



# Numuwaetu Nawahana

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## Tribal Council Election Results

**Chairman:** Anthony Sampson Sr.

**Vice-Chairman:** Alan Mandell

**New council members:**

Judith M. Davis, Sherry Ely-Mendes, William N. Miller, and Michele Smith

**Incumbent council members:**

Janet Davis, Nathan Dunn, John Guerrero, and Sharon Shaw Keever

*Congratulations to all!*

## Pyramid Lake arts and crafts to be auctioned



No date has been set for the auction of Mary and Moe Royels' collection of Indian artifacts they collected over the years and displayed at the Wigwam Coffee Shop in Fernley. Many items were obtained from the Pyramid Lake and many family members have expressed strong feelings about getting the items returned.

Their grandmothers made many of the craft that include cradleboards, beadwork, woven baskets, gloves, moccasins, drums, vests, and carved statues. Most were collected by Moe who "walked in the house, pointed to items and said, 'I want that, and that, and that'" said one granddaughter. Many of the items were not for sale and some were gifts for family members or friends. One pressure tactic he used was "He wouldn't leave until he got something. My grandma was too polite to tell him to 'get out' because she wasn't that way."

Mary told one tribal member they took things from caves around the point area, "basically admitting they were *grave robbers*."

Numerous grinding stones are cemented into place at the restaurant and there is concern that they will be destroyed if the place is torn down or remodeled.

The advertised auction will be held by Holabird Western Collections, LLC with offices at 3555 Airway Drive, Suite 308, Reno, Nevada 87511. Telephone: 775-851-1859.

## Native Women Make History



**Debra Anne Haaland** is one of the two first Native woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress and she will be representing New Mexico's 1st congressional district.

An attorney, Haaland received her Bachelor's in English from the University of New Mexico and her Juris Doctor in Indian law from the University's School of Law in 2006.

An enrolled member of the Laguna Pueblo, Debra was born in Winslow, Arizona on December 2, 1960 to military veterans Mary Toya (Navy) and J.D. "Dutch" Haaland of the Marine Corps.

Active in New Mexico politics, she was the state's vote director for Native Americans in Barack Obama's 2012 presidential reelection campaign and served as Chair of the New Mexico Democratic Office 2015-2017. She also worked as a tribal administrator for the San Felipe Pueblo from 2013 to 2015.

She succeeds Michelle Lujan Grisham who was elected Governor of New Mexico.



**Sharice Lynnette Davids** is the other of the first of two Native women to be elected to U.S. Congress. A Democrat from a largely Republican state, she will be representing the 3rd congressional district of Kansas.

A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, Sharice is an attorney who received her Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School. Plus she is probably the only one who is also an accomplished mixed martial artist in Congress.

She was born on May 22, 1980 in Frankfurt, West Germany to Crystal Herriage who was serving in the U.S. Army. Sharice attended Leavenworth High School, Haskell Indian Nations University, University of Kansas, Johnson Community College, and received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from University of Missouri-Kansas City.

She began competing in mixed martial arts as a amateur in 2006 and went professional in 2013. Failing to make *The Ultimate Fighter*, Sharice began traveling and lived on several reservations and worked on economic and community development programs for the tribes.



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From Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue/EMS

A QUICK REMINDER



If you are an enrolled Pyramid Lake Tribal Member and you receive an EMS bill for ambulance services please call or bring them to Don Pelt so the fire department can write off the bill. Please, be ready with your Pyramid Lake Enrollment

Number, Date of Service and the Invoice Number for your bill.

We understand that everyone gets sick and may not have their enrollment number with them or be able to tell us what their number is at the time of the transport to the hospital. Sometimes bills get generated because your insurance company has not paid the bill.

In addition, the Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue/EMS bills for Fire and other services rendered. Again if you receive a bill from Fire Recovery/USA and you are a Pyramid Lake Tribal Member our services are at no charge to you. We will however bill insurance companies for services rendered.

The only time a Tribal member will be financially responsible for a bill from the fire department is if brush or trash fire got out of control and had to be put out by the fire department and it was determined that the tribal member was burning without a free Tribal burn permit. The permits are available from the Environmental Department, or the Tribes website.

Please contact Don Pelt at the fire station in Nixon, the Tribal Office in Nixon or call 775-560-4417 if you receive a bill. Please do not throw your bills away or ignore them just because you are a Tribal Member it is much easier for the fire department to remove a bill from our bill service before it goes to collections and harms your good credit rating.

The men and women of the Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue/EMS are here to serve you; our free services are to enrolled members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe only. Services to Non-Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Members are subject to billing.

In 2019 the Pyramid Lake Fire Rescue/EMS will begin presenting regular biographical articles in the Tribal newspaper about our personnel. These articles will profile members and their pictures of our full-time, volunteer and on-call firefighters and EMS personnel. This is so everyone can get to know us better.

A little common sense from an old cowboy...

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
You cannot unsay a cruel word.
Every path has a few puddles.
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
The best sermons are lived, not preached.
Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
Don't judge folks by their relatives.
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Live a good, honorable life because when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
Always drink upstream from the herd.
Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.



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## From the Natural Resources Department

The Environmental Department continues its responsibility with monitoring, conducting data analysis, completing fieldwork, and assessing environmental conditions of our tribal resources. The air quality program conducts routine monitoring station checks at the Wadsworth and Nixon sites.

The Tribal Response program (Brownfields) is completing the assessment of the Urruita property, and is currently initiating the site assessments for the white building, the rock building, and the abandoned automotive ramp along South Hollywood road. Each of these current site assessment aims to determine the presence of hazardous material, possible cleanup options, and a determination for reuse or redevelopment.

The Tribal noxious weeds program is continuing eradication activities during this dormancy of the plant and tree life stage. The program staff are also working with the burn scars of recent wildfires with scheduled activities associated with the recovery efforts.

The Department also conducts a wood distribution program for elders and all that is needed is to place a request with a respective tribal program and it will be forwarded to our office for delivery.

The range inventory and assessment program is also responding to the burn scar areas to conduct to determine the conditions of our range and grazing units. The Tribal Comprehensive Resource Management Plan (CRMP) is scheduled for an update as it was initially adopted in 2005. The CRMP has been used for years for planning purposes, and due to the significant changes over the past 13 years, it needs to be revisited.

Open dumps continue to be a problem on the reservation. It is important that the tribe maintain a stewardship role from everyone so that our landscape is not littered and becomes a nuisance. The curbside service is a useful means to prevent illegal dumping by residents, and maintaining a stewardship will help to prevent non-tribal individuals from illegal dumping on reservation lands. Let us all do are part, even if it is a small part, and every contributions adds to our solution.

### Waters of the United States

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued its long awaited and revised “clean water rule.” The initial clean water rule was issued in 2015 by President Obama, then his nemesis, Trump, repealed it less than two weeks after taking office. Claiming that the clean water rule was burdensome and its regulations so excessive that it prohibited profitable economic development for essentially energy corporations the definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) are being proposed for revision.

The EPA proposes a straightforward definition that would result in significant cost savings, protect the nation’s navigable waters, help sustain economic growth, and reduce regulation barriers to business development. Looks good on paper but the revisions are designed to significantly lower the environmental protection standards; relieve the federal EPA of its regulatory authority by turning that authority



The Truckee River right below where it originates from Lake Tahoe.

over to the states; and allows corporate lobbyists unlimited access to the legislative and regulatory processes.

“Our proposal would replace the Obama EPA’s 2015 definition with one that respects the limits of the Clean Water Act and provides states and landowners the certainty they need to manage their natural resources and grow local economies,” said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “For the first time, we are clearly defining the difference between federally protected waterways and state protected waterways. Our simpler and clearer definition would help landowners understand whether a project on their property will require a federal permit or not, without spending thousands of dollars on engineering and legal professionals.”

Their description of what *are not* “waters of the United States,” include puddles of rain; groundwater; roadside or farm irrigation ditches; stormwater control features; and waste treatment systems. It appears they are relinquishing environmental control over two areas that create the most pollution: irrigation run-off from large agricultural operations that generally contain insecticides and other chemicals; and waste treatment plants that, if not strictly regulated, will release indescribable pollutants to users downstream.

We have experienced so much degradation to our environment that the ability to enforce compliance with the “new” rules will become confusing by the convoluted jurisdictional authority. The new rules doesn’t seem to really address the fact that many of us receive our water from off-reservation resources. As a federal reservation we might have to deal with state regulatory laws on the quality of our water instead of the federal EPA. And the history of state laws versus Indian people has not always been cordial as witnessed by our fight to get water for our lake.

Large corporations and businesses responsible for pollution are not willing to clean up until they are facing a lawsuit which usually comes after many people downstream become sick from their pollution. Greed and profit become their priority instead a clean environment as evidenced by their past business practices.

The definitions of a clean and healthy environment will be lowered by this proposal and will allow the polluters to argue that the environment is indeed clean—at least according to these new lowered standards.

The EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be accepting comments on the proposed rule changes for 60 days after the notice of the proposed rule change is posted in the Federal Register. For more information you can visit the website at <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule>.

If you have any questions about tribal environmental protection, please contact our office at (775) 574-0101. Thank you.

### Secretary of the Interior Resigns

Ryan Zinke has resigned as Interior Secretary. During his two-year tenure, he has generated 17 investigations into his travel, and administrative conflict of interests with energy corporations.

David Bernhardt, a former lobbyist for the oil, gas and water industries that rely on Interior’s decisions, may become acting secretary. He joined the Trump administration last year, and has taken the lead in weakening the department’s protections for endangered species, a move making it easier for oil and gas companies to drill on ecologically sensitive lands. “He knows how to make that agency work and he is why Interior is now considered ‘best in class’ in terms of agency performance,” for energy companies.

Replacement names include Nevada’s Dean Heller or Adam Laxalt, Wisconsin’s Scott Walker, Idaho’s Butch Otter or Utah’s Sean Reyes.



## Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center

Wow!! Another year flew by so quickly! The museum has been busy all year long and finally seeing a slow-down once the weather started to get cold.

The big event and celebration was the 20th Anniversary held in September. It was impressive to see our tribal community come out to support an important historical event and accomplishment for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Hearing about the trials and tribulations of the museum construction is quite amazing with the unique design and the challenging work it took to build the museum. Tribal members were involved with dynamiting the rocks from Marble Bluff and hauling the rocks to the worksite to be fitted by tribal masons. The high walls of rockwork and the steep roof are works of art to be appreciated for the hard, dangerous work, and effort of many who have since passed on.



Ki Nasoomoowakwatu – Never To Be Forgotten is a Photo Book was made of the 20th Anniversary Celebration. The book is available to look at or for sale in the Museum Gift Shop. The photographer, Kazue Kurebayashi, captured the event with her talented photography skills. Stop by anytime to look at the photo book.

The museum is owned and operated by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Tribal elders envisioned a cultural center as an essential structure to share the tribal culture and history. In the 1970's, funding was secured to build a cultural center and an architect was hired to design it. The foundation and masonry walls were constructed, however funding fell short before the facility was completed. It remained vacant for 23 years until 1996 when additional funding allowed for renovations and completion. Also, in 1996 the U.S. Secretary of Transportation designated the Pyramid Lake Scenic By-Way, the first scenic by-way within an Indian Reservation.

The Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors

Center was built with the local communities in mind, especially tribal youth and elders. Knowing the tribal history, culture and life ways are important in continuing the heritage for the Kooyoee Tukadu. The museum is named, "Ki Nasoomoowakwatu" which means "Never To be Forgotten" as a memorial to our ancestors to preserve and share the Numu culture within the community and the world around us. This museum is the only tribal museum in Nevada. The mission of the Pyramid Lake Museum is to collect, exhibit, and preserve the history and culture of the Northern Paiute People, providing an educational forum for the appreciation, respect, and understanding of the Paiute culture.

The Numu culture is and has always been based on community. The museum works with other individuals, institutions, and businesses to promote the Pyramid Lake Museum as a place to

learn about the rich Numu history and culture. There are short films, digital stories, displays, story maps, virtual reality programs, friendly interactions, and programs and events that provide a historical and cultural backdrop for the exhibits. The intimate gallery showcases unique artifacts, archival items, and contemporary works of the Kooyoee Tukadu.

Keeping the Numu culture alive and thriving is an important goal, so there will always be pride in who we are and where we come from.

Come and visit the Pyramid Lake

Museum. We have a Gift Shop offering a wide selection of cultural items made by local artisans.

After the 20th Anniversary Celebration, the museum received notice of our nomination for a 2019 National Medal for Museum Service by the Honorable Senator Catherine Cortez Masto. The nomination packet was prepared and sent in by the due date. Now, it's a matter of waiting to hear about the selections in the spring of 2019. The award is highly competitive so the nomination is a great honor. We received several letters of recommendation from friends of the museum and are grateful for the wonderful support.

The museum staff believe in life-long learning and share this belief through storytelling, interactive teaching, and engagement of the people who visit the museum. Respect, appreciation and understanding are priorities as caretakers of the museum collections. Staff members work to develop the professional skills to build institutional capacity and strive to learn best practices in museum management.

The Museum staff attended professional

development training in September and October. Billie Jean attended the American Indian Tourism Conference at the Isleta Pueblo, New Mexico. Jackie and Billie Jean attended the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Prior Lake, Minnesota. At the International Conference, many workshops were attended and tours of local museums. Some of the workshops included: IMLS Native American Museum Services Grantee meeting; Implementing a Hands-On Classroom and Collections Learning Process; Engaging Community Members in Preserving, Protecting, and Documenting Family Heritage; Truth Telling in Practice; A Different Story to Tell, Ensuring the Presence of a Native Perspective during the USA's 250th Anniversary Commemoration; The Role of Museums in Building the Cultural Resiliency of Native Youth; Care and Curation of Basketry; Creating Collaborative Exhibitions; Building Futures, Redefining the "Museum"; Passing on Traditional Knowledge and Skills; How Community Engagement Contributes to the Vitality of Tribal Museums; Conserving and Cleaning Feathers; Archival Care of Photographs; Successfully Engaging Tribal Elders in Digital Projects; Caring for Culturally Sensitive Paper Documents. Tours were conducted to the Mille Lacs Indian Museum/ Trading Post and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Cultural Center currently under construction.

There were several groups who visited the Pyramid Lake Museum during the last quarter, including the Pyramid Lake Jr. High School, Northern Nevada International Visitors Center, Van Gorder Elementary School, UNR Department of Geography. Billie Jean gave an off-site presentation to the 7th and 8th grades from the Lady of the Snows Private School. There were a lot of international visitors from all over the world who visited the tribal museum during the last few months. We have a map showing where all our visitors come from.

We are looking forward to hosting another Basket Weaving class in February during the Presidents Day holiday weekend. It's time to gather your materials for making a basket hat. You will need at least 100 scraped willow rods (even and fine, same size used for cradleboard hood) and willow weaving thread. Prepare your materials so they'll be ready by February.

We have the popular calendars for 2019 on sale featuring beautiful photos from our area with historical dates. Please contact us if you know of more significant historical dates for future calendars and also we can continue updating our historical records.

Also, we are still looking to update the veteran's wall. If you have photos of family members who served in any branch of military service, please submit a photo. Photos will be scanned and original photos returned to the family. Thanks for supporting and honoring all of our veterans, Numu TooKwasu.

There are new items, such as slippers, stuffed animals, purses, totes, and fine native jewelry. You will find special and unique gifts for everyone on your list, and don't forget yourself!!

Happy New Year!! May your year be filled with Happiness, Good Health, and Prosperity!!

Saa a' Mu Poonedooa!

Billie Jean Guerrero, Museum Director  
Jackie Cawelti, Museum Attendant



*The quality of these pictures are not very good but if you can identify any of these people please contact the museum. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.*



# Tribal Recreation News

## *Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year from the Tribal Recreation Department!*

As the year comes to an end, we had a great year in our department. We are happy to serve our communities.

### **Pyramid Lake Jr. High School Boys and Girls Basketball**

Once again this year the Pyramid Lake High School basketball programs will be utilizing the Nixon Community gym for practice. For the basketball season the teams will be practicing from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. We do not know at this time if they will be using the gym for any scheduled games.

### **Youth Basketball Practice**

Youth basketball is in full swing, we have 12 teams using the gym throughout the week. Each team is given practice time and divide up the free time when available. Teams have been traveling to tournaments during the months of November and December, as they will the rest of the season. Thanks to those who volunteer to coach our youth, we appreciate you!

### **Adult Volleyball and Basketball**

Adult volleyball is open on Thursday evenings and on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. depending on gym activities. If you are interested, please come on by and join us.

### **Gym Open Week Days**

The gym is open and available for walking, playing basketball, yoga during the winter months, Monday through Friday. We welcome you to stop on by. Yoga is available on Wednesday at 11:45-12:30 here at the gym and you can join the yoga peeps during this time!

### **NB3FIT WEEK at the Pyramid Lake Tribal Recreation**

The NB3Fit Week (Nov. 5-12) at Natchez ES was a success! We had more than 128 students, staff, and community members participate. Last year we were one of 115 Tribes and Native

communities from 26 states who organized Native Youth events resulting in over 10,000 Native Youth participation in physical activities. This week-long event is to show kids that moving is fun and a variety of activities were held—from runs/walks, basketball clinics, to health and fitness workshops.

Since getting involved with NB2Fit Week, the kids have become more aware of their health especially when learning about diabetes: That one out of two children will develop type 2 diabetes; Obesity is the leading contributing factor to type 2 diabetes and may reduce their life expectancy by 27 years; that 81% of adults and 45% of 2-5 year olds are overweight; and the death rate among natives is three times higher than the general population.

This year the goals are to engage 12,000 Native American Youth across the country in a shared physical activity, movement and health, promote drinking clean water and healthy eating habits. Families and young folks are encouraged to join us. Watch for flyers announcing NB3Fit Week as it gets closer. We are excited that RAVE Consulting is also working in collaboration with our program for this event!

NB3FIT is sponsored by the Notah Begay III Foundation and held every year throughout Indian country.

### **Tribal Recreation Summer Day Camp**

This year we offered a Tribal Recreation Summer Day Camp during the month of July. We had over 90 students attend the daily camp. The summer day camp program taught our elementary school-aged youngsters our Paiute culture and heritage through a language immersion program plus classes on traditional dances. Tribal elders and community members participated by sharing their knowledge of our Paiute culture, language and history in practical hands-on experiences and classroom settings. Our Paiute Language Department Coordinator **Heidi Barlese** worked with elders **Gladys Hicks**



and **Amelia Scott** to provide daily lessons to the children. The Tribal Youth Employment program hired high school students to serve as youth mentors for the camp activities. They were **Hilana Ely**, **Nakia Brown** and **Lilliana Williams**. The youngsters were taught traditional Paiute dances and songs by **Loni Romo** while other PLPT programs focused on prevention, wellness and physical fitness enrichment activities and also took an active role in the program.

Special Thanks to the JOM Program, Environmental Interns, Veggies for Kids (Cooperative Extension), Sumunumu Program, Yoga, Pyramid Lake Health Clinic, THPO Department, and the Diabetes Program. We also thank Dr. Marsden and the JOM Program for their generous donation to help with our field trips throughout the program and a trip to Wild Island. We gratefully appreciated the Pyramid Lake High School Transportation Department for their help with our transportation that enabled students from Wadsworth and Sutcliffe to attend the summer program and also our field trips. The awesome cook, **Tina Moore**, was instrumental in serving more than 90 meals every day during our Day Camp. It was provided through the Summer Food Program!

Additional activities are planned for the fall/winter months that include learning bead work and other cultural activities! Please watch for fliers! A special thank you to everyone for your awesome participation in recreation program.



**NB3FIT participants getting ready to round dance**





## A field trip to the hatchery

### Zulilly/Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club Giveaways

I would like to thank the Truckee Meadows Boys and Girls Club, in collaboration with Zulilly, for providing our communities with the free giveaways! We have hundreds of items that are donated so that we can have the giveaway.

If you haven't attended one, you need to make the next one! Tons of fun and some cool finds. Thankful for the opportunity during the year!

### Family Christmas Craft Night

The Family Christmas Craft Night, co-sponsored by the JOM Program and Tribal Recreation, was a very successful event. Many children with their families attended.

Everyone enjoyed taking home the crafts they made and the free food! We look forward to having this event again next year!

### Youth Sports Camp

Tribal Recreation is sponsoring a winter break Sports Camp to be held on January 7-10 from 9 am to 12 noon. All boys and girls, K-12, are invited to attend. It will be held at the Nixon Gym. No transportation or meals will be provided. The camp is co-sponsored by the Sumunumu program. Thank you.

**For more information** please do not hesitate to contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Janet Davis at 775/574-2409.

# Cultural Program Activities Program

The cultural program worked with the children and youth throughout the summer. Recreation had three age groups of children who came through daily and we were able to teach our Numu yadooana (Paiute language) through games.

I am thankful for my Youth Workers **Calista Cruz** and **Dania Wahwasuck** who gained work experience by helping with the teaching and developed teaching games for the children. I appreciated the assistance of **Gladys Hicks** and **Amelia Scott** who were there to assist with the language. The children enjoyed a visit from **Ralph Burns** who came by one day to tell stories.

The children had a taste of one of our delicacies, Buckberry pudding, prepared by Dean **Barlese**. Some of them liked it, and some didn't. With the help of friends from Yerington, I was able to go out and gather just enough for the children to sample.

Language classes are offered in Sutcliffe and Wadsworth on Tuesdays. **Ralph Burns, Elwood**



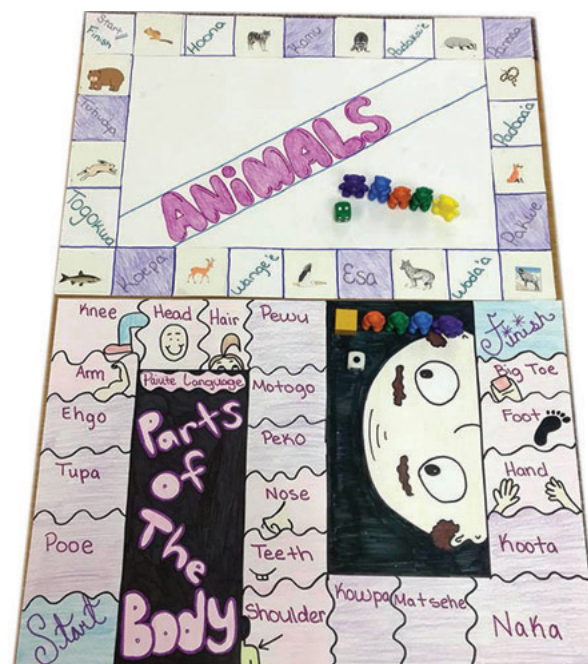
Storyteller **Ralph Burns** entertains the youngsters with stories about the past.

**Lowery**, and **Barbara Reymus** are the language teachers. We are looking for a language teacher in Nixon. Pageant Dance Classes are held in Nixon on Thursdays, come join us.

The Cultural Program will be joining with the library to offer more of cultural resources in the selection of reading material of history and legends, plus some recordings. A lot of Native books and DVDs are arriving and we will have an opening after the New Year. Stay posted!

I'd like to welcome the In-School language instructor **Nicholas Cortez**. He will be working in the classroom with the young people from Daycare, Head Start and the High School. Soon, we will be going into the pre-K classroom at Natchez. Nick is an asset to the program—knowledgeable in song and the language.

I am looking for an Artist, who will be able to draw pictures to enhance some of our Creation stories. The artist will be paid. We are planning on beading classes, moccasin making, hide tanning, and other culturally significant arts and crafts workshops.

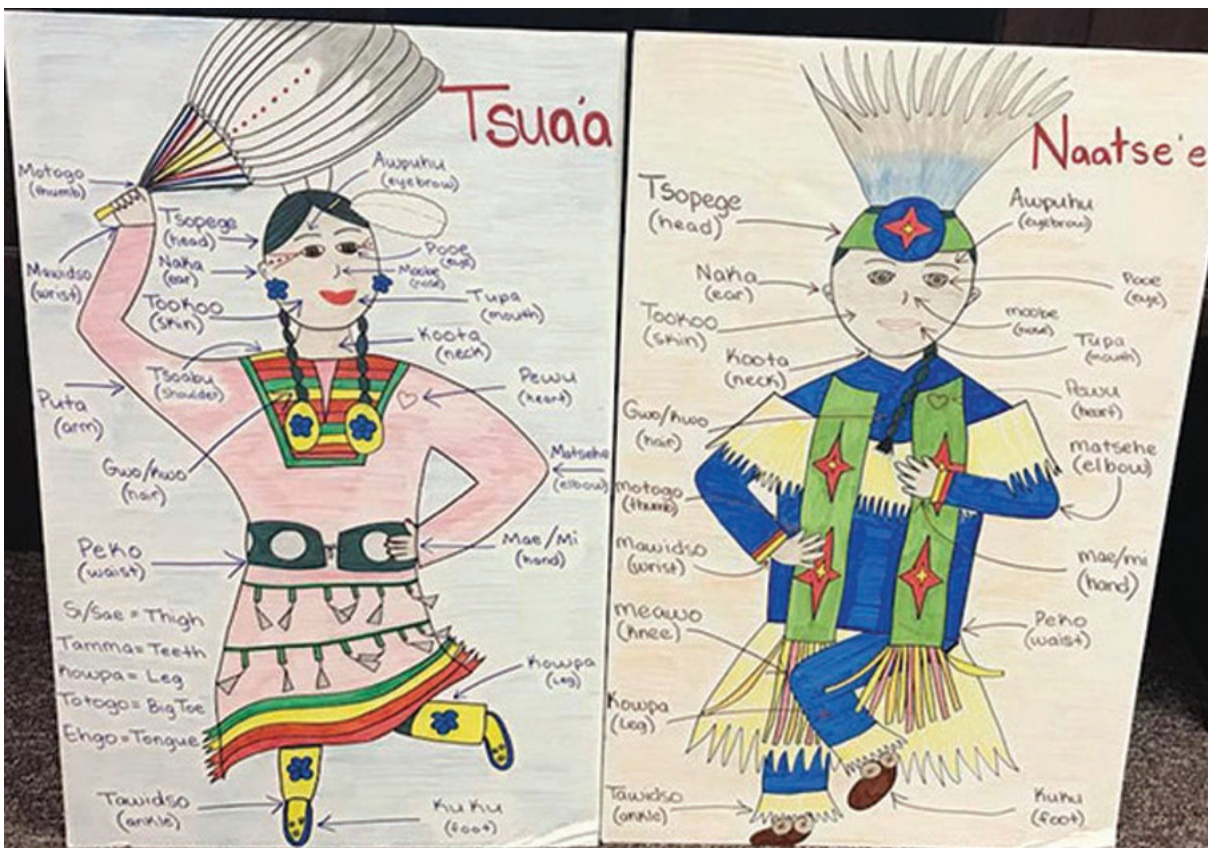


CDs and language books are available at the Cultural Program (modular 102). Stop by and visit with us.

*Heidi Barlese*, Cultural Program Coordinator



Picking buckberries, making sure they are clean, then make the pudding.





## From the Transportation Department

The Transportation Planning Department has had a busy year of planning and seeking funds for several important community transportation upgrades.

Our new year is stacking up to be as busy year yet again. We have just updated our project plans that we will be working on this coming year.

The school zone cross walks and school zone signage needs an upgrade. We also observed that cross walks are not aligned with the side streets where children cross over on. This, in addition to the street lighting on SR 447 in front of Natchez Elementary School, is a transportation safety challenge for our families and children. The Transportation team recognized this issue to be a problem and wrote a transportation safety grant to the Federal Highways Indian Highway Safety Program to upgrade this area and we were funded in the amount of \$500,000.00. We were also fortunate to receive a commitment from Nevada Department of Transportation Safety Division to match the funding. We will have meeting in January to plan for the work to complete the construction of this project. We are excited to be working to keep our families safe in the Wadsworth community.

### Significant Projects

This year we were presented with an opportunity late in December to submit an application for a grant to the Federal Highway Administration Department of Transportation Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program.

The department staff sees this as a prime opportunity to get the funding we need to widen SR447 from Wadsworth to Nixon to better accommodate our local commuters as well as those

visitors to Pyramid Lake and the Black Rock Desert. This stretch of highway poses several safety challenges that can be remedied by the widening of the road.

The Nevada Department of Transportation is also interested in getting this stretch of road improved and has again committed to match the funding for this project.

The grant application was submitted on December 18, 2018 and if accepted, we will begin planning in early 2019 and project construction should start in late 2020.

### Wadsworth Community Center Phase II

The Wadsworth Community Center complex is looking to expand into a Multi-Purpose Cultural Center which would house a health facility, a snack bar, office space and a gym for community events. The community's working group is working with the department as a team to complete the expansion of the parking lot area. The expansion project is ready to construct but the job this size needs funding. The group is working on various funding avenues including public entities such as the USDA.

### Ongoing Projects

Two ongoing projects will be put out for bid in early January 2019 for planning and completion this year.

A proposal for a bike path to run along a 11-mile stretch of old railroad bed on the west side of Pyramid Lake will be advertised for engineering plans to see what the project will look like and cost. This will be an extension of the Reno/Tahoe Bikeway that is already winding through the Pyramid Lake reservation starting at Wadsworth. This new proposed stretch will start in the Popcorn Rock area and end in the community



of Sutcliffe. When completed it will be a great place for residents and visitors to add to their recreation at Pyramid Lake.

Another project on our priority list is the Pyramid Lake Administration Building Parking lot. This project will also go out for soliciting firms that can do the planning phase of the project. We hope that this project will begin early in 2019.

The reconstruction of Surprise Valley Road was a major undertaking this year after the devastating floods of 2017 at the north end of Pyramid Lake. We are pleased to say that project is finished and the road is once again open for business. Now we can refocus on other local projects that were put on the back burner during the Surprise Valley road project.

### Child Passenger Safety

We continue to provide child passenger safety car seats to those families who need one for their child. We have distributed over 200 seats in the last couple of years and are very excited to be a part in keeping our children safe on the road.

We still have seats available for this grant year which began in October 2018 so please give us a call at (775) 574-1000 ext. 1107 to discuss getting a seat installed in your car.

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**SOUTHWEST GAS**

# Housing Authority Report

# A Request to Post Public Information motio

The Pyramid Lake Housing Authority will be accepting BIA HIP applications for the 2020 Fund Year beginning in February 2019. ALL information on the application is required in order to participate in the program. Applications are available at the Housing office.

For those homebuyers interested in having your wood stove, pellet stove or chimney pipe cleaned, please contact Housing with your name, address, and the type of service you are requesting. The cost is estimated at \$115 but if there are enough participants the price may be reduced. Advance payment in the form of a money order payable to PLHA is required. If there is enough interest, Housing will contract with a vendor and schedule the work to be done.

**A REMINDER:**

As stated in the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority Homebuyer Agreement, the following are the responsibilities of the Homebuyer:

- Responsible for all maintenance to the unit;
- Required to attend all counseling sessions scheduled by the TDHE;
- Agrees to allow the TDHE to inspect the unit after adequate notice is given;
- Required to maintain the unit and all areas surrounding the unit in a decent, safe and sanitary condition;
- Required to use the unit as a principal place of residence;
- Responsible for payment of all utilities for the unit, including deposits, and must keep all utilities in working order at all times;
- Agrees to make all required payments in accordance with TDHE policy;
- Responsible for providing all information required by the TDHE in a timely manner and all such information must be accurate and complete. To submit fraudulent information shall be grounds for termination of the Agreement, and
- The Homebuyer is required to meet all of the requirements contained in the TDHE's Admission and Occupancy Policy.

## Sacred Visions 2018 Results

Sacred Visions wishes to thank the following sponsors of the 2018 powwow.


**Tiny Tots:** Jolyn Sander, Dania Wahwasuck, Janet Davis, and Adrianna Wahwasuck

**Junior Girls categories:** Sandra R. Garcia, Too Soul Tea (3 categories), Stan and Olivia John, and Tyler Ceja

**Junior Boys categories:** Athena and Gordon Crutcher, CJ Barnes, Randa Mitchell, Leona Collins, Dehan James, Randy and Cathy Melendez, Tyler Ceja, and Diana Mitchell

**Teen Girls categories:** Chili and Albert John, Linda McCauley, Anonymous, Fern Walker, Michelle McCauley, Cheryl Kochamp, Tax Commissioners and Staff, Anita Dunn, and Caroline LaCroix

**Teen Boys categories:** Tina Moore, Dr. Mahbunda, Anonymous (2 categories), William Wadsworth, Tax Commissioners and Staff, Tribal Land Office-R. Frazier, and Caroline LaCroix



IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT  
IN AND FOR THE PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

Case No. CV-CM-2018-0683

**SUMMONS**

PYRAMID LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY APPLICANT,  
 Vs.  
 CYNTHIA KAYE CHRISTENSEN RESPONDENT.

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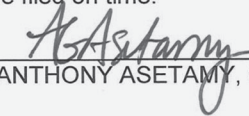
Name: CYNTHIA KAYE CHRISTENSEN  
 Address: P.O. BOX 322  
 NIXON, NV 89424

Physical Address: 517 PALOMIO RD.  
 NIXON, NV 89424

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Dated: 09/18/2018

  
 ANTHONY ASETAMY, Court Admin.

IN AND FOR THE PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION

Pyramid Lake Authority APPLICANT

Vs.

JOSEPH RAY CHRISTENSEN RESPONDENT

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Name: JOSEPH RAY CHRISTENSEN  
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NIXON, NV 89424

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Dated: 10/22/2018

**Women's categories:** Terry Melby, Dan Mosely, Brian Johnson, Tim McCauley, Kathy Wright (in memory of Lena Wright), Tribal Enterprises, and Gwen Sanchez (in memory of Carolyn Street)

**Men's categories:** Johnny and Sandra Garcia, Ryan Dunn, Brian Davis, Cheryl Paya (in memory of Dana Paya), Bill and Sharon Keever, Tribal Enterprises, and Carla Molino

**Golden Age Women's categories:** Irwin Mix (in memory of Phyllis Henry), Numaga Senior Center, and Dean Calvin

**Golden Age Men's categories:** Pyramid Lake Veteran's Organization (in memory of Gary McCloud), the Frazier family (in memory of Gordon Frazier), and Rosalie Dunn (in memory of Bill and Nina Smith), and

**Terribles Casino** for sponsoring our MC Gary Watson

We thank everyone who donated to our raffle and all for the continued support for our powwow. We hope see everyone again on **June 28, 29, and 30, 2019.**

**2018 CONTEST WINNERS**

**Women's Golden Age:**  
 1st Pearl Sammaripa  
 2nd Carlene Redner  
 3rd Sandy Talancon  
 4th Donna Jackson

**Men's Golden Age:**  
 1st Courage Benally  
 2nd Lorren Sammaripa  
 3rd Ken Paul

**Women's Fancy:**  
 None

**Women's Jingle:**  
 1st Aurora Toledo  
 2nd Leilani O'Daye  
 3rd Lorri Chasing Crow

**Women's Traditional:**  
 1st Elizabeth Sam  
 2nd Elizabeth Works  
 3rd Anita Talancon

**Men's Fancy:**  
 1st Robert Sam

**Men's Grass:**  
 1st Martin Montgomery  
 2nd James Johnson  
 3rd Robert Sampson

**Men's Traditional:**  
 1st Will Tewawina  
 2nd Gary Sam  
 3rd Lonnie Jackson

**Teen Girl's Fancy:**  
 1st Amelia Henry  
 2nd Dania Wahwasuck  
 3rd Kylie Harry

on has been granted by the court to publish the following three Summons:

IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT  
FOR THE PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

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Case No. CV-CM-2018-0707

**SUMMONS**

SEPH RAY CANTRELL  
P.O. BOX 910  
WADSWORTH, NV 89442

495 4TH STREET  
WADSWORTH, NV 89442

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2018

*Khira Shaw*  
KHIRA SHAW, Court Clerk

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WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

PYRAMID LAKE HOUSING )  
AUTHORITY )  
APPLICANT, )  
)  
Vs. )  
)  
REBECCA DODD )  
RESPONDENT. )

Case No. CV-CM-2018-067

**SUMMONS**

Name: REBECCA DODD  
Address: P.O. BOX 754  
WADSWORTH, NV 89442

Physical Address: 327 JACKSON ST.  
WADSWORTH, NV 89442

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Dated: 09/11/2018

*Khira Shaw*  
KHIRA SHAW, Court Clerk

**Teen Girl's Jingle:**

- 1st Sydney Shoemaker
- 2nd Brianna Esaw
- 3rd Natalia Chacon

**Teen Girl's Traditional:**

- 1st Ciabi Dick
- 2nd Tobre Thomas
- 3rd Adrianna Wahwasuck

**Teen Boy's Fancy:**

- 1st Degarian Sam
- 2nd Budge Stanton
- 3rd Wrenoon Osborne

**Teen Boy's Grass:**

- 1st Ryden Sampson
- 2nd Lorenzo Ramirez

**Teen Boy's Traditional:**

- 1st William Koipa
- 2nd Nakda Kakakaway

**Junior Girl's Fancy:**

- 1st Alani Barr
- 2nd Gabrielle Appenay
- 3rd Alaijah Sam

**Junior Girl's Jingle:**

- 1st Jayde Thomas
- 2nd Chesney Sampson
- 3rd Josie Shoshone

**Junior Girl's Traditional:**

- 1st Jazmyn Ros
- 2nd Jazmine Davis

**Junior Boy's Fancy:**

- 1st Talon Johnson
- 2nd Ay'ed Newmoon
- 3rd Seneca Newmoon

**Junior Boy's Grass:**

- 1st Kaden Shapp
- 2nd Devin Herrion
- 3rd Nota Redstone

**Junior Boy's Traditional:**

- 1st Joseph Sepsey
- 2nd Cheeks Thomas

**2018 ROYALTY**

**Tiny Tot Princess:** *Karianna John*  
Daughter of Deonn and Matt John, Reno/Sparks Colony

**Runner-up:** *Emilyse Dunn*  
Daughter of Felina Henry, Pyramid Lake

**Little Brave:** *Jace Naki'e Thomas*  
Son of Christina Thomas, Walker River (Jace sold \$2,219 in raffle tickets. Way to go Jace!)

**Lil' Miss Sacred Visions:** *Kimora Harrison*  
Daughter of Tami Harrison, Pyramid Lake

**Junior Miss Sacred Visions:** *Jaleece Astor*  
Daughter of Gina Harrison-Astor and James Astor, Reno/Sparks Colony

**Miss Sacred Visions:** *Shaylin Astor*  
Daughter of Rita Imus and Phillip Astor, Reno/Sparks Colony

*A special thanks to our outgoing royalty:*  
Lizabella Hardin, Cody Williams and Jakoby Stump

*Jace Naki'e Thomas*



*Karianna John*



*Shaylin Astor*

### Congratulations!

Pictured here are Jamasina Oppenheim, Heidi Barlese, Art Williams, Jo Oppenheim and Faye Ridesatthedoor. They won the Second Place prize of \$10,000 at the Coeur d'Alene Veterans Day Handgame Tournament.



### PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

[www.plpthumanresources.org](http://www.plpthumanresources.org)

### CURRENT JOB POSTINGS

December 27, 2018

Position	Salary	Posted Date	Closing Date
Sumunumu Program Director	\$51,043.20 - \$53,622.40 per annum; Full-Time; Exempt	December 14, 2018	January 2, 2018
Substance Abuse Counselor III	\$25.77-\$27.07 per hour; Full-Time; Non-Exempt	December 14, 2018	January 2, 2018
Van Driver/Kitchen Aide	\$10.20-\$10.72 per hour; Part-Time; Exempt	November 29, 2018	Open Until Filled
Transit Operator	\$13.02-\$13.68 per hour; Full-Time; Non-Exempt	November 19, 2018	Open Until Filled
Health Clinic Police Officer	\$16.61-\$17.46 per hour; Full-Time; Non-Exempt	October 24, 2018	Open Until Filled
Court Clerk	\$13.02-\$13.68 per hour; Full-Time; Non-Exempt	October 19, 2018	Open Until Filled
Marriage and Family Therapist	Negotiable DOE; Full-Time; Exempt	October 1, 2018	Open Until Filled
Social Worker	Negotiable DOE; Full-Time; Exempt	September 14, 2018	Open Until Filled
Substance Abuse Counselor	\$19.23-\$20.20 per hour; Full-Time; Non-Exempt	April 5, 2018	Open Until Filled
Maintenance Worker II On-Call (Realty Dept.)	\$10.71-\$11.25 Per Hour; Part-Time (As Needed); Non-Exempt	July 16, 2018	Open Until Filled
On-Call Childcare Provider	\$10.20-\$10.72 Per Hour; Part Time; Non-Exempt	November 8, 2017	Open Until Filled
On-Call Museum Attendant	\$9.72-\$10.20 Per Hour (On-Call, As Needed); Non-Exempt	February 9, 2018	Open Until Filled
On-Call Custodial Worker	\$8.39-\$8.82 Per Hour, Part-Time (As Needed); Non-Exempt	July 05, 2018	Open Until Filled
On-Call Retail Worker (I-80 Smokeshop, Nixon Store, & Marina)	\$9.71 - \$10.20 Per Hour; On-Call (As Needed); Non-Exempt	Ongoing	Ongoing
On-Call Various Department	Call for Details	Ongoing	Ongoing

Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U.S. Code, Sections 472 and 473). However, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is an Equal Opportunity Employer and all qualified applicants will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Section 703 (I) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended in 1991.

*The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is a drug free work place. Applicants will be required to undergo drug testing prior to employment and will be subject to further drug and alcohol testing throughout their period of employment. In addition, the Tribe implements a Background Investigation Program in which all employees are subject to a background investigation and favorable suitability determination as a condition of employment.*

From the Environmental Department

# Disposing of Unused Medicine

More than 100 different pharmaceuticals have been detected in lakes, reservoirs and streams throughout the world. Pharmaceuticals are being detected in the environment and there is a genuine concern that these compound, in the small concentrations that could be causing impacts to human health or to aquatic organisms. **Medicine Disposal Myths and Facts**

#1 – *Mixing medicines with coffee grounds or kitty litter before throwing them in the trash will prevent drug theft.*

**Fact:** Throwing medicines in the garbage is not safe, especially for controlled substances like OxyContin, narcotics and other highly addictive and dangerous drugs because the drugs can be found by others and used even if they are mixed with coffee grounds or kitty litter.

Use the take-back program to dispose of your unwanted or unused drugs.

#2 – *It's a good idea to crush medicines before throwing them out.*

**Fact:** Crushing pills is dangerous and puts the handler at risk of exposure to the drug through skin contact or breathing in the dust. Many medications are designed for slow release and crushing them can release dangerously high dosages. Pill dust can endanger other family members and pets in the home and can be especially harmful to children or women of childbearing age.

#3 – *The best way to protect children from accidental poisoning is to throw the medicines in the trash.*

**Fact:** Throwing unwanted medicines in the household trash does not ensure that curious kids can't get at them. There's an epidemic of accidental poisonings from medicines and children are the most common victims. Also kitty litter or other substances will not deter pets and other animals. Human medications are the leading cause of pet poisoning, most often from trash-related toxic exposures.

#4 – *It's okay to flush medicines down the toilet or pour them down the drain.*

**Fact:** Medicines that are flushed or poured down the drain can end up polluting the water supply, adversely impact aquatic species, and eventually contaminate the food we eat. Wastewater treatment plants or septic systems do not remove most medicines. Scientists have found medicines in surface and ground waters as well as the soil. Even at very low levels medicines can injure animal species on land or in the water.

#5 – *There is no reason why unwanted medicines cannot be put in landfills.*

**Fact:** Landfills are designed for standard household waste. However, most medicines contain hazardous chemicals and should be kept out of landfills to prevent toxic poisoning to people and the wildlife.

Take your unused medications to the clinic's drop box for proper disposal.

## For All You Frequent Flyer Fans...

Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have.

Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments.

In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child travelling with you,

secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite.

As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongs. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses.

We'd like to thank you for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of United Airlines.




## Tribe Approves Water Drop Sculpture

Dillon, a Sutcliffe resident and artist, has been given permission to build a 70-foot tall cast aluminum sculpture and install it at Sutcliffe. The Water Drop sculpture is scheduled to be completed over the next two years.

The artist wanted to show the depth of the decline in the lake's level resulting from the diversion at Derby Dam on the Truckee River.

As the project moves forward, Dillon foresees opportunities for the Pyramid Lake communities including collecting aluminum cans, building a foundry, and much more. The artist is creating a book and will be asking the community for old pictures showing the lake at its higher elevations.



**Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations**  
Food and Nutrition Division

**PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE**  
Supplemental Food Resources Calendar for 2019

<b>Commodity Foods</b> Nixon Gym 8:30 -1:30 pm	<b>Tribal Food Pantry</b> Nixon Gym 10:30-11:30 am	<b>Mobile Pantry</b> Wads. Comm. Bldg. 8:00-9:00 Nixon Gym 10:00-10:30
January 7	January 15	January 22
February 4	February 19	February 26
March 11	March 19	March 26
April 8	April 16	April 23
May 6	May 21	May 28
June 3	June 18	June 25
July 8	July 16	July 23
August 12	August 20	August 27
September 9	September 17	September 24
October 7	October 15	October 22
November 4	November 19	November 26
December 9	December 17	December 24

Applications will be available on site. Bring your own bags.






## Melva Shaw-Hunter

Melva Jean Shaw was born in Schurz on July 9, 1951 to Delores and Wilfred Shaw and peacefully passed into the Spirit World on December 17, 2018. She was one of four children and joins her loving relatives who preceded her in death: her father Wilfred, brothers Sammy and Stan, grandparents Edith and William Shaw, Sr., and Sarah and Howard Moore.

Melva is survived by her husband Bob Hunter, Sr., mother Delores Shaw, sister JoAnne Shaw, nephew Paul Shaw, daughter Anissa Anaya, son Gabe Shaw, and numerous relatives. Most special were her grandchildren: Makayah, Amaya, Isabella, Koso, Adelina, Khan, Ix, and Niku.

Melva grew up in Wadsworth and attended schools in Wadsworth and Fernley. After completing her GED, she attended Cosmetology School in Sparks and received her license as a Beautician. She earned an Associate Degree from Truckee Meadows Community College and also took continuing education studies at the University of Nevada for many years. She was a hairdresser in her early working career and later became the Native American Liaison for the University's Diversity Program for 18 years. She also worked at the Pyramid Lake Fisheries and

*May the sun bring you new  
energy by day,  
May the moon softly restore  
you by night,  
May the rain wash away your  
worries,  
May the breeze blow new  
strength into your being,  
May you walk gently through  
the world and know it's  
beauty all the days of  
your life.*

— Apache Blessing

## Passages

for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe as a Grants Writer.

Melva served on the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council for 6 years and maintained an interest in Tribal government. She served on the Pyramid Lake Fisheries Board, the Pyramid Lake High School Board of Education, the Water Resources Committee and other committees. She knew the long history of the Pyramid Lake Water Wars and kept up to date with new developments.

Melva had two children, Anissa and Gabe who were her pride and joy. She raised her children mostly as a single parent and she did all she could to ensure that her children held good values and upheld native rights and human rights.

At home, one would often find Melva working on an art project. She enjoyed reading, painting, making pottery, taking pictures, fixing up the home, and gardening. She held a strong interest in natural healing and using herbal plants instead of pharmaceutical medications.

Melva married her life-long friend and companion, Bob Hunter, Sr. When she moved to Carson City, Melva acquired 2 special pets, Ira and Ebbie. Once retired, she enjoyed a simple life with her loving husband Bob and her little pet friends. Melva was a kind and loving person, humble and simple. She and Bob were in a pool league in Carson and enjoyed spending time with their friends.

Melva was a survivor in the truest sense – she overcame health issues and life hardships with faith and grace. We are sorry that she moved on but happy for her in that she can rest in eternal peace with no pain, no worries, and can be with her relatives who dwell in a happy and beautiful paradise.

The family wishes to thank friends and relatives for their heartfelt sympathy and acts of kindness. Blessings to all for good health, happiness, and good fortune.



## Harold Earl Miller Pazeenogwa

June 14, 1927  
December 26, 2018

A World War II veteran, Harold served in the Pacific Theater at Iwo Jima. He received a Purple Heart.

Funeral services and burial took place at Walker River Paiute Reservation at Schurz.



## Don Melendez 1928-2018

Don Melendez passed away on December 27, 2019 in a Reno hospital at the age of 90. He was born in Schurz on October 22, 1928 to Manuel Melendez and Nellie Taylor Melendez.

He was a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and was a life-long resident at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

Don attended Stewart Indian School where he met his wife, Sally Kaye Melendez. They were married for 73 years.

He went to Stewart when he was in the 8th grade and graduated in 1948. While a student at Stewart, Don played football and became a proficient drummer for the Stewart Indian School band.

Don, like his father and brothers, worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 15 years, and later for ABC Block for 20 years.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Manuel and Nellie; brothers Louis, Valentine, Harold, Fred, and Carlos Melendez.

He is survived by his wife Sally; sons Arlan (Joyce), Steve (Cheryl), and Randy (Catherine); sisters Rose Rodriguez, Josephine Shores, Nancy Ortero and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and relatives.

A Funeral service was held at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Gymnasium on Friday, January 4, 2019. He was buried at the Hungry Valley Memorial Cemetery.

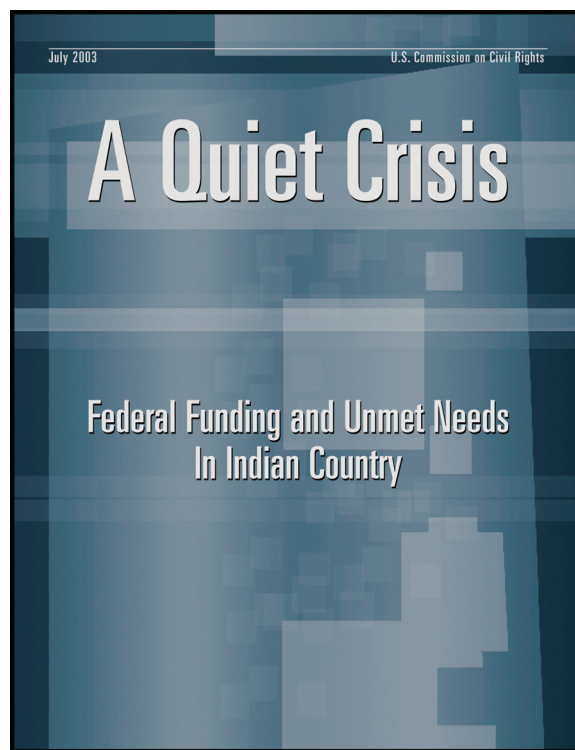


## Report examines discrimination in federal budgets

On December 20, 2018, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights released a 136-page report on the budgetary shortfalls encountered by tribal governments throughout the country. Entitled “Broken Promises: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans” the Commission evaluated the federal government’s meeting its trust responsibilities by examining the budgets and spending by federal agencies that sponsor Native American and Native Hawaiian programs.

The federal agencies examined in the report include the Departments of Health and Human Services, Interior, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, and Education.

Prompted by concerns raised by Native American communities and members of Congress, *Broken Promises* revisits a previous 2003 report, “A Quiet Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country” a similar evaluation on the expenditures of federal agencies on Native American programs. In *Quiet Crisis*, Commission found that funding for services critical to Native Americans was disproportionately lower than that for other populations.



*Broken Promises*, based on expert and public input plus extensive research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, and the affected federal agencies.

For more information visit the Commission at [publicaffairs@usccr.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@usccr.gov).

### Tribes will also be victims

## Shutdown Affects Food, Medicine, Salaries

For the Chippewa in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, the government shutdown comes with a price tag: about \$100,000 every day of federal money that does not arrive to keep health clinics staffed, food pantry shelves full and employees paid. The tribe is using its own funds to cover the shortfalls but if the standoff in Washington continues much longer, that stopgap money will be depleted and workers could be furloughed and health services pared back.

On the Navajo Nation, the government shutdown has already created difficulties. A blanket of snow has covered the region and roads are unplowed because federal maintenance has stopped. Many people are now trapped in their homes, unable to make the 20- or 50-mile journey to buy water, groceries and medicine. Because the federal government contributes to the salaries of many Navajo, the lack of pay hurts families where a single salary can support a family of six, 10 or even 12 people. Loan sharks have started leaving fliers on cars and doorsteps.

On the Bois Forte Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota, tribal officials have instituted a hiring freeze and are planning to meet later this week to discuss budget cuts. Police officers who are employees of the federal government may have to work without pay.

Officials with the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin said that they had made contingency plans but that they could manage at least another month without any cuts.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Idaho said that they had enough money to operate at full strength through Saturday, January 5 but would then have to re-evaluate.

“Indian Country stops moving forward and starts moving backward” during a shutdown, said Kevin Washburn, former assistant secretary for

Indian Affairs under President Obama.

Interior spokesman John Brockmier who was reached on New Year’s Eve, said he had no information about how the shutdown was affecting Indian Country. “I just don’t have any details from around the country to give you because there is no one out there that is currently able to provide that information for me.”

The 2013 lengthy shutdown caused a California tribe to close its child-care program. In Minnesota, a tribe postponed nonemergency medical procedures. And the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa in Michigan lost several employees to layoffs including hard-to-replace medical staff who did not return after the shutdown ended.

Representative Markwayne Mullin, a Republican of Oklahoma, introduced a bill last month that would have maintained funding for the Indian Health Service during a shutdown. His proposal did not make it to a vote, but hoped his idea would gain bipartisan support if the shutdown continues.

“This is a true federal obligation to the treaties made to Native Americans,” said Mr. Mullin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and who received health care from the Indian Health Service while growing up. “This is really different than any other government agency.”

The shutdown also curtails a Department of Agriculture food program that helped feed about 90,000 Native American people in fiscal year 2017. Chairman Joseph Rupnick of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in northeast Kansas, said he feared what the impact will have on his people. “When they’re going through a shutdown, they’re thinking: ‘I need five billion for a wall. I need dollars for this or that.’ The bottom line is it always impacts the neediest people in the country.”

## Brazil: Genocide for Natives

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo attended the January 1 inauguration of the newly-elected president Jair Bolsonaro. Trump offered his congratulations and offered support to the man dubbed the “Trump of the Tropics.”



Bolsonaro has pledged to sell off the Amazon rainforest to agribusiness, mining, and hydro-power and said the native people “will have to adapt to the majority, or simply disappear.”

He said “not one square centimeter” of Brazil will be reserved

for the native tribes. Currently only 13 percent of the land in Brazil is protected native territory in the Amazon rainforest that Bolsonaro wants to put up for auction.

He announced a merging of the agriculture and environment into a new “super ministry” to carry out his plans. Politicians who will head the new ministry are from the “beef caucus” who have historically opposed indigenous land conservation, supported agricultural expansion, and relaxing slave labor laws.

Bolsonaro doesn’t foresee any trouble pushing his agenda through Congress because it is dominated by representatives of the “Beef, Bible and Bullet” alliance—ranching and agribusiness, religious conservatives and the military.



The native people say the president’s plan has clear genocidal implications. According to Global

Witness more than 70 land rights activists have been killed in Brazil during the past two years for trying to protect the forests from illegal logging, expansion of cattle ranches, and soy plantations.

For Native American tribes that rely heavily on federal money to operate, a shutdown can cripple their most basic functions.

The BIA is set to furlough more than half of their employees during a shutdown which means services from law enforcement to tribal courts, disaster relief and road maintenance will be directly affected. Many jobs are often done by tribal employees paid with federal funds or by federal workers who are tribal citizens.

The BIA provides basic services to about 1.9 million American Indians and Alaska Natives by providing funds to the tribes to administer the services themselves or by employing federal workers to run the programs.

Generations ago, tribes negotiated treaties with the U.S. guaranteeing health and education in exchange for giving up their lands. The shutdown has further eroded many Native Americans’ confidence in the federal government, which they said has never lived up to the treaties.

— Edited from the *New York Times*



## Dear Readers,

The U.S. Constitution was patterned after the Iroquois Confederacy principles that governed the nations of Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and later the Tuscarora. Ben Franklin “borrowed” the principles to use as the basis for the new U.S. government beginning in 1789. The Bill of Rights was later added as the first of ten amendments ratified in 1791 and there have been 17 more amendments since then.

Never before in the history of this country has the Constitution and the Bill Rights been so shamelessly misused, abused, disgraced, dishonored, slandered, and besmirched until Donald Trump became president. Since he hasn’t read either document, he no doubt thought being president meant being king...or the boss of one very large real estate company.



## The Taradiddle Department

Because they keep track of such things, the *New York Times* revealed that Trump has uttered (and twittered) false or misleading claims over 7500 times during his 700 days in office. That’s over 10 a day! And he never stops.

Trump claimed on Friday, January 4, that past presidents have privately confided to him that they regret not building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Three of the four living U.S. presidents—Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama—did no such thing. And it’s safe to say neither did Jimmy Carter.

The most shocking lie was made during a November 9 interview with writers from a far-right website. To continue his ongoing tirade of

discrediting Robert Mueller and his investigation, he said he could produce “100 pictures of (Mueller) and (former FBI Director) Comey hugging and kissing each other.” That had to be one of his most despicable lies if one was to categorize the level of his lies.

## The Shutdown Shutout

Obsessed with getting “his wall”, Trump said if he doesn’t get the money for his wall, he would “be proud to shut down the government” and he “wouldn’t blame the Democrats”. He’s now blaming the Democrats and he said he’ll continue the shutdown for months, even years if he has too—on January 5.

Days after the December 22 government shutdown, he finally took notice of the hundreds of government workers “furloughed” or working without pay. So what does he do? He signs an order to freeze the pay raises for up to 2 million government employees—essentially *pouring salt in the wounds* of those shutout by the shutdown. Later he claimed, “*Many of those workers have said to me, communicated, stay out until you get the funding for the wall. These federal workers want the wall.*”

In a Dec. 30th letter, the Office of Personnel Management suggested furloughed federal workers barter with their landlords if they can’t make the rent. The agency oversees the government’s civilian workforce later said the letter was posted “inadvertently.”

## Trump’s Criminality

He has been labeled an “accelerant for corruption” because of the people he has hired, fired or they resigned for unethical behavior. It turns out his “drain the swamp” campaign promise added more alligators to the swamp.

With so many cabinet members resigning in disgrace, accused of wrongdoing or facing criminal investigation, policymakers are seeking to strengthen existing ethics rules. But the White House disagrees because they believe ethics rules prevent people from entering public service plus it would create a “priestly class” of government employees. Does this mean honest people need not apply?

The current *musical chairs* of employment in the executive branch seems to happen on a daily basis. And there are a bunch of “actors” running the agencies. Departmental “acting” Secretaries includes a former coal lobbyist for Environment, a former oil industry lobbyist for Interior, and a former pharmaceutical lobbyist for Health, and a former executive from Boeing Aircraft for Defense. Oh, and a wealthy contributor with no experience in education is, you guessed it, the Education Secretary.

The Treasury Department is headed by a banking executive instrumental in the collapse of the housing industry, who is also acting director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau that has dropped enforcement of consumer protection by 75 percent, and is now putting his bid in for Trump’s chief of staff following the resignation of a military General who couldn’t control the president.

The Justice Department merry-go-round continues because Trump just can’t seem to accept that Justice isn’t his private legal firm. He can’t even find a private attorney willing to work for him except that bizarre Rudy Giuliani who publicly reveals legal missteps by his boss.

Trump’s biggest mistake was firing the FBI

director that led to the creation of Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller in charge of investigating Trump’s shenanigans to become president.

As Mueller gets closer to completing his investigation and releasing his final report, the more disturbed Trump is becoming. Mueller’s investigation has generated at least 17 investigations into Trump’s business dealings *while president* and 30 subpoenas have been issued by multiple state and federal agencies on his businesses dealings as a *private citizen*. Mueller has also obtained indictments and guilty pleas from numerous “close associates” of Trump who claims he “hardly knows them.”

On December 17, Trump dissolved his Trump Foundation after the New York Attorney General found a “shocking pattern of illegality”. By closing it down, Trump probably thinks that will clear him and his family of any criminal wrongdoing. Not likely because the Internal Revenue guys are getting involved.

Now he wants a Federal court to postpone hearing a case that he is illegally profiting from his Washington hotel because the government shutdown prohibits his attorneys from working. The courts are staying open and his attorneys are not federal employees. Nice try.

## Obamacare Can Continue

The Texas federal judge who ruled that Affordable Care Act “violates the Constitution” has *issued a stay on his own decision*. The judge said Obamacare can continue as is while it is being appealed because his initial ruling would cause more harm than good. The judge ruled on a portion of the Act that mandates a tax penalty on those who don’t have health insurance. The Republicans changed the legislation on the mandate tax penalty to zero and slipped it into their thousand-page tax bill that no one read but voted to pass it anyway.

The Supreme Court upheld the tax mandate in 2012 because it is based on Congress’ taxing power. But with a zero tax penalty, it was that portion of Obamacare that was ruled unconstitutional by the Texas judge.

Following that decision, Justice Department lawyers were told to drop their defense of the Affordable Care Act—an unprecedented order that caused three lawyers to removed their names from the government’s brief and prompted the senior attorney to resign.

So in the meantime, people can still apply for insurance under the Act and still get coverage for their pre-existing conditions. And major insurance companies will continue to bide their time before they can start charging outrageous prices again and denying coverage for certain illnesses including pre-existing conditions.

## Environmental Disasters

In his two years Trump has blocked, delayed or targeted nearly 80 Obama-era regulations that protected the environment. And probably generated at least 80 lawsuits. Even though cheered on by the energy-related corporations that claim Trump is creating jobs, freeing businesses from “the shackles of government” and helping the economy grow, the public is becoming increasingly concerned about the air they breathe and the water they drink.

While Washington is pre-occupied with scandals surrounding the now-former top officials at the EPA and Interior—Trump’s anti-environmental policies are taking root in places like rural





California, urban Texas, West Virginia coal country and North Dakota.

**A major victim** of the proposed changes to the water protection laws will be the Colorado River. Already reeling from a crippling drought and rising water demands, the proposal would strip federal protections for the ephemeral (short-lived) streams that feed into the river after rain or snow. The Colorado River is a major source of water for 40 million people in the Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Southern California and Mexico.

The proposed changes includes turning jurisdiction of the nation's waters over to the states that, in the long run, will leave the tribes unprotected and subject to state laws historically hostile to Indian water rights.

*Once the federal government abrogates that responsibility it would be a matter of time before they turn over all their federal trust responsibilities to state jurisdiction. Then there would be no argument against termination.*

**Following the devastating** fires in California, Trump blamed "radical environmentalist" and suggested raking the forest underbrush to prevent such fires. In November 10 tweet, "There is no reason for these massive, deadly and costly forest fires in California except that forest management is so poor. Billions of dollars are given each year, with so many lives lost, all because of gross mismanagement of the forests. Remedy now, or no more Fed payments." A threatening tweet while California burns.

A day after Christmas, Trump quietly signed a 1,800-page executive order calling on the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture to reduce "regulatory barriers" to get rid of "hazardous fuels" that contribute to wildfires. He has turned over the care and keeping of the nation's forests to the logging industry to harvest at least 3.8 billion board feet of lumber from U.S. Forest Service lands and another 600 million board feet from BLM controlled lands.

Nowhere in the order does Trump connect climate change with increased wildfires caused by extreme heat and long-running droughts. He believes cutting down the trees will prevent wildfires. Predictably California will add another lawsuit to the already 44 active lawsuits it has against the Trump administration.

**Millions of acres** of public lands has been auctioned off for drilling rights that is raising environmental concerns, even in Wyoming. More than 12.8 million acres of federally controlled

oil and gas parcels were offered for lease—triple the average offered during Obama's second term. Big energy companies like Chesapeake Energy, Chevron and Anschutz Exploration are seizing on the federal lands free-for-all as they collectively buy up tens of thousands of acres in new leases and apply for thousands of permits to drill.

**Even with the dwindling** coal economy Trump still believes in "clean coal" production and was persuaded by the coal companies to change the permit regulations so they can dump their mining sludge into nearby streams and rivers regardless of who uses that water downstream. Plus he has removed regulations on the emissions from coal burning power plants. The EPA is asking for comments on their plan to weaken a rule on limiting mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. Comments are open for 60 days.



**Insecticides and other** chemicals are again being allowed on the big corporate agra-farms and other large farms. Their poisons will once again flow into waters and the food they grow.

Abolishing the environmental protection laws and/or turning them over to the states reduces the need for Environmental Protection Agency that the Trump administration has on their hit list.

**A major defeat for** Trump occurred on November 8 when a Montana district judge blocked construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The administration ignored the Administrative Procedure Act that requires an in-depth environmental impact review of potential adverse impacts related to climate change, cultural resources and endangered species. The judge noted that the administration used "outdated information" rather than "the best scientific and commercial data available."

In fact, federal courts have found the administration's agencies have short-circuited the regulatory process from water protections to chemical safety operations in their haste to repeal environmental and administrative procedure laws dating back to the 1970s.

**Another defeat** for Trump occurred when the Supreme Court refused the administration's request to prevent a unique lawsuit "to protect the air we breathe" from going to trial. The lawsuit, filed by a group of young people (some as young as 12), is to force the federal government to take action on climate change.

### Immigration Nightmares



What a total mess this administration has made with the mean-spirited policies designed to punish the refugees for escaping the violence in their homelands. These are only policies—not the law and the architect of these policies, White House senior advisor Stephen Miller, had a grandmother who escaped the Nazis and came to this country as a refugee.

Just hours into the New Year, Border agents fired tear gas on 150 migrants near a border fence in Tijuana. They claim the tear gas was



used against rock throwers but an *Associated Press* photographer saw rocks being thrown only after the agents fired the tear gas. It was the second time tear gas was used on the refugees that included women and children. Trump dismissed the use of the tear gas saying it was "a mild version of the gas."

On the Sunday before Christmas Eve, 200 refugees, with nowhere to go, were dumped off at an El Paso bus station by the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents and another 200 were dumped on Christmas Day. ICE didn't even notify Annunciation House that finds shelters for the refugees who were left stranded in a downtown parking lot near the bus station.

Trump's political stunt for the Thanksgiving holiday was sending military troops to the border to head off the "migrant caravan" and authorized new powers for the troops to use against the refugees "including searches, detentions, crowd control and, if necessary, *deadly force*." He later explained that the deadly force would be only used against rock throwers.

The "Remain in Mexico" plan forces the refugees to stay in Mexico while their requests for entry are being processed—a major break in the immigration policy that allows refugees to enter and remain until they could get a hearing with an immigration judge. Mexico became upset because no one told them of the plan or offered assistance to accommodate the refugees.

Following the deaths of two Guatemalan children while in custody has lead to revelations of abuse of the refugee children being held in detention. Child-care advocates and civil rights groups have encountered deliberate bureaucratic obstacles while attempting to gain access to these children to check on the quality of care they are receiving. A conservative estimate of up to a million dollars a day is spent on the detention facilities—many are privately owned and a majority of the employees have not had background checks.

**If he can't build** his wall, in a December 28 tweet Trump threatened to close the border "entirely" apparently without regard to the economic chaos it would create in towns like El Paso or San Diego.

He then tweeted, "Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador are doing nothing for the United

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States but taking our money. Word is that a new Caravan is forming in Honduras and they are doing nothing about it. We will be cutting off all aid to these 3 countries—taking advantage of U.S. for years!” Conditions in those countries are so severe that many families are walking three months to the U.S. It would be logical to help these countries improve their conditions to prevent their people from leaving instead of issuing threats against them.

**The good news** is that the State Department is moving toward committing \$5.8 billion on a new “Marshall Plan” for Central America to address the migrant crisis at its source.

Trump’s administration doesn’t try to hide its racial bias against people of color entering this country—people of the Muslim faith, Africans from “s\*\*hole countries” and, South Americans. On December 12 it was revealed that they going to deport the *protected* Vietnamese immigrants who have lived in the United States for decades after fleeing their country after the Vietnam war. *Protected* Vietnamese immigrants are those people who helped the United States during the war and upon deportation would most likely be jailed or executed.

**Miscellaneous items:** The Department of Agriculture announced plans to lower nutrition standards for school cafeterias that were part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Act of 2010 initiated by former first lady Michelle Obama.

The Supreme Court refused to stop a lawsuit over Trump’s administration attempt to put the question of citizenship on the 2020 census form.

A new proposed House Republican rules has been uncovered that says if a Republican lawmaker gets indicted “for a felony for which a sentence of two or more years imprisonment may be imposed” they have to step down from their committee assignment or the leadership posting—before going to jail?

The Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has been receiving around-the-clock security from the U.S. Marshals Service days after being confirmed. It has cost the taxpayers \$19.8 million through September 2019. DeVos has attempted to dismantle significant Obama education policies by removing protection policies for disabled students; overlooking regulations aimed at predatory for-profit colleges that charged tuition and hand out useless degrees; weakened campus sexual assault policies; and proposing to removed civil rights protection for students of color.

“Character matters to the presidency and Donald Trump will bring the highest level of integrity to the highest office of the land.” quote Vice-President Mike Pence—the man next in line if (God willing) Trump gets kicked out of office. Pretty scary... But take heart, Nancy Pelosi is next in line if...



## TRUMPISMS

*Brought to you as a public service to demonstrate that being rich with a gold toilet doesn't give you couth or intelligence.*

### On telling the truth

*“Well, I try. I do try ... and I always want to tell the truth. When I can, I tell the truth. And sometimes it turns out to be where something happens that's different or there's a change, but I always like to be truthful.”*

### On community colleges:

*“You know, when I was growing up, we had vocational schools. Today you have community college. I'm trying to say, ‘Well, a community college -- what do they teach? English and Latin and -- what are they teaching?’ The old days, we had vocational schools. And I'd go to school with people who knew -- weren't necessarily good students, but they could go outside after school hours and take away a car engine, take apart electric motors, take apart their -- and nobody else -- the best student in the class didn't even know what they're doing. They had no clue. But they were great at that, and that's what they liked to do. And we've gotten rid of vocational schools and we've replaced them with community colleges. We need vocational schools. It's great money.”*



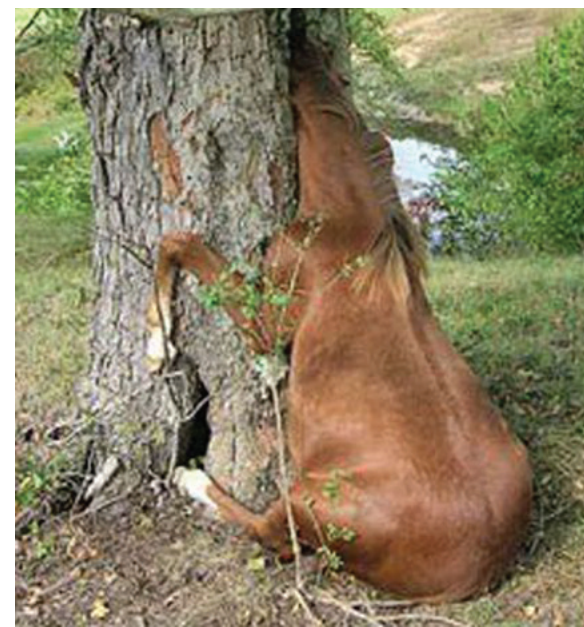
### Birthright is the law

*“Birthright citizenship is a very, very important subject. In my opinion, it's much less complex than people think. I think it says it very loud and clear in the Constitution that you don't have to go through the process of whatever they're talking about.” ... “[T]he Constitution does not – I say that to the media – does not require [birthright citizenship] – read it – because illegal aliens are not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.” ... “Birthright citizenship, you know all about it. We will keep the criminals, the drug dealers, we will keep them all out of our country. We will get rid of all of this. We will end, finally, birthright citizenship.”*

### The 9th Circuit Court upholds the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program

*“DACA, that was actually good news yesterday because you never win in the 9th Circuit if you're on this half of the equation... The good news is, by rejecting DACA in the 9th Circuit yesterday, finally, we've been waiting for that, we get to the Supreme Court and we want to be in the Supreme Court on DACA. [...] So this whole thing, it's a terrible thing what's happening with the courts. The DACA will now hopefully go to the Supreme Court where it will be given a fair decision.”*

Trump is convinced that with his nominee Brett Kavanaugh now on the Supreme Court he expects to win his cases.



### On his tax returns:

*“ Well, look, as I have told you, they're under audit. They have been for a long time. They're extremely complex. People wouldn't understand them. They're done by among the biggest and best law firms in the country. Same thing with the accounting firms. The accountants are -- a very, very larger, powerful firm, from the standpoint of respect. Highly respected. Big firm. A great law firm. You know it very well. They do these things; they put them in. But people don't understand tax returns.” ... And he won't turn over his tax returns because... “When it's under audit -- no, nobody would. Nobody turns over a return when it's under audit, okay?”*

### On the 1,656-report on climate change

*“I've seen it, I've read some of it, and it's fine. ... Yeah. I don't believe it. ... No. No. I don't believe it. And here's the other thing – you're going to have to have China, and Japan, and all of Asia, and all of these other countries – you know, it – it addresses our country. Right now, we're at the cleanest we've ever been, and that's very important to me. But if we're clean but every other place on Earth on is dirty, that's not so good.”*

### On climate change

*“People like myself, we have very high levels of intelligence, but we're not necessarily such believers.” Stephen Colbert replies: “Sir, when it comes to your high levels of intelligence, we're not believers either.”*

### Misunderstanding tariffs

First he said, “We don't even have tariffs. Where do we have tariffs? We don't have tariffs anywhere.”

Later he said, “Now, as of already, we’re taking in -- right now, we’re taking in billions. China is -- people don’t understand this: China is right now paying us -- right now, paying us billions of dollars a month. That’s never happened before.”

#### Gut trusting

“I’m doing deals, and I’m not being accommodated by the Fed[er]al Reserve]. I’m not happy with the Fed. They’re making a mistake because I have a gut, and my gut tells me more sometimes than anybody else’s brain can ever tell me.”

#### On knowledge

He doesn’t often read because he doesn’t think he has to—to reach the right decisions “with very little knowledge other than the knowledge I [already] had, plus the words ‘common sense’ because I have a lot of common sense.”

#### Legal crimes?

Trump’s attorney Rudy Giuliani on paying illegal hush money: “Nobody got killed, nobody got robbed... This was not a big crime.”

U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) equated the payment as “an error in filing paperwork.”

Trump’s defense: “Sure, Donald Trump and his team may have committed crimes, but they’re not, you know, crimes.”



#### On being thankful

“Great family, and for having made a tremendous difference in this country. This country is so much stronger now than it was then I took office and you wouldn’t believe it and when you see it, we’ve gotten so much stronger people don’t even believe it. When I see foreign leaders, they cannot believe the difference in strength between the United States now and the United States two years ago. We’ve made a lot of progress.”

And the foreign leaders laughed when he made a similar statement at the United Nations...

#### Lawsuit against CNN

“Just read through the Trump administration’s new filing in the CNN lawsuit. Notably, in their 28-page memo to the court, they never accuse Jim Acosta of ‘placing his hands on a young woman,’ like the Press Secretary claimed last week. Why not? For one, you can’t lie to a federal judge.”

—Reporter Marshall Cohen

#### Whaaat?!!

“Our country doesn’t do anything to honor those of us who avoided becoming veterans. I think we’ve been treated very unfairly.”

—The New Yorker magazine

## What others are thinking...

### For Trump, ‘a War Every Day,’ Waged Increasingly Alone

When President Trump grows frustrated with advisers during meetings, which is not an uncommon occurrence, he sits back in his chair, crosses his arms and scowls. Often he erupts. “F\*\*king idiots!” he calls his aides.

For two years, Mr. Trump has waged war against his own government, convinced that people around him are fools. Angry that they resist his wishes, uninterested in the details of their briefings, he becomes especially agitated when they tell him he does not have the power to do what he wants, which makes him suspicious that they are secretly undermining him.

The swirl of recent days—a government shutdown, spiraling scandals, tumbling stock markets, abrupt troop withdrawals and the resignation of his alienated defense secretary—has left the impression of a presidency at risk of spinning out of control.

At the midpoint of his term, Mr. Trump has grown more sure of his own judgment and more cut off from anyone else’s than at any point since taking office. He spends ever more time in front of a television, often retreating to his residence out of concern that he is being watched too closely.

—Peter Baker, Maggie Haberman,  
*New York Times*

### A rogue presidency: The era of containing Trump is over

For two years, they tried to tutor and confine him. They taught him history, explained nuances and gamed out reverberations. They urged careful deliberation, counseled restraint and prepared talking points to try to sell mainstream actions to a restive conservative base hungry for disruption. But in the end, they failed. For President Trump, the era of containment is over. ...

Trump will enter his third year as president unbound—at war with his perceived enemies, determined to follow through on the hard-line promises of his insurgent campaign and fearful of any cleavage in his political coalition. So far, the result has been disarray. ... Republican lawmakers once afraid of crossing this president are now openly critical. ...

Trump is surrounding himself with ‘yes’ men and women—at least relative to Mattis and other former military generals who tried to keep him at bay—who see their jobs as executing his vision, even when they disagree. He has designated some officials, including the new White House chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, as ‘acting,’ meaning they must labor to please the president to eventually be empowered in their positions permanently.

—Phil Rucker  
*Washington Post*

### Judiciary dismisses ‘serious’ misconduct complaints against Brett M. Kavanaugh

The judicial council reviewing dozens of misconduct claims against Supreme Court Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh has dismissed the complaints that coincided with his contentious nomination battle. “The allegations contained in the complaints are serious,” said the order from a Colorado-based appeals court, but must be dropped because *ethics rules for the judiciary do not extend as high as the Supreme Court.*



Terae Briggs was named Mountain States Player of the Week after scoring 24 points in an overtime win over Hawaii on December 29. Briggs, a member of the Crow Nation, is the first player to receive the award for UNR’s Wolf Pack women’s basketball team.

## Bargain Books Available

Can’t afford the cost of a new book? Check out the Goodwill stores.

They have hundreds of books of cooking, gardening, basic how-to books on carpentry, electrical, painting (house and picture). Autobiographies on historical figures, the notorious and the not-so notorious, celebrities, politicians, and popular authors like Stephen King, Nora Roberts, John Grisham, Danielle Steele and more. Plus hundreds of children’s books.

You can get a recently published, hard-bound \$36 book for \$2.99. Check it out!

And if you finish it and don’t want to keep it, donate it to the tribal library.



The 83 claims filed by lawyers, doctors, professors and other concerned citizens accuse Kavanaugh of making false statements during his Senate confirmation hearings, displaying a lack of judicial temperament, making inappropriate partisan statements and treating members of the Senate Judiciary Committee with disrespect, according to the 10-page order from the Judicial Council of the 10th Circuit.

—Ann E. Marimow, Robert Barnes  
*Washington Post*



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## TWO-SPIRIT POWWOW

### FORT MASON • SAN FRANCISCO

8th Annual 10am - 6pm Grand Entry Noon

## Powwow offers travel assistance to tribal members

The 8th Annual Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits Powwow is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Fort Mason in San Francisco from 10 am to 6 pm. Grand Entry is at noon and the event is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcomed to the family-friendly, clean and sober event and wheelchair accessible.

The powwow is a traditional Native American event that honors the native cultures. Last year's event welcomed over 5,000 people and vendors will be on site selling frybread and buffalo burgers, plus native arts and crafts and jewelry will be featured.

It is sponsored by BAAITS, a 20-year-old volunteer organization that celebrates and supports the Two-Spirit People. BAAITS board chair Amelia Vigil said, "This is a space for all of us to gather respectfully and celebrate Native Traditions. Whether you are African-American, Native American, White, gay, straight, transgen-

der, whoever you are and wherever your roots originate, come with curiosity and kindness and you will enjoy the company of 5,000 like-minded good and connected people as we celebrate traditions of music, art and togetherness."

Two-Spirit is a Native American term for a person with both female and male energies that traditionally held honored positions in their native communities. Two-Spirit is a tribal word rooted in the Anishinaabe language, "niizh manidoowag", to describe individuals who embody both the feminine and masculine.

Comfort & Joy, a also a service organization working in conjunction with BAAITS, will be offering travel assistance for Pyramid Lake tribal members who wish to travel to the Bay Area for the powwow. To apply for travel assistance, call Tisina Parker at 415/871-6227 or email: [tisinat@gmail.com](mailto:tisinat@gmail.com).

According to Kitten Calfee, "We have a lot of

respect for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and really appreciate that you let us come to your neck of the woods for Burning Man. We want to return the favor." Comfort & Joy also sponsors a food drive for Pyramid Lake's food bank every following the Burning Man event.

Featured native participants include Carla Munoz and Dessiree Munoz (both from Costanoan Rumsen, Carmel) who will be offering the opening prayers.

Other participants include Head dancers Clyde Hall (Shoshone-Métis) and Sage Runabove (Shawnee, Ponca, Otoe, Lakota) and Head Gourd dancer: Matthew Reed (Osage-Laguna Pueblo).

Arena Director: Eric Kimple (Blackfeet); Whipman: Marc Goggles-Keka (Wichita).

Drum groups includes Blue Medicine Well (Northern) and Southern Pride (Southern).

Co-MCs: L. Frank Manriquez (Tongva-Acjachemen) and Coy McLemore (Kiowa).