of Civil Rights and eliminate the \$732 million Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants. But instead, Congress added \$107 million to the program aimed at those earning under \$30,000 a year.

Trump proposed a 50% cut in the federal work-study program affecting more than 300,000 students in college, instead Congress increased the program by \$104 million to a total of \$1.1 billion.

DeVos made student loans more expensive and allowed the debt collection companies (she owns one) to unreasonably pressure loan holders. Instead, Congress created a \$350 million discretionary relief fund to support Public Loan Forgiveness, a loan program that eliminates the student loan debt of those who take jobs in the public sector after they make ten years of loan payments.

Despite DeVos and Trump, Congress also increased funds for historically black colleges and universities, other institutions serving minorities and increased programs for disadvantaged students. And they also added \$35 million to help low-income parents who are also college students with childcare.

DeVos and Trump wanted to cut mental-health services in the schools but Congress added \$700 million for grant programs that schools can use for counselors, plus an additional \$22 million for programs to reduce school violence and \$25 million for mental health services in schools.

The benefits that help millions of students will continue regardless of what DeVos and Trump had planned which essentially amounted to a select education for a select student population.

Other Budget News

There is an additional \$100 million for Indian Housing Block Program that brings the total to \$755 million. Of that \$655 million will be distributed through a formula-based system and \$100 million in the competitive grant process.

But the bill cuts support for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program receives only \$1 million down from last year's \$7 million. The program helps eligible Indians obtain homeownership. The program is currently supporting more than 4,000 loans worth over \$700 million. The \$1 million will enable HUD to subsidize up to \$270.2 million in loans.

Other housing and economic development programs saw increases. The Indian Community Development Block Grant Program is growing from \$5 million to \$65 million. It provides for tribes and Alaska Native communities to use for housing and economic development initiatives, primarily for low- and moderate-income people.

The bill also allocates \$55 million, an increase of 23 percent, for tribal land and water settlements. The funds are typically used for infrastructure and development projects that boost economic and employment opportunities on and off reservations

BIA's loan guarantee program increased by nine percent to \$9.3 million.

The National Initiatives at Community Development Financial Institutions Fund will receive \$16 million to create jobs, build businesses and economic development.

Tribes will see significant increases in funds for grants at the Environmental Protection Agency. The federal spending bill provides \$3.56 billion for state and tribal assistance grants, an increase of about \$35 million and to require funds allocated for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program be made available for solid waste and recovered materials collection, transportation, backhaul and disposal services.

At the Department of Transportation, the Tribal Transportation Program will benefit from a \$968 million boost to the Federal-Aid Highways Program, an increase of \$10 million to the overall program.

The Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program will received \$300 million for construction and rehabilitation of nationally significant projects on Indian lands.

The Tribal Broadband Deployment Act (H.R. 5007) was included in the overall budget bill and will require the FCC to submit a report evaluating broadband coverage and how to fix the current "digital divide" in Indian country.

Historical Tidbits

- The ancient Lake Lahontan (Sehoo) existed over 10,000 years ago.
- The Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation was established in 1859 and confirmed by Executive Order in 1874.
- Indian Agent/Reverend Bateman recommended a reduction of the reservation in his 1873 report, stating, "...the larger portion is entirely worthless for the Indian service; in fact, it is a burden..."
- Reducing the reservation was very popular to local residents who believed the Paiutes didn't have a right to the rich resources.
- Local interests and corrupt agents wanted our land so it was planned to move the Paiutes from Pyramid Lake and Walker Lake to the Malheur Reservation in Oregon.
- The Indian Reorganization Act was enacted in 1934.
- The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe organized its tribal government in 1936.
- Derby Dam was built in 1905 as part of the Newlands Reclamation Project and the Truckee River water is diverted to Fallon farmers.
- Winnemucca Lake (Mud Lake) completely dried in 1938 the same year it was declared a National Wildlife Refuge.
- Pyramid Lake's trout was commercialized by outsiders to the point of near extinction.
- In 1966 the ancient Kooyoee, indigenous to Pyramid Lake, was listed as an Endangered Species and the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout became a Threatened Species.
- The Pyramid Lake Fisheries was established in 1974 to restore the fish at Pyramid Lake.
- Jane Fonda and Indian activists came to Pyramid Lake in the 1970's to support the Tribe's fight for the water. They symbolically poured gallon jugs of water to into the lake to demonstrate the Lake's need for water.
- Several movies were filmed on the Pyramid Lake Reservation, including *Destination Gobi* (1953), *Misfits* (1961), *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (1965), *The Wizard* (1989), and others.
- Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable starred in the *Misfits*. It was the last movie for both of them.

Compiled by Billie Jean Guerrero

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Cultural Program News plus a Crossword Puzzle

How mu ya tabeno (how are you all today)? I hope well. Something that we have learned and cannot forget, is remembering to pray every day. Our elders always had prayer in their life, and could be heard praying and giving thanks for everything. We mustn't forget that teaching. Make sure to take care of our Elders, making sure they are warm during the Winter months, and are not feeling lonely.

I have been busy, doing a lot of curriculum planning, as well as visiting Head Start, the Daycares, High School, and Senior Center. I am surprised that the children know so much, and I often have to keep on top of their learning, so they don't get bored. I tell a lot of stories, and occasionally, sing some songs, that is all a part of learning. The children will be our future teachers of our songs, stories, and language. I incorporate a lot of singing, language, and dancing in the curriculum so they won't be afraid to sing, dance, or use our language. I enjoy my time spent with them, and I appreciate Natchez for including Paiute into their schedule.

Hopefully, parents and grandparents are keeping it going at home as well.

I would like to thank the elders who have given of their time to translate books, work on

recordings, and for their participation in the Cultural Program. We are moving along, and I hope to get more items out to the community (such as audio and video recordings). If you are interested in helping, stop by and say hello. I am located in Modular 101 next to the gym. Or, join us for lunch on Thursday (at the Nixon Senior Center).

I have a lot more ideas, and will be implementing those soon. The Program hired an In-school teacher, to help with teaching. Ms. Randa Deluna will be going into the classroom and helping with lesson plans. I am thankful for the assistance. We have to teach what we know!

During our Christmas eve gathering we acted out one of our Creation Stories. Time came so fast, we didn't have time to translate into Numu, but it is my hope that as interest grows, we will be producing more. I am thankful to the High School Art Class for their mask production, and the JOM Program for their involvement as well.

I cannot forget the Elders, who have shown great interest in hearing the Stories, and gave me the idea to move forward to share with the whole community. I enjoy hearing them laugh, because Coyote, the crazy guy, is always doing something!

The first Song Night (held at the Museum) was a success. We had many visitors and community members interested in learning, and some shared their first song with the group. We can see how songs are connected to the language, it was great! The next one is scheduled for March 28th. Hope to see you there!

In order to make our program a success, we need your help. If you are a singer, or storyteller and want to share please come and visit. This is how we learn. If you know our Paiute language, use it, so everyone around you hears it. They will be immersed, whether they know it or not. Never stop learning. Try not to focus too much on writing. Often times, people get hung up on that. When I first started, I asked an individual, "How u? (how are you)" She replied, "People say Pesa...but, I say Besa." This individual is an enrolled member who has lived here all of her life. As long as we understand and know what is being said, whether someone says it with a "b" or "p" is the last thing we should be worrying about. Speak (and teach) what you know.

Pesa mu sutuhai ya tabeno (good blessing to you all today).

Heidi Barlese, Tribal Cultural Program

Making America Great Again

Dear Readers,

Steven King, author of unimaginable scary books, says Donald Trump scares him! Yes, the public embarrassment is scary but sadly, he is also laughable because he does things like: *declaring* Martin Luther King a federal holiday even though it's been one since 1983; or wanting the *Marine Core* in his planned military parade; or tweeting Alec Baldwin's career is *dieing*.

But the Tweeter isn't half as scary as two of his agency heads who are gutting their agencies and attempting to replace current federal laws. Fortunately, their attempts has generated hundreds of lawsuits to continue the protection of our waters, lands, air, health care, Internet access, baby food, immigrant rights, and transgender military personnel—to name a just few.

The worst is **Scott Pruitt** who heads the Environmental Protection Agency. He held 16 "public" meetings around the country but the general public was barred. Instead he met with like-minded allies to help develop his plans to weaken the Clean Water Act that protects the drinking water of 117 million citizens including every Indian reservation in the country.

He did managed to repeal the Clean Water Rule (see page 2) that defines the nation's waters and protected under the Clean Water Act. An independent EPA advisory board reviewed the science behind the Clean Water Rule and found it to be sound. So Pruitt formed a Regulatory Reform Task Force that advised repealing of the Rule and the Rule's beneficial economic data was erased from a key federal report. He said his agency is working "though the robust public process of providing long-term regulatory certainty across all 50 states about what waters are subject to federal regulation."



Pruitt's effort is aimed at removing the Clean Water Act protection from millions of miles of streams and wetlands including more than 80% of the waters in California and the arid West.

EPA's action is being closely watched in California and the Southwest where most of the water supply comes from mountain snows and rain and would lose protection. The drinking water for 1 in 3 Americans come from mountain streams and if not protected from pollution, the water will affect feeder streams and reservoirs whether in Montana, Nebraska or Ohio according to a former Obama EPA official.

Is it no wonder that Pruitt claims he has to fly first-class with a security team because of hostile citizens. He has since started flying coach—surrounded by security.

Then there's Interior Secretary **Ryan Zinke** who is under half-dozen investigations for questionable and expensive travel plus his "whimsical management" of an agency that oversees 500 million acres with about 70,000 employees.

He has re-designed the Region system, historically, drawn along state lines. Region 9 will include southeast Oregon, a snippet of southwest Idaho, and Nevada except for Nye and Clark Counties. Nye will be in Region 11 that includes the bottom half of California. Clark County will be in Region 7 that includes all of the Southwest tribes except the Mescalero Apache.

Interior's change is for "better management

on an ecosystem basis to include critical components such as wildlife corridors, watersheds, and trail systems." Nevadans should be concerned about moving the two southern counties outside Region 9 because of the resurgence of talk about opening Yucca Mountain to nuclear waste.

Now Zinke has practically dismantled all Interior's advisory boards. *Mother Jones* magazine reports that "Interior has downgraded, postponed or killed dozens of advisory panels that consists of conservationists, scientists" and "purged people who care about the environment."

The Departments of Interior and Environmental Protection Agency bear watching closely, especially by the tribes who may seem relatively insignificant by Interior but we know better.

Trumpisms

"At the right time, I will be so presidential, you will be so bored." *We're waiting...*

He is his own consultant: "I'm speaking with myself, number one, because I have a very good brain and I've said a lot of things."

"Oprah says she'll run (for president) only if she gets the go ahead from the almighty—alright, Oprah go ahead and run."

On gun control: "I think we're going to have a great bill put forward, very soon, having to do with background checks, having to do with getting rid of certain things, and keeping other things, and perhaps we'll do something on age."

"Right now, in a number of states, the law allows a baby to be born from his or her mother's womb in the ninth month. It is wrong. It has to change." Right to Life Rally, January 19, 2018

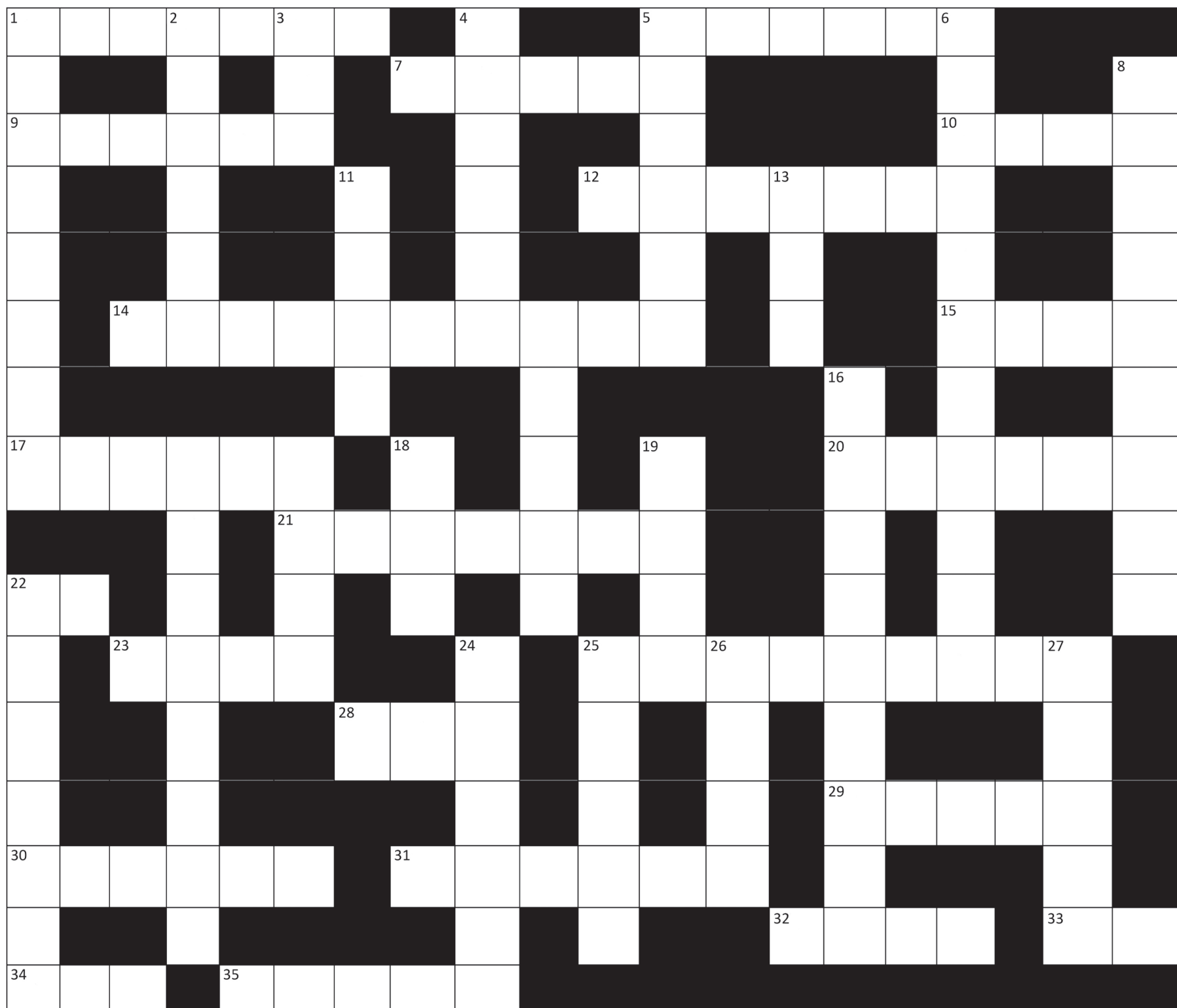
"We're losing a lot of people because of the Internet... We have to go see Bill Gates and a lot of different people that really understand what's happening. We have to talk to them about, maybe in certain areas, closing that Internet up in some way. Somebody will say, 'Oh, freedom of speech, freedom of speech!' These are foolish people. We have a lot of foolish people."

"The press makes me more uncivil than I am."

A graduate student says Trump is "twisted in the head." ...'nuff said.

Have some fun:

Test your Paiute with this crossword



DOWN

1. When it's cold, you have to scrape me off of your car windshield.
2. You won't have any holes on your hide if you do this well.
3. I am found in your mouth.
4. The opposite of day.
5. Sometimes I make it look like it snowed.
6. Her hood was of this color.
8. When I am on the road, you have to drive slow.
11. If you are my mother, and I am a boy, I am your —.
13. Your Momma!
16. I have many shades and names for my color. This is one of them.
18. I am a form of a question.
19. If you lose something, usually, you will have to do this.
22. I have black eyes.
24. You can use me as a form of medicine.
25. I am your father's father.
26. When you hear music, usually you feel like doing this.
27. When you are tired, you will eventually do this.

ACROSS

1. Everyone should know how to do this, or you'll starve.
5. Some people can remember a lot of these.
7. The opposite of Summer
9. When someone starts out by saying this, then listen well.
10. I am a part of your face.
12. I like to eat and store nuts.
14. Twinkle, twinkle —.
15. Hopefully, yours is sharp.
17. Not warm.
20. People say I am big.
21. If you're a good hunter, you see me a lot.
22. You drive or walk on me.
23. A fireplace makes it —.
25. If you know many songs, you can often be found doing this.
28. Some people are good at this, some are not.
29. Not today, or tomorrow, but —.
30. People look up to me.
31. Some people do too much of this.
32. If someone wants you to hurry, they say this.
33. Your forehead and antlers are called this.
34. People can touch their nose with this.
35. I am a white bird.

Words to use

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| EGO | HOOZEAPU |
| TANOMANE | HOAWAE'E |
| HOOZEA | WEHE |
| MAYU | NUGA |
| EGO | ATSAKWETADU |
| KWENA'A | UTZE |
| TUNEKWUHU | TOMMO |
| YADOOA | PATOOSOOPA |
| SOBA | AA |
| UHA | ETSEKWETA |
| SAWABE | TUHUDYA |
| ETZE'E | WUSEBA |
| UTZUTZU | TZEPESA |
| PATZEGOBA | TOGO'O |
| HOOBEA | TATOGO |
| OBEDA | TOGANO |
| YOOE | PEA |
| PADAKI'E | ONOSOO |
| EHOBE | SAA |
| YABE | TOOA |
| UWEKA | PO |

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