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## SUMMARY OF THE WADSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER SURVEY

Thanks to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey about what you want to see for the Wadsworth Community Center. Ninety-seven people participated, providing excellent ideas and visions. We collected 11 at the Wadsworth Post Office, 5 at Natchez School, 19 at the I-80 Smokeshop, 26 at the Nixon Store, 16 at the Tribal Administration, 7 at the Senior Center and 14 at the High School. Your comments and suggestions will be given to an architectural firm who will evaluate all the information to find the best site. But in case you are curious, here is a short summary of the results:

**Potential Locations:** Jackson Street (42), Big Bend Ranch (33), Neither (3), Either (1), Brown Building/ Old Community Center (5), Nixon (3), School Street (2), near I-80 Smokeshop (2).

**Walking to a community center:** 63

People said they wanted to be able to walk to the community Center and 25 said that being able to walk to the community center was not as important.

**What people want to see when looking out from windows of Community Center:** the river, trees, grass, children playing, natural landscaping, park and community was the picture that many want to see when looking out from community center. Other suggestions included looking out on a patio, plants, nice scenery, desert, game fields, playgrounds, people, outside basketball courts, Lake, unbroken windows, nature, flowers, well-maintained property, neighborhood, swimming pool, river park, mountains (not Brady Hill), and freeway.

**Activities ranked in importance for the facility from greatest to least:** Fitness center 29; Gym/Locker Room: 26; Large meeting Room: 25;

After-school tutoring/Computer Lab: 18; Senior Center/ Diabetes Center: 18; Outside Basketball Court: 13; Police/ Emergency Response: 12; Workshop Area: 9; and Small rooms: 6. Other great ideas submitted were: dance studio with sound equipment and mirrors (2); outdoor swimming pool (2); basketball court; playground; park; softball/ baseball fields; 4-H; Headstart Daycare, Conference Room; Library; Church and lots of windows.

The Pyramid Lake Tribe received a grant from U.S. Housing and Urban Development to begin the first phase of designing the Wadsworth Community Center. The Contracts & Grants Department will keep you posted through each level of planning.

Thanks again for taking the time to share your ideas and vision.

## PL HOUSING AUTHORITY

NAHASDA (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act) of 1996 provides federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance, and for other purposes. NAHASDA is the grant which the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority (PLHA) is the recipient of and which is used for the development and operation of low-income housing on our reservation.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is committed to providing the opportunity for safe, decent, sanitary, and affordable housing for tribal members and to do so in a way that is consistent with the Tribe's social, cultural and economic values.

The FY10 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) has been developed. Activities include the continued administration of the '37 units (units constructed with '37 funding) homeownership and low rental and NAHASDA built units, renovation projects, site improvement projects, and new construction. Community meetings have been held to discuss

Housing's future plans. For a complete copy of the IHP, contact the Housing office.

There are two new employees at Housing, both have worked for housing before. Robert Hicks is now the Maintenance Supervisor and Jackie Mix is now the Development Coordinator. Welcome Back! We are currently advertising for one 'Maintenance Technician'.

The FY2010 BIA HIP program is currently taking applications, both new and up-dates. Contact the Development Department if you are interested and believe you qualify. Applications for the low-rent program and homeownership program is on-going. Contact the Resident Services Department if you would like more information.

All the above mentioned programs have eligibility requirements. The applicant must be an enrolled Pyramid Lake member, two or more persons in a stable family setting, income eligible, and no tribal debts. More detail is available at the housing office. *Enjoy the holidays.*

## PL HEALTH CLINIC

### Awarded Meth/Suicide Prevention Grant

For years now the Pyramid Tribal Lake Health Clinic has been trying to increase the amount of services that are available. With the announcement that they have received the Meth/Suicide Prevention grant there is a unique opportunity to increase the Mental Health services for the community. Some of the following improvements included are;

Child Psychiatrist services increased from ½ day every 3 months to 1 ¼ days per month. Psychiatrist from 1 day per month to 2 days per month. Family Counseling Services from 4 days per week to 5 days per week.

Increasing these services will help with the overall goal of the grant. That being to build a culturally appropriate integrate program that involves intervention, prevention, and outreach whereby suicides and substance abuse are prevented among residents of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.

If you feel a need for any of the above services we at the clinic urge you to contact us for an appointment. We can be reached at 775-574-1018.

## Sampling the River

The Water Resources Department will be in the Truckee River at Numana Dam during the first two weeks of December. The Water Resources employees will have a sampler to take core samples of the river bed sediments. The sampling should take approximately four days. To ensure water quality standards are met, a turbidity curtain will be installed for the duration of the sampling event and the environmental department will monitor turbidity with their Sonde unit. Core and bulk sampling will also be conducted to obtain data for the engineering models during the same time. The information we are going to get for modeling is the amount of sediment found behind

the Dam and what size rocks.

This sampling event is the first step in the Numana Dam Project. From the information gathered, the engineering process will begin to determine how the new intake structure will be designed. The metal and mercury concentrations will be used in preparing the environmental documents to determine how to deal with the sediments behind the dam. As the engineering and environmental documents are being prepared the Water Resource Department will be having meetings to incorporate tribal input into the documents.



## ... FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday greeting. This time comes about for us to enjoy the holiday season with family and friends.

It is also election time and it is my hope that the negative "mud slinging" at this time will not occur. The negative letter wiring by some are without taste or class. It is ironic that the term slander is used but the negative letters contain information without proof or merit about accusations.

When people think about saying something negative about anything it should be thought about how any of it will be helpful; because in the end it only produces more resentment. Spreading rumors is common the reservation, but it is most important that proof accompanies any accusation about anyone; otherwise the accusations are nothing more than rumors.

It is long believed that tribal leaders are selected and elected to work together for the

betterment of the Tribe. Currently it is apparent that this fundamental is not present and the division is fueling the negative public comments that occur at each Council meeting. If the Administration and Tribal Council can achieve the same goals and mission, the Tribe could be so much stronger and more progressive.

The Tribal Council has never sold any of its water rights or the tribal lands within the reservation. The allegations of this magnitude must have proof and if it is an exaggeration of the situation, people should be asking for the deeds that would confirm a sale. The "would if" scenario and second guessing any decision does not produce support for the ultimate outcome.

The suggestion that "claims money" is misallocated; tribal members received their "Indian money" after the Indian Claims Commission settled on the lands and water back in 1977 and 1980. The 87 Docket Funds are available for specified purposes as outlined in the Federal Register and

the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee are responsible to oversee the management and expenditure of the 87 Docket Funds by the Tribe.

As part of this article, the Vision and Mission Statements are provided for your consideration relative to the charge of the Tribal Administration to meeting the obligations of its management. Also included is a letter to President Obama in response to the recent meeting that occurred in Washington, D.C. on November 5, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything contained in this article or for anything the Tribe is doing, please contact me at (775) 574-1000 x102. Thank you.

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman

## ... CHAIRMAN'S TRAVEL REPORTS

To: Tribal Council Members  
From: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman  
CC: Tribal Finance (w/ Expense Statement)  
Date: November 24, 2009  
Re: Washington D.C. Travel Report

The meeting at the Department of Interior with President Obama and certain Cabinet officials went well as it possibly could especially with over 200 tribal leaders present. President Obama did sign an executive memorandum directing federal agencies to increase and improve relations with Indian Tribes.

Attached are documents that reflect the agenda from the meeting and information about the future expectations from the federal government. It was a historic event, but now time will tell how the agencies will respond to the President's commitment. Time will also tell how tribes will respond and participate in the directive that states agencies have 90 days to develop a plan to address the manner in which they will improve consultation under Executive Order 13175.

The President was well prepared as he was able to address the concerns and problems

that exist throughout the country with Indian Tribes and the conditions of Indian reservations. This is the first time that a President has reached out to Indian Country rather than Indian Country having to reach out to the federal government. A meeting of this magnitude has never occurred with any administration.

Topics covered by the Cabinet officials included natural resources, environmental concerns, homeland security, housing, law enforcement, health, and education. There are so many concerns that patience will be a virtue that must allow for adequate adaptation to the implementation and activation of the executive trust obligation and federal trust responsibility. Climate change was a major topic, along with criminal investigation on Indian reservations, Indian Health Service, HUD, preschool to post secondary education, EPA funding and environmental regulation, and improving consultation with Indian Tribes were specific topics of discussion.

Each of the Cabinet officials who were present also was well prepared and recognizes the unique relationship that exists between "nation to nation." This administration can be viewed as one

of the best that has ever been assembled to assist and address the ongoing problems plaguing Indian Country.

Cards were provided to tribal leaders to submit concerns to the President and the President also stated that he is open to receiving follow up information from tribes since many leaders were not heard throughout the day.

Tracy Hartzler-Toon is leaving Senator Harry Reid's staff. The appointment with her could not be kept and when her replacement is situated, they will be contacting the Tribe to continue with the work of the Tribe. The meeting with the Bureau of Land Management will lead to meeting with State Director Ron Wenker to discuss the issues involved with Nevada BLM. They include the Ruby Pipeline, NAGPRA, and consultation. A meeting will be scheduled soon.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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Attachments  
cc: Tribal Newspaper, file

To: Tribal Council Members  
From: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman  
CC: Tribal Finance w/ Expense Report  
Date: November 24, 2009  
Re: NAGPRA Review Committee Travel Report

The "NAGPRA Basics" training was remarkable to see the application of the regulations has evolved to applying the law more complex with interpreting the meaning of the legal terminology. It was stated that the law involves property law, Indian law, human rights law, and administrative law. Repatriation is a term that may not be applied in times where repatriation is needed; but rather the term disposition is preferred due to the legal requirements surrounding it. Today tribes are required to meet more regulatory requirements before successful repatriation is realized.

The trust doctrine that was instituted in the early 1800s (the Marshall Trilogy) is still a principle

that is applied today because tribes are still treated as dependent on the manner in which federal laws and rules are applied and enforced. In the law it refers to the "reasonable basis" standard for application and enforcement, but it is not defined and it usually leads to controversy and disagreement because what may be reasonable for tribes is not reasonable for agencies or museums.

The United States Constitution requires ownership to be determined so that the transfer of "property" under the repatriation requirement is fully acceptable. Possession and ownership will go hand in hand and when the legal requirement under these terms is applied, it will become more difficult for Tribes to complete repatriation claims. Tribes are still required to prove and present information supporting any claim for repatriation; but the standard for accepting information is still in the hands of agencies and museums.

The highlights of the Review Committee meeting involved: agreements for the repatriation (disposition) of "culturally unidentifiable" human remains between tribes and certain agencies; the determination of cultural items as items of cultural patrimony and/or sacred items by museums; the effect of the recommendations of the Committee to agencies and museums; applying requirements with non-federally recognized tribes and/or lineal descendants; and addressing concerns that are raised by Congress oversight committee (the recent Rahall hearing on NAGPRA).

There is one requirement that will require clarification and will likely involve promulgating a new rule or amending the existing rule on the "90 day" rule. The regulation currently reads that when a NAGPRA claim is filed by a tribe the repatriation shall be completed in 90 days. However in many instances, an inventory may not be complete,

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## ... CHAIRMAN'S TRAVEL REPORTS (CON'T)

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consultation may not have occurred, and/or proper notices may not have been either posted in local/regional newspapers or in the federal register.

The Culturally Unidentifiable (CUI) human remains is still an issue that is yet to be resolved. Certain tribes are achieving agreement with some collections that are lacking sufficient information and where tribes are agreeing to take the responsibility and repatriate these collections. The regulations are due to be released soon that will address the "disposition" of CUI collections. Many collections have been resubmitted as unaffiliated since this term CUI is not yet defined but is made available for use; and it could be considered a mainstay with the way collections are being managed.

The National Park Service has been consulting with museums when museums has been found in non-compliance and are facing allegations of wrong-doing and are subject to civil penalties. NAGPRA involves Native Tribal collections and it is not apparent that tribes have

been consulted regarding the issues of non-compliance where collections involve collections of Native People and Tribes. Each federal agency possesses a trust responsibility for any issue involving tribal resources; the Tribe must be a part of any formal or informal consultation. Furthermore, there is no regulation that authorizes the consultation with museums and especially without tribes who are impacted by the ultimate actions of the museum and agency.

NAGPRA will be turning 20 years old next year. It may be an opportunity to assess how far the implementation of the law has evolved. How much repatriation has occurred and what are the types of problems experienced are two questions that are likely to be analyzed at this milestone. For the most part the disconnect between the governmental interests and the traditional and cultural understanding of Native People still requires much work.

NAGPRA is considered human rights legislation, but the law must continue to work toward achieving the goal and intention of returning

all burial and associated burial items to the rightful owners for proper repatriation. Tribes are feeling the insult and disrespect in the treatment for ancestral remains and items contained in boxes and/or that are being used for display and education purposes. A full understanding, appreciations, and acceptance is required between cultural customs and traditional practices with the government and museums or there will continue to be the challenges facing Indian tribes and the repatriation standard of NAGPRA.

If anyone is interested in obtaining more information on NAGPRA, information is contained on the National Park Service website at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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cc: Tribal Newspaper, file

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** *Upcoming Fundraiser by the WADSWORTH Preschool Parent Committee:*

# Valentine See's Candy

All proceeds will go to the Wadsworth Preschool Center for extra educational cost such as books, art supplies field trips and end of the year Graduation 2010. Your support is very much appreciated.

Please Support the  
Wadsworth Preschool Parent Committee

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Here's How:

**Raffle Tickets will be sold by the Wadsworth Preschool Parents.**

**Each ticket cost \$10.00 ea.**

*\*For more information please contact Keri L. Romo @ (775) 287-2572.*

*\*All proceeds go to the Wadsworth Preschool Center for extra educational cost such as Books, Art Supplies, Field Trips and end of the Graduation*

*Thank You for Your Support!*

## Follow Up to Tribal Conference with President Obama

November 20, 2009

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Follow Up to Tribal Conference

Dear President Obama:

Thank you for scheduling the Tribal Leaders Conference and meeting with Tribal leaders on November 5, 2009. This is submitted as a follow up because you indicated that the White House is encouraging the submission of information as many of us were unable to address you during the conference. The following represents the concerns and issues identified by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada.

### Natural Resources:

Indian Tribes with "Treatment as States" (TAS) status under the CWA, and who have EPA-approved Water Quality Standards (CWA 303), should receive funding as States do to support their Water Quality Standards and water quality monitoring programs. The federal requirement for Tribes to achieve and monitor water quality compliance is equal to that of States and the responsibility is no different from one jurisdiction to the next. Tribes do not have the funding needed to support and maintain the high standard for compliance monitoring and can demonstrate an unfair imbalance that adversely affects all sectors of the wildlife dependent on stream and lake water quality.

Endocrine Disruptors (EDC) are chemicals that interfere with the endocrine systems, leading to adverse effects for humans and wildlife. National reports indicate that EDCs are present in stream systems where waste water treatment facilities discharge treated effluent directly into streams. Tribes are concerned because they depend on fishery resources that are threatened by the presence of EDCs in waterways. For years, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has requested funding to conduct research and study the impacts on aquatic habitats directly downstream of the Truckee Meadows Waste Water Reclamation Facility located in Sparks, Nevada. The research will greatly assist solving the problems associated with initial observations and recording of deformities to aquatic life in the Truckee River. Results will also lead to collaborative solutions for safe and adequate disposal of treated effluent.

Climate change is affecting all realms of life as we know it. The southwest region, including northern Nevada, shows a 2° F increase over the past 50 years. Snow elevation levels are increasing; i.e. snow levels are becoming higher in elevation in mountain ranges. Frost days are decreasing; regions become cooler later in the fall and warmer earlier in the spring. Funding for continued studies are required to assist with identifying solutions to the increased pressure on available nature resources – water, land, and air. The immediate impacts to wildlife and livestock habitats are critical for tribes to understand so that they may take the necessary measures to adjust

management practices.

### Cultural Rights:

Many of our cultural rights are based on the natural surroundings and the elements of life; fire, water, air, and earth – and we view all life as connected and believe that our ancestral past is integral to our very existence. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 was a start toward full recognition of our human and civil rights, and to begin healing the damage that has been done to Native cultures and traditions. However, the NAGPRA has evolved into a matrix of cumbersome regulations and procedural denials. Repatriation has become increasingly more difficult as it has become captive of the federal bureaucracy. There are no Native People working in the National NAGPRA Program at the level to make the program effective. The NAGPRA Office in the National Park Service requires a serious evaluation of its effectiveness and a thorough investigation. I would be pleased to work with the White House to address the way in which repatriation laws are being implemented.

A serious concern exists with the term "culturally unidentifiable" (CUI) which is not yet a formal component of the law but is being used as part of the regulatory requirement. This term is causing repatriation under the law to be influenced by museum and scientific communities to retain control and possession of museum and institution collections. The CUI collection is now at 124,377 and is likely going to increase as affiliation determinations will change to unaffiliated and become CUI.

Protection of our sacred places, including burial grounds, is a continuing area of concern for us, as it is across Indian country. I was one of the tribal leaders who applauded your campaign promise to support legal protections for Native American sacred places. We need a statutory cause of action specifically for to defend our sacred places in court, and I urge you to propose that Congress enact such a right of action in the near future. I also request that you review and strengthen the existing Executive Order on Indian Sacred Sites, as well as appoint Native cultural rights specialists to boards and commissions that deal with Native American sacred places and cultural rights issues.

### Health and Education:

Contract Health Services (CHS) continues to be a major problem for Tribes in Nevada, including the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Too many patients are denied preventive measures through medical referrals by the Indian Health Service Schurz Service Unit (SSU) only to suffer far greater consequences later. Priority I authorizations are causing many patients to be denied preventive health care. Instead, they are forced to wait until their health issues become critical.

For the month of October, 2009, the denials of CHS for Pyramid Lake are as follows: 120 requests, 7 approved. Patients do not deserve the suffering and pain caused by the HIS medical professionals who continue to deny basic health services. The responses to the many requests have been nothing more than the bureaucratic red

tape that does not address the health concerns of many tribal members. The Tribal health clinics do not have equipment to diagnose and conduct preventive measures because funding for equipment and services is not available.

Increased funding is seriously needed for Nevada tribes. Funding formulas for the Phoenix Area Office to the SSU has never been adequately described and the disparity between funding distributions clearly appears to be adverse to Nevada Tribes. The Tribes in Nevada do not have access to a medical center such as the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, so Nevada tribes must depend on local medical providers. Lastly, IHS management is not working diligently to secure the most cost effective local providers; in fact the costs are so high that one visit can seriously constrain available balances for the remaining term of service of the entire SSU.

Higher education is not adequately funded to support Native students to obtain four year degrees. Tuition costs have increased steadily in recent years throughout the country, but funding for Native American student has remained static. Tribes have not received an increase in Bureau of Indian Education higher education funding since the early 1990s. Native students receive between 18 to 22 percent of a student's realistic educational financial needs during their four years in postsecondary school. Increased funding is vitally needed to allow Native American students to be able to complete post secondary studies.

Increased funding for tribal high school operations is also needed. The inflation rates are not being adjusted and when schools try to maintain current levels of operations, they often operate in deficit. Curriculum support, operation and maintenance, and staffing are needed to insure that Indian tribal students receive acceptable high school educations.

Preschool and elementary school requirements are critical for the establishment of a good foundation for young Native students. Johnson O'Malley, Save the Children, and Title IX are good programs that provide needed educational resources for those students who require support and assistance. Increased funding opportunities for Tribes will provide the needed resources for young reservation students.

### The Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

Native Americans acquire funding through all departments but are treated differently through law, regulations and/or policy directives. This results in inconsistency when making budgetary decisions. Performance measurements are not depicting what is actually occurring in Indian Country because of the difficulty in adapting criteria to determine performance in Indian programs.

It is essential that funding that is provided to Native Tribes be viewed and reviewed in a way that is consistent across all Federal Executive Departments. The OMB, within its responsibilities, has the ability to ensure Native Tribe's are represented in a way that truly demonstrates performance and accountability.

In trying to resolve the ever-constant challenge to educate individuals about the uniqueness of Tribes and their Nation-to-Nation

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relationship with the United States, it would be beneficial to create a Native American Programs Resource Management Office within the OMB. This office would function under the same purview as the other Resource Management Offices, but be able to truly represent and scrutinize Tribal programs by considering all those components that make up the unique relationship that Tribes have with the United States.

**Grant Funding for Tribes:**

Issues that have hampered tribal efforts when seeking grant funding have included educating agencies that award grant funding about problems Indian communities experience with existing grant processes and requirements. Funding agencies need to understand the following:

- Indian people see the solutions to their community problems as culturally or traditionally based, whole-family approaches that existed before colonization. In particular, federal guidelines attached to funding sources should allow tribes to use funds for culturally and traditionally appropriate purposes.
- Three-year programs are insufficient. A longer period of time for implementation would help maintain progress through inevitable transitions in tribal government and within Tribal communities.
- Funds sent to states to address needs in Indian country are not reaching the tribes. A protocol needs to be established at the federal level to ensure that federal funding through States is actually reaching Tribes.
- Many remote or rural tribes do not have Internet access or the expertise to develop adequate technical capabilities. Although federal agencies are making funding more accessible, not all tribes have the technical ability to access that information or to collect the data needed for successful grant application. Funding agencies must explore alternatives for support data that would meet the requirements of grant solicitations.

**Law Enforcement:**

Tribes in Nevada seriously need access to alternative resources to conduct criminal investigations. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Bureau of Investigation lack the resources – and/or the interest – to assist in solving serious crimes on Indian reservations. I can speak for Pyramid Lake specifically on this subject. Tribes need to be able to contract for criminal investigations and be provided the resources to acquire and obtain suitable certification for its law enforcement officers. The training facilities are available. If the federal government expects crimes to be solved, it needs to step up to the plate to ensure that everything that can be done will be done to protect the victims of crime.

Funding increases are also needed to provide greater ability to protect Tribal communities. The numbers of persons with criminal intent and the actual number of crimes are increasing very fast. Law enforcement measures are effective only as long as the funding and enforcement resources are available and accessible. It is important that law enforcement be provided the resources needed to support safe Tribal communities.

**Consultation:**

Tribes are still not receiving adequate response from federal agencies under a uniform consultation process. Executive Orders provide the requirements for consultation, but it is in the field where agency officials seem to lack an understanding of the intent of the Executive Branch. Executive Orders must provide Tribes with an enforcement mechanism to ensure that not only federal but local and regional agency actions actually address identified Tribal concerns.

The Marshall Trilogy established the dependency paradigm that forces Tribes to accept decisions that from the federal perspective purport to “look out for a Tribe’s best interest.” Unfortunately, this does not allow a Tribe to determine its own best interests under its own

terms and conditions. Therefore, the sovereign status of Tribes is limited and constrained to the corralled nature of its reservation, answering to the orders and directives of the federal government.

Tribes have the ability to achieve goals and objectives for bettering their own communities. The federal government must adopt policies and regulations to allow Tribes the flexibility and latitude to assure their people that tribal issues and concerns are addressed.

In conclusion, I want to express our sincere gratitude to you and your administration for taking the time to reach out to Tribes to provide the hope and assurance of support for Tribes to maintain a cooperative and collaborative relationship with the United States government. If there is anything that I can do to assist with continuing an understanding and developing further a partnership, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for your time and your continued interest in Tribes and Native Communities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
/s/ Mervin Wright Jr., Tribal Chairman

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cc: Tribal Council Members; Secretary Ken Salazar, Department of Interior; Ms. Kimberly Tee Hee, Deputy WH Intergovernmental Affairs; Ms. Jodi Gillette, Associate Director; Asst. Secretary Larry Echo Hawk, Indian Affairs; Lisa Jackson, Administrator EPA; Rep. Nick Rahall, Chair Committee on Natural Resources; Mr. David Ogden, Deputy Attorney General; Rep. Tom Cole; Chair Congressional Native American Caucus; Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, Congressional Native American Caucus; Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Department of Health and Human Services; Secretary Arne Duncan, Department of Education; Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director Indian Health Service; Rep. Dale Kildee, Chair Congressional Native American Caucus; File

*Annual Tribal Christmas Party*  
 Tuesday, December 22nd  
 6:00 pm  
 Nixon Gym, Nixon, NV  
 Santa will be here....candy too!

*Numaga Senior Center Christmas Party*  
 Dec. 17th  
 10:00 am  
 Nixon Gym



Monday, August 17, 2009

Native and Tribal Representatives,

Yes, it has been a year already. The Bighorns' Native Day Celebration was one of the most successful nights of the season! When setting events identifying the most loyal and enthusiastic basketball fans, in Nevada, Native Americans are at the top of the list. The Reno Bighorns are hosting the season 2009-2010 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Native American Night.

This will not just be tickets discounted to five dollars extended to the tribes; this will be an NBA Evenings dedication to the Native American and their culture! Event arena hall lined with Native showing of art, jewelry and cultural artifacts; Native tournament circuit teams playing before and after the NBA game (ON THE NBA FLOOR!) and most importantly a half time & post game show dedicated to the dance, song, drum and garb of the Native American.

We envision the entire NBA floor cover with Native dancers, singers and drummers. Last year's success has made this a prime event on the Bighorns schedule, in the Reno area and the calendar of Native Events. We desire to represent as many tribes as possible from the Nevada / California region. It is our goal to sell out the event with over 85% Native American attendance. We want you to join the NBA!

Again, for this to be authentic and done correctly, WE NEED YOU; our tribes. We have covered all expenses of venue for games, referees and celebration but we need you to assist us in the design of the celebration, encouraging the attendance of ALL area Tribes and coordinating vendors, basketball teams and cultural entertainers. We are also initiating a Native Art contest to submit designs for the Native American Day t-shirts that will be issued to every Native American (per purchase).

This year tickets will be \$10 for End Zone seats and \$20 for Center seats. Club seats are available for \$40 (upon availability).

Native American Day is set for February 28, 2010. We desire to create an entire weekend of this event by partnering with the closest Tribe to the venue, Reno Sparks Indian Colony but all Tribes will be needed to make the game day event successful, inclusive and authentic. WE HAVE A LOT TO DO. February will be here before you know it. We need dances, singers, drummers, youth teams, coaches, committee members and advisors.

The potential of this event is endless. We foresee other teams in the D League following suit on the heels of the success of our event. We can enlighten many generations and groups of Americans to the culture, still living, of the Native American through the D League and NBA Basketball. Please join the steering committee of this event. We need to start NOW. With the holidays in between, this event will be here before we know it. There is no time to procrastinate.

Please me with dates that I may present native day to your Tribal Council. Thank you.

Darnell Bolton,  
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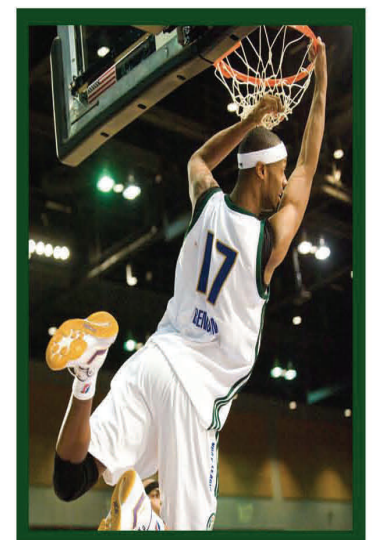


# **NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**

## **Sunday, February 28 at 3 p.m.**

**Join the Bighorns for an afternoon of festivities  
honoring the Native American culture!**

- Dancing, drumming and singing at halftime and after the game
- Every ticket purchased through a local tribe comes with a free T-shirt
- Native American youth teams to play a game before the game
- Colors to be presented in ritualistic fashion
- Native Flag Song to be performed prior to National Anthem



**Contact Darnell Bolton at (775) 334-7076 or e-mail [darnell@renobighorns.com](mailto:darnell@renobighorns.com)  
to reserve your group tickets today.**

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## Tribal Enrollment

The Office of Tribal Enrollment is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you plan to stop by, please call ahead of time to make sure the office is open.

**Application Processing:** Effective immediately, the Enrollment Office will no longer accept or process new membership applications that are lacking any required document. We have been processing applications for children without the social security card based on the parent's promise to submit the card and then no follow-through. Enrollment in a tribe is important and all documentation requirements must be met. In an effort to make the process easier and to not delay the enrollment needed for minor children, the Enrollment Office and Committee had previously allowed applications to be processed without the social security card as long as all other required documents were submitted. This effort allowed many minor children to be enrolled with the Tribe; however, it is important that parents follow through and submit ALL required documents to complete the membership file. If we are missing any

document, the application will not be processed until the required document is submitted.

**Approvals/September, 2009:** We welcome the following new members of the Tribe: Lena Singing geh Blindman, Layton Lyle Perez, Ariel Amber Torivio, and Chelsie Eben.

**Approvals/October, 2009:** Douglas Sidney Cross River Mouie Burgdorf, Destiny Rose Hunter, Natasha Brooklynne Robinson, Tatiana Alivia Velazquez, and Lily Anne Wright.

**Approvals/November, 2009:** Xavier Grant Brady, Michael Alexander Leckington, Ix Ohobu Nequiztli Lopez-Soriano, Adelynn Rose Mull, Dolphina Dalynn Stark, Andrew Levi Sharp, and Shelley Leeann Kinerson.

All of these individuals have met the criteria for Regular Membership or Adoptive Membership and are the direct lineal descendants of Base Enrollees. **Please note: There is no cut-off date or deadline for enrollment applications; applications are accepted upon filing with the Enrollment Office.**

**Address Updates:** All enrolled members are encouraged to keep their mailing addresses

current with the Enrollment Office since all mailings from the Tribe are generally sent to enrolled members at the address on file with Enrollment. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in keeping our records current.

**Membership Statistics:** As of this writing, we have 2,814 enrolled members of the Tribe, less 350 deceased. The total living membership is 2,464 as of this date. This number is subject to change monthly. Names of the deceased are kept on the roll for descendency purposes.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding membership issues, please call the Enrollment Office at 775.574.1000, Ext. 115, or email: [plenrollment@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:plenrollment@plpt.nsn.us)

*Happy Holidays  
From the  
Pyramid Lake Enrollment Committee  
& Enrollment Office*

## Seasons Greeting to all!

Can you believe it, another year has passed and another tribal election year is here already. Well I for one am looking forward to our election process and that is the reason I am addressing you the Tribal Membership of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

What I want to address is the 2 (two) Board of Education seats that are open this year.

The Pyramid Lake Jr. Sr. High School has come a long way from being just a dream, and three modular buildings, it has become a reality. As the Chairman of the Board of Education, I would like to encourage our Tribal Membership to submit their names for the two vacant Board of Education Positions.

In order of us to achieve a greater excellence we must move forward in making our Junior/Senior High School better than ever. With new policies that now govern our School and Board, we need to move forward in reaching the expectation of academic excellence.

So we need you! We need you!

We need you to reach the full academic potential of our Junior/Senior High School. Don't wait, submit your name for the 2 (two) Board of Education seats.

Thank you and God Bless you all this holiday season.

Anthony Sampson  
Pyramid Lake Jr. Sr. High School  
Board of Education; Chairman



## Pyramid Lake Tribal Court Active Warrant List as of November 10, 2009

NAME	POLICE NUMBER	DATE ISSUED	REASON WARRANT ISSUED
BAKER, JEREMY	None	1/7/09	FTA or pay Citation
BARLESE, DUSTIN	PL08-000110	6/10/08	FTA for Court
BELLE, BYRON	PL08-000038	4/28/09	Probation Violation
BROWN, PHELON	PL05-000367	10/14/08	Probation Violation
CROWDOG, ROBERT	None	11/24/09	Probation Violation
DAVIS, LEROY	None	11/24/09	Probation Violation
DUNN, CONRAD	PL09-00062	2/17/09	FTA for Court
FELLOWS, GARRET	PL07-01051	1/21/09	Probation Violation
HANCOCK, JOANNA	PL07-000259	3/10/09	FTA for Court
HENRY JR., FRANK	PL06-00014	11/24/09	Probation Violation
JACKSON, SEBASTIAN	PL07-000344	1/7/09	FTA for Court
JOHNSON, BRYAN	PL07-000241	10/14/08	FTA for Court
KAYE, ESNALA	None	11/24/09	Probation Violation
KELLY, RAYFIELD	PL04-1077	11/24/09	Probation Violation
LENOIR, TERESA	PL06-000294	11/24/09	Probation Violation
LOPEZ, DUANE	incident 11/4/05	3/10/09	Failure to pay Fine
MELIUS, KEVIN	PL04-000318	11/24/09	Probation Violation
PHOENIX, CECELIA	Incident 11/19/05	11/24/09	Probation Violation
REED, KEENYN	None	3/3/09	FTA or pay Citation
RODARTE, VERONICA	None	6/24/08	FTA or pay Citation
ROYER, TERESA	None	1/7/09	FTA or pay Citation
SAVAGE, LONNIE	PL06-000213	11/24/09	FTA for Court
SHAW, SHAWN	None	1/7/09	FTA or pay Citation
SKENADORE JR., REED	PL.CR.04-1161	7/22/09	Failure to Pay Fine
SMITH, EVERETTE	PL07-000314	1/7/09	FTA for Court
SMITH, REUBEN	PL07-000315	1/7/09	FTA for Court
TALAS, ROCHELLE	None	6/24/08	FTA or pay Citation
TAYLOR, SHEPARD	PL05-1300	11/24/09	Probation Violation
TAYLOR, SKYLER FOURFETHERS	PL08-000324	9/9/08	FTA for Court
THOMPSON, JUANITA	PL07-000435/0469	11/24/09	Probation Violation
VAN BRUNDT, PATRICK	PL06-000024	11/24/09	Probation Violation
VASQUEZ, MELISSA	None	11/5/08	FTA or pay Citation
VICTOR, MAYNARD	PL07-000419	3/10/09	FTA for Court
WASHINGTON, WALTER	PL03-001208	11/24/09	Probation Violation



## 4-H Youth Development: An Overview

### 4-H Mission:

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

### 4-H Reach:

Youth: 6.5 million  
Volunteers: 540,000  
Staff: More than 3,500  
Alumni: 60 million

### 4-H Locations:

All 50 states, U.S. territories and military installations worldwide.

### 4-H Pledge:

"I pledge...  
my head to clearer thinking,  
my heart to greater loyalty,  
my hands to larger service and my  
health to better living  
for my club, my community, my  
country and my world."

### Web Sites:

[national4-headquarters.gov](http://national4-headquarters.gov)  
[fourhcouncil.edu](http://fourhcouncil.edu)

### Find 4-H Near You:

[fourhcouncil.edu/find4H.aspx](http://fourhcouncil.edu/find4H.aspx)

Young people become confident, mature adults ready for success in today's challenging world through 4-H, the only youth development program with a direct connection to technological advances from research conducted at state land-grant universities.

Studies show that the more than 6.5 million youth participating in 4-H do better in school, are more motivated to help others, feel safe to try new things, achieve a sense of self-esteem, and develop lasting friendships.

Boys and girls of all races and ethnic backgrounds in urban, suburban and rural communities across America and on U.S. military installations worldwide participate in 4-H experiences. 4-H programs are offered through school-based, after-school and camp settings and community clubs.

### Contemporary Focus

The fundamental 4-H ideal of practical, "learn by doing" experiences encourages youth to experiment, innovate and think independently.

4-H has three primary program areas: **science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship.** Youth learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through more than 1,000 projects with topics as varied as rocketry, GPS mapping, DNA analysis, public speaking, photography, nutrition and community service.

### Positive Youth Development

Educators at 106 land-grant universities operate 4-H programs in every state and U.S. territory, alongside trained youth and adult volunteers. Learning opportunities are designed around four essential elements necessary for positive youth development. 4-H offers youth supervised **independence**, a sense of **belonging** with a positive group, a spirit of **generosity** toward others and a wide variety of opportunities to **master** life challenges.

4-H is operated and supported by a shared leadership of public and private partners including National 4-H Headquarters; USDA within the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; Cooperative Extension educators at land-grant universities; National 4-H Council; 4-H associations and foundations; and volunteers.

### An American Institution

The 4-H youth development movement began more than 100 years ago. It evolved from rural youth programs created by land-grant college and university researchers and the United States Department of Agriculture to introduce new technology to what was then a country of primarily rural communities. As our nation's economic and demographic profiles become more diverse, 4-H adapts and expands to meet the needs of all youth.

See reverse for statistics

### NATIONAL 4-H HEADQUARTERS



## The 4-H Youth Development Environment

4-H is designed to support the positive and successful development of all youth. 4-H volunteer leaders are essential partners in creating a positive environment by focusing on the strengths of youth and providing positive ways for youth to meet their basic needs.

### CARING RELATIONSHIP (BELONGING)

All youth need a caring, supportive relationship in their lives. Volunteer Leaders and club members provide this fellowship by showing interest in, actively listening to, and fostering the gifts of 4-H youth. 4-H clubs provide an opportunity for long-term youth development seldom found in other educational delivery modes. The multiple interactions of parents and adults working with 4-Hers that is found in 4-H clubs is unique to most other youth education

### CONSTRUCTIVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES (MASTERY)

Youth rely on the joy they receive from interests, hobbies and group participation to balance disappointments in other parts of their lives. 4-H offers opportunities to take on new challenges and learn new skills. 4-H youth develop mastery through the Experiential Learning Process by experiencing, sharing what happened, processing what was important, generalizing the experience to the real world and applying what was learned to other situations.

The presence of self-confidence and positive self-esteem are today considered to be two of the most important indicators of personal wellness and success in an individual. Through the support and encouragement of caring club parents and leaders youth grow taller in their feelings of self-worth. A sense of accomplishment is achieved from finishing a project and participating in a positive evaluation experience.

### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (INDEPENDENCE)

Creating opportunities for youth to develop skills and confidence for leadership and self-discipline is a cornerstone of 4-H. 4-H helps young people recognize the connection between independence and responsibility. Independence does mean greater power and influence but it is linked with responsibility for decisions made and actions taken. Today's society is busy, with worthwhile opportunities for youth in greater abundance than ever before. Being involved in a successful 4-H club means that members learn how to set priorities in developing their club program and manage the time they have available for their club wisely.

### SERVICE TO COMMUNITIES (GENEROSITY)

The 4-H Pledge focuses on the importance of larger service and recognizing a responsibility for the welfare of others. 4-H helps youth focus on developing concern for others and taking action to demonstrate that concern. Service forges bonds between youth and the community, and doing something valued by others raises feelings of self-worth and competence.

For more information, contact National 4-H Headquarters at 202-720-4087 or <http://www.national4-headquarters.gov>

HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEALTH



United States Department of Agriculture

National 4-H Headquarters, USDA - Building Leaders of Tomorrow



## Mission Mandates



### Science, Engineering & Technology

4-H is uniquely positioned to develop America's future generation of scientists and engineers. This program area will be 4-H's national priority for the next five years. 4-H has the ability to draw upon a rich and diverse set of research-based curricula and activities that provide hands-on, real world experiences delivered in both informal and formal settings. Delivered through the 4-H setting, Science, Engineering & Technology offers an extraordinary range of engaging and challenging activities for youth of all ages and abilities.

### Healthy Living

A core belief of 4-H is Health, as evidenced by the four H's in the 4-H clover: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. 4-H is committed to the physical, mental and emotional health of our nation's youth so they may lead healthy and productive lives into adulthood. 4-H has become a national leader in health-related educational issues including chemical health, mental and emotional health, foods and nutrition, physical health and safety.

### Citizenship

Since its inception, 4-H has placed emphasis on the importance of young people being engaged, well-informed citizens. By connecting to their communities and leaders, youth understand their role in civic affairs and are able to expand their role in decision-making processes. It's clear that civic engagement provides the foundation that helps youth understand the "big picture" of life and learn the skill sets that will allow them to become wise leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

- National 4-H Council hosts Citizenship Washington Focus, a citizenship program for 4-H youth in the Washington, DC area each summer. CWF provides youth with a hands-on view of government through Capitol Hill visits, field trips, and other leadership opportunities.

**4-H programs reach 6.5 million youth through:  
4-H clubs, 4-H camps, 4-H Afterschool and 4-H school enrichment programs.**

For more information go to:  
<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/missionmandates.aspx>



## Pyramid Lake Social Services

Pyramid Lake Social Services investigates child and adult abuse and neglect reports. Some children are found to be Minors In Need Of Care as described in the Law and Order Code and come under the guardianship of the tribe. Social Services looks after those children.

Most of those children are able to be placed with family members. Sometimes children need to be placed in foster care with someone who isn't a relative. When there aren't enough foster parents at Pyramid Lake, children are sent out to Fernley and Reno.

There are different types of foster care:

- Emergency, for when a child needs to be placed immediately

- Short-term, for when a child needs to be placed for a few days to a few weeks
- Regular or traditional, where the length of placement has not been determined
- Long-term, for when the child will need to be somewhere for an extended period of time

PL Social Services is seeking foster homes and adoptive homes. Single people, married couples, unmarried couples, same-sex couples, and non-romantically involved people who live together are all eligible to become foster or adoptive parents.

PL Social Services licenses foster homes at Pyramid Lake and on other nearby Reservations and Indian Colonies. Native families who do not

live in these areas can still become foster parents for Native children. They can become foster parents through the state ([www.dcss.state.nv.us](http://www.dcss.state.nv.us) (775) 684-4400) and then contact PL Social Services to make arrangements.

Pyramid Lake Social Services works closely with other area tribes and may be able to assist in placing children from those tribes with families here.

For more information please contact Pyramid Lake Social Services 214 Capital Hill/ PO Box 256, Nixon, NV 89424, 775-574-1047, or [pbrow@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:pbrow@plpt.nsn.us).



## Sacred Visions dates to remember:

**\*Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – Deadline for the Sacred Visions flyer/theme contest at 4pm. contact person is Darrell Garcia. Email [rezkat371@clearwire.net](mailto:rezkat371@clearwire.net) or phone: 560-6886.

**\*Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009:** Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Meeting, 6 p.m. at the Wadsworth brown building. Sign up's for sub-committee's needed & planning of community potluck.

**\*Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – Sacred Visions Judging day for flyer/theme contest. Judging at the Nixon gym from 10 a.m. – 5p.m. Community Potluck at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

**\*Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – Sacred Visions Christmas Bingo & Indian Taco Night at the Wadsworth brown building at 5:30 p.m. Raffle for a Christmas food basket by committee.

**\*Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009** – Sacred Visions Social Pow-Wow at the Nixon gym at 12 noon. All drums welcome. More information TBA.

Any food donations are greatly appreciated. All proceeds to help fund the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sacred Visions Pow-Wow to be held July 23-25, 2010 at Big bend ranch in Wadsworth, Nevada.

For more information, contact Gordon Dodd at 560-1551.



*Wishing everyone a Happy and safe Holiday.  
 Give thanks and send your prayers to all the men and women in the  
 armed forces and their families, they all are making the ultimate  
 sacrifice to protect every one of us and our country.*



This is a ribbon for soldiers fighting in all the wars.  
 Share this with everyone and pray.

*This came from a Marine unit over in Iraq ...  
 Their wish is to send it to as many people in the country as possible..*

**SLEEP LAST NIGHT?**

*Bed a little lumpy... Toss and turn any...  
 Wish the heat was higher...  
 Maybe the a/c ! Wasn't on...  
 Had to go to the john.....  
 Need a drink of water... ??*

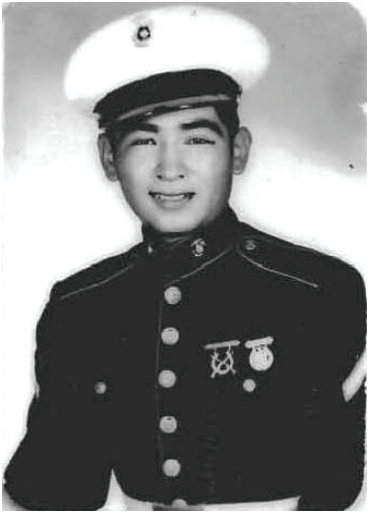
**Yes.. It is like that!**

*Count your blessings, pray for them,  
 Talk to your Creator and the next time when...  
 The other car cuts you off and you must hit the brakes,  
 Or you have to park a little further from Wal-mart than you want to be,  
 Or you're served slightly warm food at the restaurant,  
 Or you're sitting and cursing the traffic in front of you,  
 Or the shower runs out of hot water,  
 Think of them... Protecting your freedom!*



## Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below  
 With tiny lights like heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.  
 The sight is so spectacular please wipe away that tear,  
 for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.  
 I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,  
 But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.  
 I have no words to tell you of the joy their voices bring  
 For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.  
 I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,  
 But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart.  
 So be happy for me dear ones,  
 Oh, how I wish you could see; I am spending time with Jesus and how he welcomed me.  
 I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place.  
 Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?  
 Now love and keep each other, don't shed a tear for me,  
 This Christmas I'm with Jesus, where I was meant to be.  
 Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing  
 For I'm spending Christmas in heaven and walking with the King.  
*Wanda Bencke, Author*

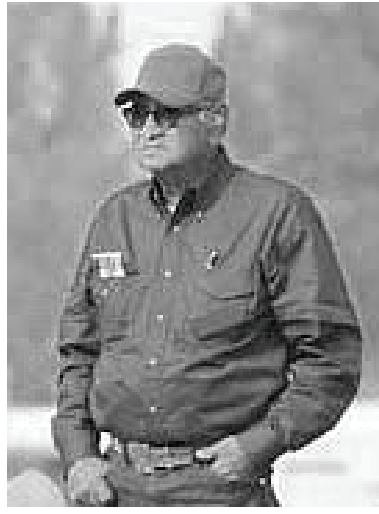


*In Loving Memory of*

*Robert "Billy" Guerrero*

*Born November 17, 1932  
 in Stewart, Nevada*

*Passed on December 25, 2008  
 in Reno, Nevada*



The Nevada Day Rodeo held at the end of October was dedicated in memory of Billy Guerrero. During the opening ceremony, Chance Guerrero, Billy's grandson, led a riderless horse into the rodeo arena for a moment of reflection in knowing that one of the cowboys would not be there this year. Ever since the rodeo grounds were built at the Big Bend location, Billy helped to prepare the grounds for each rodeo and was always around to visit with friends from near and far. It is not the same without our friend and relative there making sure everything is set up and ready to go.

A Memorial Dinner was held on November 14, 2009 at the Wadsworth Gym to honor and give tribute to Billy who was a Marine Corp veteran and would have been celebrating his birthday in November. The family wishes to thank the Pyramid Lake Veteran's Tu Kwasu for posting and retiring the flags as appropriate. Also, thanks to Marty and Rose Barlese, and Ron Guerrero for the music played while everyone was in line for their feast dinner.

Before the give-away, Wakan Waci Blindman sang a special song that he composed for his grandpa. After the give-away, Wakan Waci sang another song he composed for all veterans. The Echo Sky drum group sang the honoring, flag and veteran songs to post and retire the colors.

Friends and relatives were recognized in the give-away for their help to the family during the funeral services last year and throughout this year. There are many good-hearted people that have shown kindness, positive thoughts, and sincere prayers for the family. Without the help of so many special people, it would make life a lot harder. With the

gifts given we honor the one who has left us and show our humble appreciation to wonderful family and friends who are always willing to lend a helping hand. Billy's playful spirit lightened our hearts with happiness and touched each one of us during the memorial.

The feast was more than enough, with food still coming through the door as people were eating. Some of the relatives traveled long distances to be with us and continued to encourage our strength with acts of kindness. The family thanks everyone for their contributions to the memorial, including your presence in honoring our loved one, food donations, give-away donations, veteran honoring, special songs, love and friendship. Thank you to those who shared their special memories of Billy to remember how he lived his life. May God Bless all of your hearts with good thoughts and feelings throughout the holidays and the coming year.

*Always and Forever  
 We will remember you.  
 There will be a day  
 We will see you again.*

Glorene Guerrero  
 Billie Jean Guerrero and family  
 Ronald Guerrero and family  
 John Guerrero and family  
 Bobby Guerrero and family  
 Margaret Jackson and family  
 Consuelo Berreman and family  
 Kenneth Guerrero and family  
 Noberto Guerrero  
 Gloria Eiler and family  
 Yolanda Young and family

## CRAFT FAIRS:

### Nevada's Christmas Sale & Indian Art Market

Reno/Sparks Indian Colony  
 Tribal Gym  
 34 Reservation Rd, Reno, NV 89502  
 (2 blocks west of the Grand Sierra Resort Casino)

**Friday & Saturday  
 December 11th & 12th  
 10 am—8 pm**

- ◆ Free Admission
- ◆ Free Door Prize Drawings
- ◆ Authentic Hand-Crafted Items & gifts
- ◆ Buy direct from over 50 local & visiting All-Indian Artists and Exhibitors



### 8th Annual Tommo Craft Fair

*(means winter in the Paiute language)*

Reno/Sparks Indian Colony  
 Tribal Gym  
 34 Reservation Rd, Reno, NV 89502  
 (2 blocks west of the Grand Sierra Resort Casino)

**Friday & Saturday  
 December 18th & 19th  
 10 am—8 pm**

Come support our local and surrounding area Native Crafters and find that special gift!

- ◆ Beaded Items
- ◆ Baked Goods
- ◆ Jewelry
- ◆ Native Books & Music
- ◆ Pillows & Quilts
- ◆ And, many other hand-made craft items!
- ◆ Food items will be sold

Tables—\$25 per day. Priority will be give to vendors booked for two days. To secure your spot, you may pay in advance. Check or money orders may be made payable to Henrietta Tobey, 49 Reservation Rd, Reno, NV 89502

Contact for more information:  
 Henrietta @ 775.224.9861 or  
 Joanne @ 775.424.3491

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- **Articles can be submitted via e-mail to newspaper@plpt.nsn.us.** A hard copy of article must also be submitted by deadline.
- Pictures should be submitted in black & white. (Dark backgrounds do not scan well).
- Digital pictures must be taken with a high resolution for a good quality picture.
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**January—December 28th (Monday)    February—January 22nd    March—February 22nd (Monday)**

This schedule will allow us to get the newspaper prepared, edited, and printed and ready for bulk mailing the first week of each month. The Tribal Manager's office collects your articles and will forward them to the Editor.

Thank you for contributing your articles for our Newspaper this past year. Please continue to contribute to our Newspaper and let the people know about your program or department's activities and accomplishments. Please submit in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or Publisher format along with a hard copy of article.

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