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Happy New Year's

TRIBAL ELECTION RESULTS

Below are the results of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Elections held on December 26, 2010. These results **HAVE NOT** been certified by the Tribal Council. **FINAL CERTIFICATION** of these results will be completed at the January 7, 2011 Tribal Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

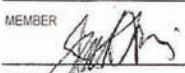


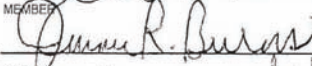


Official Election Results

December 26, 2010

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN	TOTAL	%
WAYNE BURKE	137	42.15%
DUANE WASSON	65	20.00%
NORMAN HARRY	63	19.38%
RANDOLPH TOBEY	45	13.85%
LYLE KOCHAMP	15	4.62%
VICE CHAIRMAN	TOTAL	%
MERVIN WRIGHT, JR.	114	34.65%
ROBERT L. JAMES	60	18.24%
LELA LEYVA	47	14.29%
MITCHELL TOBEY, SR.	46	13.98%
CLAYTON SERVICAN	42	12.77%
ALANA LOWERY	20	32.26%
COUNCIL MEMBER	TOTAL	%
JUDITH M. DAVIS	141	11.19%
LEONA R. COLLINS	132	10.48%
GORDON CRUTCHER, JR.	124	9.84%
STEVEN WADSWORTH	121	9.60%
JOHNNIE GARCIA	114	9.05%
GINA WADSWORTH	112	8.89%
DUANE DUNN	108	8.57%
ALVIN R. JAMES	95	7.54%
PAMELA WRIGHT	86	6.83%
VERNELDA "SPARROW" FRAZIER	84	6.67%
DIANA MITCHELL	84	6.67%
KAROLE McQUEEN	59	4.68%
PL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD	TOTAL	%
ANTHONY SAMPSON, SR.	158	25.99%
BILLIE JEAN GUERRERO	150	24.67%
WILLIAM WADSWORTH, SR.	144	23.68%
LORI BLACK	88	14.47%
KAROLE McQUEEN	68	11.18%

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned election officials of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe do hereby attest that the above represents a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast for the candidates shown herein in the election held on the 26th day of December, 2010. We further certify that this election was conducted in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of the the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

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CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM

Another Christmas has come and gone. The last of the decorations have been packed away for another year. The Tribe held its annual Christmas Eve Program during which the Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors Organization, in coordination with the Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee sponsored a free spaghetti dinner to thank the community for its support. The Thunder Badger drum group provided songs for round dancing and it was nice to see the community come together for one night. Gifts were distributed to tribal children ages 0-11; and gift cards were given to the age groups of 12-15. For the parents of those youth in this age group that live on the reservation and did not receive a gift card, please stop by the Tribal Secretary's office and pick up your child's card. The gift cards are for Wal-Mart and are in the amount of \$9 which is the amount budgeted for each gift.

A note of thanks to the following who made the Christmas Eve Program possible: Tribal Maintenance for helping with the gym set up – Wendell Henry, Lorin Iggy Dunn, Wally Lowery, Luke Ruiz and Alonzo Ruiz; Tribal staff who helped with the gift wrapping – Gina Wadsworth, Randa Willie, Billie Jean Guerrero, Joann Shaw, Alicia Querta, Angelique Helton, Leticia Burke, Arena Tapija, and Fannie Ely; Numaga Seniors who helped with the candy bags – Rosalie Dunn, Amelia Scott and Loretta Bonta; Tribal Staff who also helped with the candy bags – Jolene Henry, Randa Mitchell, Kathleen Wright-Bryan; to TR Wadsworth and Steven Wadsworth for their painstaking effort to put together the lighted train set; to Susie Albright and Dehan Dominguez for their creativity in helping decorate the gym; to my children – Felina Henry, William Barlese and Evan Smith for putting up all of the lights and snowflakes which were handmade by my niece Cecilia Hicks; to my nephews Aaron Smith and Wesley Smith for helping rearranging the tables and doing the heavy lifting; to Don Pelt for picking up the toys that were donated by Phyllis Phoenix (thank you Phyllis); to Lela Leyva for all her guidance in organizing the event; to Ima Scott, Randa Mitchell, Jolene Henry, JoLyne Sander, Shaunee Sander, Gina Wadsworth, Chelsea Calvin and Lena Wright for helping distribute the gifts; to Janine Lowery, Lela Leyva, Angey Dunn, Anita Dunn and Lori Black for helping with the cakes; to Terrence James for stepping in at the last-minute as special guest Santa Claus; to Thunder Badger for providing us with round dance songs; to the Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee and Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors Organization for sponsoring the spaghetti dinner; to my brother Nolan Smith, Jr. for picking up the cakes; to Tribal Finance for processing all of my walk-through check and purchase order requests; and last but not least, to James "JP" Plympton for coming out of retirement to emcee the event. This year's event was very well-attended and I would like to thank everyone for coming out, I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas Eve Program.

TRIBAL ELECTION DINNER

Another election is behind us. The Tribe sponsored an election dinner for the community which was also very well-attended with plenty of food for all. We had enough food to provide a second dinner in the evening as everyone

socialized and waited for the polls to close. People also stopped by and had a bite to eat throughout the afternoon.

Thanks to the following individuals for all their help: to Daryl Crawford for his assistance in monitoring the election process; to Terry Rainey for his expertise with the automated voting equipment; to Clayton Servilican for offering use of his department's vehicle during this time which gave my personal vehicle a rest; to Joe Mendes for his help loading all of the food; to all of the cooks who volunteered their time to prepare food – Loretta Bonta, Rosalie Dunn, Gwendolyn Pancho, Amelia Scott, Vernelda Frazier, Gina Wadsworth, Cloria Barnes, Billie Jean Guerrero, Sandra Garcia, Jolene Henry, Ima Scott, Judie Davis, Elizabeth Thomas, Sherry Mendes, Randa Mitchell, Leticia Burke, Angey Dunn, Cheryl Hicks, Deborah Smith-Peshlakai, and Felina Henry; to Roger "RK" Sam who provided his meat carving expertise; to Charlotte Harry for providing the blessing; to Lela Leyva, Sherry Mendes, and Randa Mitchell for all their help in the kitchen; to Tribal Maintenance – Wendell Henry, Lorin Iggy Dunn, and Wally Lowery for all their help setting up the tables and chairs; and to my family for staying to help me clean up the gym when everyone else went home.

A special note of Thank You to my family for all their help and support with this year's holiday activities; to my children for all of their help and understanding when Mom was kept away from home getting everything ready for the holiday activities; and to my sisters for helping me with all of the shopping. It was a lot of hard work but very rewarding as I found it brought everyone together in a good way. I received many favorable comments about this year's activities which makes it all worthwhile for me. This year was a learning experience for me as the last tribal holiday events I organized took place back in 1992 so I was a little rusty. If I am reappointed as the Tribal Secretary, I hope to improve on what happened with this year's activities and form an Events Committee made up of community members to help organize these activities as it is a lot of work for one person to organize and implement while trying to keep up with regular work duties.

One final non-holiday related item of note to Sutcliffe residents: all future public notices will be posted at the Fisheries Office and the Ranger Station.

If I left anybody out, please accept my apologies as your help is truly appreciated. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year's.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE (CON'T) ...

Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) and Tribal Nations Conference

The TIBC ran its usual course for the December quarterly meeting. The primary issue was the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) response to the letters that were sent to President Obama regarding the exempt status for Tribes to avoid enduring OMB directives to reduce and cut the budget for Indian Affairs. Mr. Kevin Martin is OMB official who, if anything at all is responsible to report the directives from OMB to Indian Affairs and TIBC. A second letter will be sent to the OMB to respond to its letter to Tribal leaders.

The upcoming TIBC meeting in March 2011 will be the meeting where each BIA Region will present its 2012 budget and priorities for its 2012 budget. The Congress failed to have passed the Omnibus Bill which contained the Continuing Resolution that would maintain 2011 funding at the 2010 funding levels. At the time of this report, it is not known if the Omnibus Bill will be enacted and eventually signed into law. This is positive because the 2011 funding mark was lower in funding amounts, so the 2010 levels are better than the 2011 budget levels. However, eventually the budget reduction may catch up to the OMB directives or vice versa.

There remain unanswered questions about funding initiatives and what the status of those matters is at with regard to how was the funding spent and/or allocated. The Western Region Director will be scheduling region-wide budgetary meetings for each the Nevada, Arizona, and Utah tribes. It will be scheduled in February 2011.

Tribal Nations Conference

I received notice from White House staff that I was selected as the Western Region representative for the meeting with President Obama at the White House on December 15. It was stated that the President would be available for 1 hour. A pre-meeting was scheduled at the DOI for the 12 Region representatives and White House staff. White House staff described the manner in which the meeting will likely occur and that the reps need to be prepared to discuss each issue. It was stated that the President would be available for ½ hour; he was actually with us for 20 minutes.

After the first planning meeting the reps attended the NCAI planning meeting. Due to

scheduling and communication lapses, the 12 reps were at DOI and were not available for the NCAI discussion. The Arizona delegation expressed their desire to meet with me and so I did. The meeting lasted about 1 hour and they were able to convey to me their concerns and issues they wanted presented. A second pre-meeting was scheduled at DOI for 9:00 AM on Wednesday the 15th. It was at this meeting where the issues and talking point were assigned. The general issues were captured by the entire group.

Funding was the over-arching issue that each region was bringing forward. The manner in which the reps felt this would be presented most effectively was to address the Office of Management and Budget. The Carcieri decision was another important topic, the reaffirmation of the trust responsibility executive order, creating a cabinet position and a Department of Indian Affairs, and creating a Native Nations Council that would meet quarterly with the White House, elevating Indian officials in each of the 13 Departments to Assistant Secretary.

The four themes that were presented included:

1. Create an Indian Affairs Department. Elevating the Assistant Secretary position to a secretary position. Also elevating and creating Native positions in the other Departments and establishing them all at the Assistant Secretary level.
2. Signing without reservation the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. The President did announce the following day U.S. support for the UN Declaration.
3. Establish a Presidential Tribal Nations Council. This group would meet quarterly with the White House to check progress and introduce issues.
4. Reaffirming the Executive Order addressing consultation with Native Nations. The OMB needs to establish an Office of Trust Responsibility and create a Native position that you reach out to Indian Country to obtain needed real information about Tribal needs and improve upon consultation.

Also attached are my notes directly relating to the Cultural Resources issues, which is the issue that I chose to speak on since it was not listed on any "issues" paper provided to us. Traditions and culture is all that Native

People have and if it is not recognized the "authority" will not yield any attention to it. I am pleased that not only the White House understands now, but the breakout sessions provided the opportunity for the cabinet positions to also understand and capture the issue.

On Thursday, the Tribal Leaders Conference provided an opportunity for each attendee to address their issues directly with cabinet level staff. I continued forward to address the Cultural Resources Issue, while other Nevada Tribal Leaders split to attend the other breakout sessions. Chairman Elwood Emm, Yerington Paiute Tribe, Chairman Billy Bell, Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribes, Chairman Gerald Temoak, Elko Band, and Chairwoman Wanda Batchelor, Washo Tribes of Nevada and California made up the Nevada delegation. I am hopeful that each of us were instrumental in presenting the issues of the Nevada Tribes.

Names of Leaders Who Met With The President on Wednesday:

- Earl J. Barbry, Sr., Chairman, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
- Cedric Black Eagle, Chairman, Crow Nation
- Brian Cladoosby, Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Karen Diver, Chairwoman, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Brenda Edwards, Chairperson, Caddo Nation
- Tex G. Hall, Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation: Three Affiliated Tribes
- Gary Hayes, Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
- John Red Eagle, Principal Chief, Osage Nation
- Joe Shirley, Jr., President, Navajo Nation
- Robert H. Smith, Chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Edward K. Thomas, President, Tlingit Haida Central Council
- Mervin Wright, Jr., Chairman, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe of Nevada

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he reversed the DOI opposing the technical amendment so that the legislative fix can precede forward with Congressional action. He referred me to Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk for follow up.

Knowing that the Sacred Sites was addressed with White House staff and Cabinet officials, the remaining topic for Cultural Resources was the Culturally Unidentified Native American Human Remains rule of 2010. The position is to request a reversal of the rule because the current rule separates the associated and unassociated funerary items from burials with the underlying premise that a Native Tribe can repatriate the Human Remains but the museums can keep the associated and unassociated funerary items. This item was addressed on Thursday in the breakout session and Deputy Attorney General Ignacio Moreno captured the critical principles as stated here.

Each of these issues, Sacred Sites, NAGPRA "or was" and CUNHR are supported by NCAI resolutions.



PYRAMID LAKE—COURT CALENDAR

HONORABLE JUDGE DAVID HUMKE, Presiding

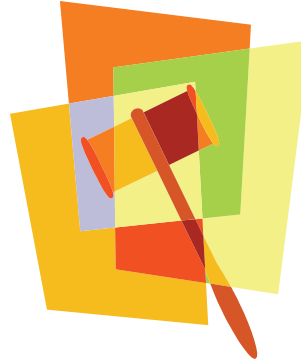
CRIMINAL: 2ND, 3RD, and 4th Wednesday's of every month at 2:30 p.m.

CIVIL: 1ST Wednesday of every month at 11:00 a.m.
3RD Wednesday of every month at 11:00 a.m.

HONORABLE JUDGE RYAN BELLOWS, Presiding

FAMILY: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

JUVENILE: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m



Revised: 11/4/10

PL Tribal Court: Active Warrant List as of December 20, 2010

NAME	POLICE NUMBER	DATE IS-SUED	REASON WARRANT ISSUED
BARLESE, DUSTIN	PL08-000110	12/29/09	FTA for Court
BELLE, BYRON	PL08-000038	05/12/10	Probation Violation
BROWN, PHELON	PL05-000038	12/29/09	FTA for Court
CROW DOG, ROBERT	None	06/24/10	Probation Violation
HENRY JR., FRANK	PL06-00014	11/24/09	Probation Violation
JOHNSON, BRYAN P.	PL07-000241	01/13/10	FTA for Court
LENOIR, TERESA	PL06-000294	11/24/09	Probation Violation
LOWERY, DORIAN	PLPD000015	03/10/10	Probation Violation
MELIUS, KEVIN	PL04-000318	11/24/09	Probation Violation
PHOENIX, CECELIA	Incident 11/19/05	11/24/09	Probation Violation
SWIFT EAGLE, REUBEN J.	None	07/14/10	FTA for Court
TAYLOR, SKYLER FOURFEATHERS	PL08-000324	01/13/10	FTA for Court
THOMPSON, JUANITA	PL07-000435/0469	11/24/09	Probation Violation
VAN BRUNDT, PATRICK	PL06-000024	11/24/09	Probation Violation
WASHINGTON, WALTER	PL03-001208	11/24/09	Probation Violation

PYRAMID LAKE FISHERIES

Several years ago, the Pyramid Lake Fisheries was awarded a grant to implement a Hatchery Water Use Recovery Program under a grant by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR) Terminal Lakes Program. One of the projects was to install Rotating Drum Filters (above photo) at the Lake Operations in Sutcliffe, NV. The purpose of these drum filters is to clean water from the pools of fish, by removing any solids and Nitrogen, before the water is returned to Pyramid lake, preventing algae blooms or potential violations of the Tribe's Water Quality Standards. The waste water & solids will go to several settling or evaporation ponds. The filtered 'clean' water will go to Pyramid Lake via the spawn channel.

After spending 6 to 8 months in fresh water, Lake Operations serves as an acclimation facility where Lahontan Cutthroat Trout spend several weeks 'acclimating' to Pyramid Lake water, which is higher in Alkalinity and Total Dissolved Substances than the ground water used to rear fish at the Dunn &



PUBLIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT

The following tribal members have an outstanding balance exceeding \$500.00 on their Public Utility Account. Please contact our office to set up payment arrangements, as we are always willing to work with individuals in order to pay off their utilities debt.



Angela Witt	Arthur Shaw Jr.
Sheri Hunter	Elizabeth Thomas
Joanna Hargis-Hancock	Gwen Sanchez
Natasha Williams	Nathan Dunn
Pamela Harris-Williams	Shannon Rambeau
Kathy Frazier	Galen Dunn
Jason Williams	Floyd Pheonix Jr.
Ronald Guerrero	Susan Deaton
Barbara Ford	Summer Philips
Duane Wasson	Josh Davis
Enrique Gonzales	Victor O'Neil
Dion Barlese	Ralph Copeland
Anita Valverde	Waylon Nish
Wendy Garcia	Sharon Christensen
Dario Arriaga	Linda McCauley
Mitchell Tobey Sr.	Jennie Burns
Darrell Garcia	Stephen Mandell
Ray Lowery	Janell Burns
Carlton Tobey	Marc Lowery
Leo Smith	Michelle Blossom
Seymour Thomas	Leon Kinerson
Vernon Shaw	Esther Aragon
Jess Teton	Shirley Kaneshige
Rita Poleviyuma	Anthony Wasson
Kelly Smith	Steven Johnson
Harold Paddy	Alejandro Rios
Jennifer Smith	Stephen Jim
Isabell New Moon	Anthony Monroe
Patricia Shaw	Steve James
Belita Hickman	Rahna Hunter

Numana fish hatcheries. Water is pumped from a pipe which extends into Pyramid Lake, and then flows through the Lake Operations acclimation facility.

Dan Mosley, Director
Pyramid Lake Fisheries



TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

The Office of Tribal Enrollment is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closing for lunch between 12:00 pm. to 12:30 pm. Monday through Friday.

Voluntary Relinquishment:

It should be an informed and carefully considered decision as it affects the enrollment or non enrollment of future generations.

Voluntary relinquishment terminates all membership rights such as rights to tribal property and assets. One major drawback of voluntary relinquishment is that it creates a break in direct lineage for children who were not enrolled in the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe prior to the parent's voluntary relinquishment. Direct lineage to a Base Enrollee of the official certified constructed Base Roll of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation as of January 1, 1935 is a requirement of regular membership eligibility.

Some parents who have relinquished from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and enrolled with another tribe are finding their children are not eligible for membership in the Parent's new tribe because the child does not meet the minimum blood quantum degree required. We are seeing an increase of children who do not qualify for regular membership in the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe due to the voluntary relinquishment of the parent before the child was born or enrolled.

Children born after a parent's voluntary relinquishment from Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe are eligible to apply for

Adoptive Membership; however due to changes in the Enrollment Ordinance III in 2006 Adoptive Membership offers no tribal rights.

Adult Voluntary Relinquishments—Adults who have relinquished are eligible for reinstatement based on extenuating circumstances to be determined by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council will be the sole determining body for such requests and the decision on such reinstatement requests will be final.

Minor Child Relinquishments—The only people who can reapply for tribal membership are those who were relinquished or disenrolled as a minor child under the age of 18, they are eligible to reapply for membership prior to their 23 birthday. If the person received funds as a member of another Tribe, such person will be considered for membership purposes only, in accordance with the ordinance governing membership in the Tribe.

We welcome the following new members of the Tribe

Approvals/October 2010:

Leticia Antonia DeHerrera
Nakyla Jadeann John
Chylie Marjorie Querta
Nathan Samuel Saldana
Jose Antonio Saldana

Approvals/November 2010:

Zarina Eileen James
Kina Adrianna Padilla
Junaluska MT. Blue Bird Thigpen
Drake Yellowhair

Approvals/December 2010:

Kaeden Matthew Houston
Janna Taylor McCoy
Folau Moeloa Talanoa

All of these individuals have met the criteria for Regular 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.

All enrolled members are encouraged to maintain a current mailing address with the Tribe. You may call the Enrollment Office and request an enrolled member address update form be sent to you or you may submit a written letter to update your mailing address. Sorry we cannot update or change records based on a phone call.

Membership Statistics:

As of this writing, we have 2,867 enrolled members of the Tribe, less 364 deceased. The total living membership is 2,503 as of this date. This number is subject to change monthly. Names of the deceased are kept on the roll for descendancy purposes.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding membership issues, please call Joanne Shaw in the Enrollment Office at 775.574.1000, Ext. 115, or email: pl enrollment@plpt.nsn.us

PLPT NEEDS YOUR INPUT ON CHILD CARE

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is conducting an important study to determine the child care needs of tribal members. In the next few days, you will be receiving a request to participate in this study by answering questions about your experiences with and opinions about child care.

Your anonymous answers to the questionnaire will help design future child care services that best meet the needs of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe including the possibility of a new Day Care Center. We want to thank you in advance for filling out the questionnaire and returning it in the postage-paid return envelope. The more questionnaires we receive, the better we will be able to understand the child care needs of tribal members. The study can only be successful with your generous

assistance.

This study is sponsored by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, and funded by a grant from Charles Schwab Bank. The study is being conducted by the University Center for Economic Development (UCED), a part of the Resource Economics Department at the University of Nevada, Reno. The UCED will tabulate the responses, and provide a summary of results to the Tribe. Neither you, nor members of your household will be identified with any of your responses. Your responses will be kept confidential.

I hope you take 20 to 30 minutes of your time to help us. Most of all, we hope that you enjoy the questionnaire and the opportunity to voice your thoughts and opinions about child care.



SUTCLIFFE FIRE STATION RE-OPENS



A little after three months since a fire in the Sutcliffe fire station consumed the building, trucks and equipment the station has been rebuilt and was opened back up on Thursday December 23, 2010. Insurance paid for the re-construction of the station, and the tribe received a donated 1980 fire engine from the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, and a 1967 fire engine from the Sho-Pai Tribe at Duck Valley. The equipment is currently being replaced with insurance funds and grant money. The fire which occurred on the night of September 09, 2010 has been ruled as suspicious and is currently under investigation.

Don Pelt
Emergency Response Coordinator

PL HEALTH CLINIC

"Pehabemakoo Tu'oyaena Nobe"

Managing Your Type 2 Diabetes

It is important to keep your blood sugar controlled, because when too much sugar stays in your blood for a long time, it can damage your vessels and nerves.

Much of the food we eat is turned into sugar in the blood for our bodies to use as energy. A hormone produced in the pancreas called insulin helps sugar get into the cells in our body. If your body doesn't make enough insulin or if the insulin doesn't work the way it should, blood sugar can't get into your cells and instead stays in your blood raising your blood sugar level.

Three ways to help manage your Type 2 diabetes are:

1. Using your medications exactly as your doctor prescribes
2. Making smart food choices
3. Being physically active

If you have any questions or concerns about managing your Type 2 diabetes, please contact Patti Sicherman our Certified Diabetic Educator, or stop in the clinic.

Diabetes Self-Care Overview

Learn the "survival skills" of living with pre-diabetes or diabetes.

Topics:

- Basic disease process
- How do I know if I'm doing okay or not?
- What should I eat? How much activity is needed?
- What is a healthy weight? Do I need to Lose?
- Information about medications and blood glucose monitoring
- Reducing risks and complications

When? Thursday, January 6th
 Time? 4:30—6:00 pm
 Presenter? Patti Sicherman, RN CDE
 Where? Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic Lobby

Information? 775.527.4580

- 👍 Chance for a Wal-Mart Gift Certificate Giveaway
- 👍 Chance to enter in the most improved HbA1C contest, chance to win a \$100 Gift Certificate

The Exercise Modular-Nixon

The Diabetes Exercise Room (Modular #02 next to the Nixon Gym) currently is open til the end of 2011: Monday-Wednesday: 11:00-1:30-Open

Thursday: 11:00-4:30
Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist will be available at Modular
 Friday: 11:00-1:30 Open

There are changes coming to the Exercise Room!!

Beginning January 10, 2011 the Diabetes Wellness Program will begin to issue card keys for the Exercise Room. Please come in to the Diabetes Program and we will issue you a card key. With this key you will be able to enter the Exercise Room at your leisure. You will be required to provide your own towels.

Unfortunately due to 2010 Budget constraints Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist, will no longer be available.

Tai Chi Class Schedule:

Sutcliffe Community Center
 Monday 6:30—7:30pm

Nixon Health Clinic
 Wednesday 6:30—7:30 pm

Until Further Notice!!
*No special clothes or shoes are needed.
 Just dress to be comfortable.....*

Tai Chi is a Chinese martial art that combines diaphragmatic breathing and relaxation with soft, gentle movements. It is considered moderate exercise, which has previously been shown to improve immune system response, in contrast to strenuous physical activity, which depresses it. Previous studies have shown that it improves vascular,

respiratory and cardiovascular function, while improving flexibility and relieving [stress](#).

Rocking motion

Stand with feet parallel, arms at your sides. Raise your arms slowly, palms up, while simultaneously rising on the balls of your feet. Then lower your arms, palms down, while letting your heels touchdown and raising your toes slightly. Repeat 9, 18, or 36 times.



Bird flaps its wings

Stand with heels together and toes splayed, palms facing each other below waist, fingertips down. Flap your arms while bending knees and raising heels. Return to original position and repeat the exercise.



The third time, after flapping arms, move wrists in circular motion 1 1/2 times before returning to the starting position.

Daughter on the mountaintop

Step forward with left foot, hands at sides, palms up. As your weight shifts forward to your bent left leg, swing hands slowly in circular motion in front of you, crossing your wrists. With your weight fully forward, straighten right leg and raise right heel. Then shift back and repeat with other leg. Do 9, 18, or 36 times.



IDA 'N WILLIE'S ROADHOUSE is a small town bar and grill, a Pyramid Lake Tribal member owned and operated business, with high quality standards providing customers with exceptional service and home-cooked food at affordable prices.

Our grill features a unique menu offering home-style favorites, from our tasty appetizers like our fresh-cut fries, to our dinner specials like our signature tri-tip. Children will enjoy menu items just for them. We also have FREE Wi-Fi, space for private parties and catering. For those of you always on the go, call ahead for an order ToGo.

Join us Sunday and Monday nights for football specials: \$2 domestic beer, and 2-for-1 appetizer specials. Check out [Facebook](#) or call **775.980.6088** for our daily lunch and dinner specials, and special events.

We are easy to find (just look for the big Red Building on Main Street in Wadsworth, NV). Directions from Reno-take I-80 East to Exit 43, 27 miles east of Reno. Directions from Fernley-2 miles northwest of Fernley on the Lincoln Hwy.

Come on in, enjoy a great home-cooked meal with a relaxing atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Ida 'n Willie's Staff Wish Everyone a Happy and Safe New Year's



100 Main Street,
 Wadsworth, NV 89442

Join us at Ida 'n Willie's to watch the
UNR GAME
 vs. Boston College

January 9th
Sunday
6:00 pm



Come into Ida 'n Willie's every Sunday and Monday until January 9th and receive a raffle ticket with every food or drink order purchase good for UNR merchandise. Drawing to be held on January 9th at half time. Need not be present to win.

IS THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS HOLDING MONEY FOR YOU?

OST is seeking current addresses for Individual Indian Monies (IIM) account holders on the list below. All Whereabouts Unknown (WAU) accounts either have interests in trust lands and/or funds to be disbursed to the rightful owner. If your name is on this list, please call our Nevada office at 775-887-3525 or our Toll Free Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-888-678-6836.

ABEL, MONA
ALECK, BENJAMIN
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Webster Arthur and Family would like to thank everyone for their help and prayers during the time of passing of his grandson Boyd "BJ" Jackson V.

SACRED VISIONS POW-WOW COMMITTEE

Greeting from the Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee,

The Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee would like to wish everyone a Belated Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. The pow-wow committee is currently in the process of finalizing the preparations for the 3rd Annual Pow-wow which will be held July 1-3, 2011 at Big Bend Ranch, Wadsworth, NV.

The new Sacred Visions Visions Committee Board consists of the following:

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Angey Dunn	Treasurer	angeyfaye@yahoo.com

The members of the committee consist of; Anita Dunn, Shaunee Sander, Leticia Burke, Wayne Burke, Gina Henry, Brenda Burns, Paula Paul, Conch, Lyle Kochamp, Debbie Barlese, Lela Leyva & Bobby Burns.

The committee has an open door policy for all volunteers and anyone wishing to join the committee.

Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee



*The
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is looking for
interested individuals
to help with the
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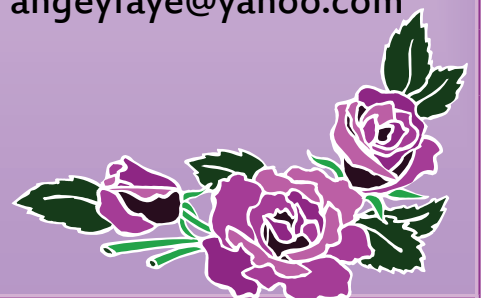
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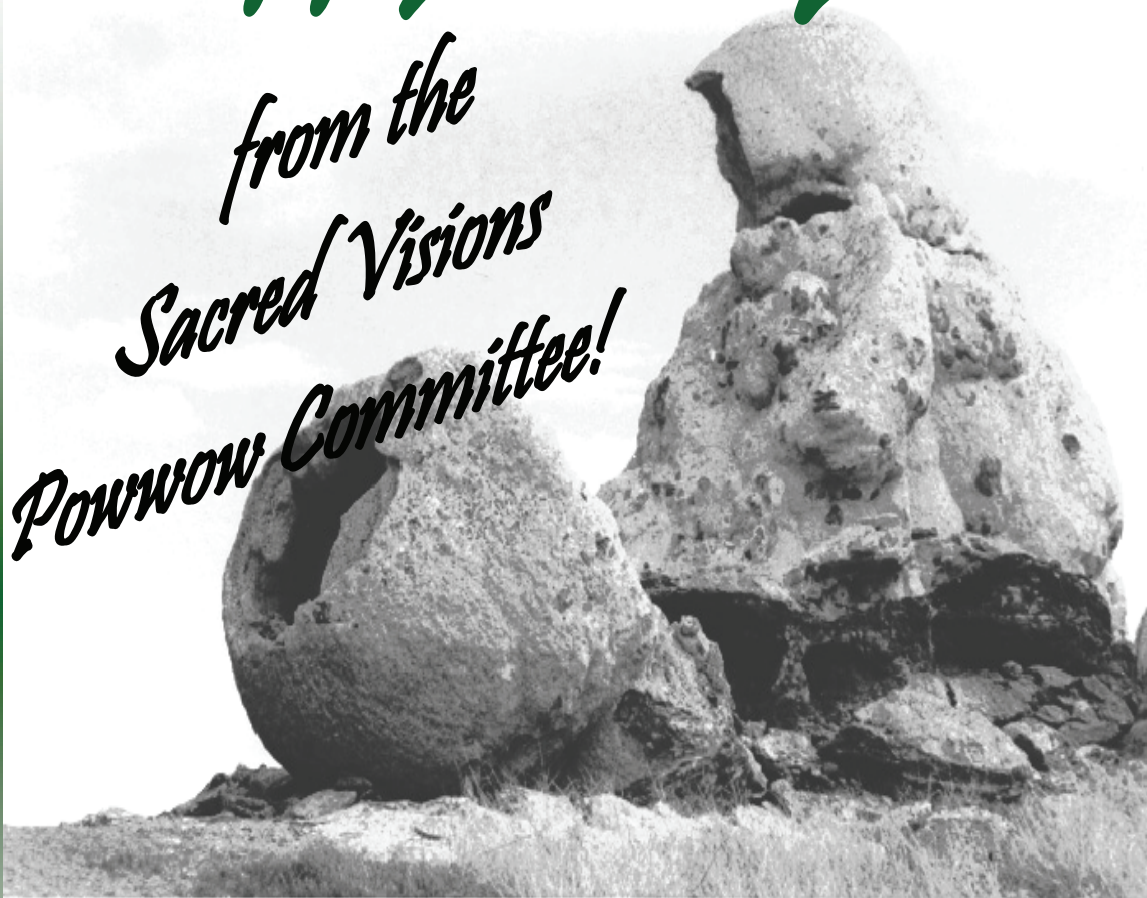
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Happy New Year!
*from the
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Powwow Committee!*



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4th of July Weekend
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"Bringing the People Home"

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Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee P.O. Box 897, Wadsworth, NV 89442

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AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

Weather

The Anaho Island weather station is now on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website. Here is the web link to get directly to the data from the Anaho Island weather station.

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/rev/remotedata/anaho.php>

Donna Withers, the Wildlife Refuge Specialist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service is the contact for that site.

You can also access the Sutcliffe weather from the above web site.

Weather Paiute Style – thanks to Ralph at the Museum.

There is a weather phenomenon that is seen this time of year. It is a thick amount of ice that looks like lots of lacy snowflakes that are stuck together. It is formed by fog freezing onto branches, roofs, and poles. In Paiute it is called Paqunabu. This is derived from “pa” for water and “nabu” for snow. Here is what it looks like.



Air Quality Program

The Wadsworth Air Quality site is running. The site collects weather data (wind speed and direction, temperature, pressure, relative humidity, solar radiation, and rain/snow) and particulate data (air pollution) every hour.



Figure 1 With the tower lowered, we can calibrate the wind speed and direction.

The data is transmitted to Northern Arizona University where it is made available on the internet (http://weather.meteostar.com/tribal_weather/forecast?location_id=844607). It is also available for data validation which means it is checked for accuracy and prepared for entry into the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) database. So far over 18,000 data records have been entered.

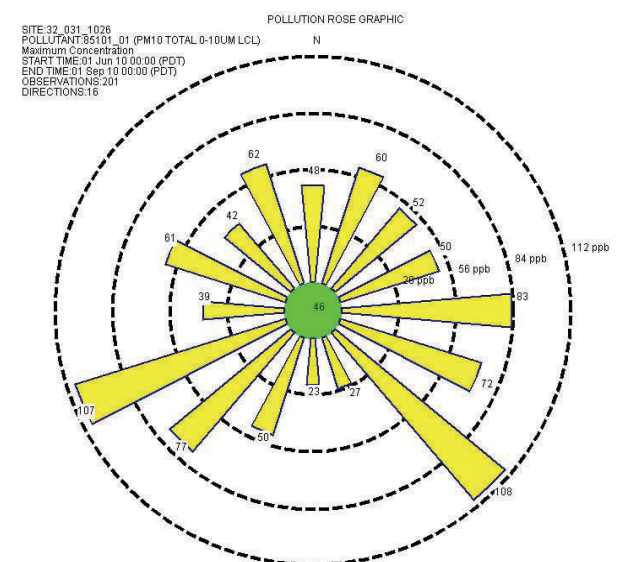
Other analysis tools are available including “pollution roses”. These display the pollution concentrations associated with each wind direction. This one for the summer shows that the highest pollution comes from the south east where the Nevada Cement Plant is located. The next is from the southwest where the impacts of the freeway are most pronounced. The third highest reading comes from the east where the Paiute Plant is located.



Figure 2 Particulate monitor with elementary school in background.

Pollution Rose Graphic

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 MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION
 START TIME: 01 Jun 10 00:00 (PDT)
 END TIME: 01 Sep 10 00:00 (PDT)
 OBSERVATIONS: 201
 DIRECTION: 16



MOVING FORWARD: AN UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Happy New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on status of the Tribe's Economic Development Plan and provide an overview of the next steps for completing the plan. There are two volumes of the overall Economic Development Plan; the strategic plan and the Investment and Management Plan. At the July 2nd Tribal Council Meeting, the Tribal Council unanimously approved the Strategic Economic Development Plan. The strategic plan is the first half of the overall Economic Development plan and outlines the vision through goals and policies for creating jobs and growth on the reservation. The first draft of the Investment and Management Plan is under review, with the entire plan to be completed in the first three months of 2011.

The purpose of the Investment and Management Plan is to establish in writing the policy matters concerning the use of the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund in order to maximize job creation and revenue for the Tribe and its members. There are 4 sections to this plan; Option A, Option B, Option C and the Investment Policy. Each section of the plan establishes the policy matters for the Tribe to use the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund to create jobs and growth on the reservation. In the event that the legal and administrative issues involving PL-101-618 become settled, the option in this plan that best reflects the outcome of the legal and administrative issues will become the Tribe's plan for the use of the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund.

Option A outlines the Tribe's plans to use the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund in the event the Federal Government allows the Tribe to distribute 100% of the interest amount of the form in the form of an economic stimulus payment to each Tribal Member. This option would become the Tribe's plan if the United States Congress amends the law to allow this or if another branch of the Federal Government finds that this amount of individual economic stimulus payments of the interest is allowed. Option B of this plan outlines the Tribe's plan to use the Economic Development Fund in the event the Federal Government allows the Tribe to distribute 20% to 50% of the interest amount in the form of an economic stimulus payment to each Tribal Member.

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"Drunkenness is nothing but voluntary madness." - Seneca

A Celebration of Sobriety

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This option would become the Tribe's plan if the United States Congress amends the law to allow this or if another branch of the Federal Government finds that this amount of individual economic stimulus payments of the interest is allowed.

Option C of this plan outlines the Tribe's plan to use the Economic Development Fund in the event the Federal Government does not allow the Tribe to distribute none of the interest amount in the form of an economic stimulus payment to each Tribal Member. This option would become the Tribe's plan if the United States Congress does not amend the law to allow this or if another branch of the Federal Government finds that individual economic stimulus payments of the interest is not allowed. The Investment Policy section of this plan outlines the

guidelines and objective for the Federal Government to follow while managing the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund.

It is important to note that the approval of an Economic Development Plan by the Tribe does not mean that the Federal Government will allow the Tribe to access the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund. There are many lingering legal and administrative issues involving PL-101-618 and the uses of the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund that still must be worked out. These issues include; the Tribe adopting and submitting an Economic Development Plan to the Federal Government, the legality of the Tribe to be able to distribute certain funds from the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund for use by Tribal Members, the implementation of the Truckee River Operating Agreement

and Federal administrative reviews and legal issues concerning PL-101-618.

A copy of the both volumes of the Economic Development Plan can be accessed for free at <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/econdev/index.html>.

We have instituted an open door policy throughout the planning process of the Economic Development Plan and would appreciate any input from Tribal Members. If any Tribal Members have any questions or would like additional information about the Economic Development Plan please feel free to contact me or stop by my office which is located next door to the Enrollment Office in the Tribal Administration Building in Nixon.

Thank You,
Scott H. Carey, Tribal Planner
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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE ...

I wish each of you the best of holiday cheer and happiness. I want to also express my sincere appreciation for the support for the leadership that has been provided not only on my behalf, but on behalf of the entire tribal leadership. The following is an update on issues that are facing the tribe.

The Tribe is working to establish a new lease for Trash Pros that intends to continue providing solid waste services for the tribal membership. The Tribe is also working on the Hayland leases in the Wadsworth area. It is the intention to establish leases that benefit the Tribe in terms of providing revenue to the Tribe.

The High Desert Recreation lease is at the BIA Western Region Office waiting for a decision with the latest appeal. HDR has not paid any rent to the Tribe since November 2009. Now there is water damage throughout the facility; it is being investigated to determine the cause of the damage.

The Tribe received notice that the

University of Nevada Reno is willing to allow the acquisition of the S-S Ranch for the Tribe. The details are being wrapped up and the transfer of the property should be forthcoming. Many thanks to Rob Scanland and Aaron Peskin for their work on behalf of the Tribe.

The latest on the release of the interest funds from the United States government to the Tribe is that it may be willing to allow for a one-time payment to tribal members who are 18 years and older for economic hardship. I expressed to the Tribal Council that this offer may be the best offer coming from the U.S. government. The Tribal Council needs to decide if this is acceptable and then inform the U.S.

The Tribe will be conducting more work to repatriate burial and other items from museums and institutions that have Pyramid Lake collections. The continued work on a local, regional, and national level must continue.

Improving health care will continue to be a priority. The Indian Health Service is not

adequately funded, just as it is with other federal programs for tribes, and it is necessary to affective representation to make changes that will be seen on a local level. CHS is critical to providing services to our People. Until a hospital is established in northern Nevada, we will continue to depend on CHS.

In closing, the work on behalf of the Tribe, on all levels of the organization must not be about receiving a stipend. I hear too often comments on both sides of the issue that this is one intention. The work, and those who do the work demonstrates on its behalf how much it means to complete it for the Tribal membership.

If anyone has any questions, please contact the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Offices at (775) 574-1000.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mervin Wright Jr., Tribal Chairman

2010 Presidential Tribal Conference: Tribal Policy Issues: Washington, D.C. Mervin Wright, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Western Region Representative—December 15, 2010

1. Tribal Land/Culture Protection/Natural Resources

- a. Sacred Places
 - i. Update and strengthen the Executive Order on American Indian Sacred Sites.
 - ii. Call on Congress to establish a right of action for the protection of Native American sacred places.
- b. Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)
 - i. Transfer the national NAGPRA Office from the National Park Service to the Office of the Interior Secretary.
 - ii. Reverse the 2010 CUHR rule to provide for the repatriation to Native Tribes of the associated and unassociated funerary items that are a part of burials which are eligible for return to Native Nations.
 - iii. Inform Congress of this Administration's support for the technical amendment of the NAGPRA definition of "Native American" to include two words - "or was" - after the two words "that is."
- c. Increasing Impacts to Natural Resources
 - i. Increase federal funding of tribal programs to take into consideration and offset such demands as rising populations, natural resource development, climate change initiatives, water right claims, and increased environmental regulatory requirements.
 - ii. Increase federal funding support to meet tribal needs regarding implementation of the Reclamation Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, the Federal Land Management and Policy Act and other legal mandates.

2. Nation-to-Nation Relationship

- a. Discretionary Status
 - i. Cease categorizing Tribal Nations funding as "discretionary programs" because it is inconsistent with the Nation-to-Nation relationship.
 - ii. Instruct the federal agencies to consult with Native Nations on contract support and related funding issues, focusing on specific needs and solutions, rather than the current process, which often is arbitrary.

3. Education/Health Care/Community Services

- a. Health Care/Insurance
 - i. Increase federal funding support to provide improved quality health services for the Indian Health Service, which is the only health care service available to Tribal Native People without insurance coverage.
 - ii. Conduct technical and medical analysis where critical treatment is denied compelling patients to further suffer and eventually die from inadequate treatment or none at all.
- b. Infrastructure
 - i. New health and sanitation facilities are urgently needed for the health and well being of Tribal residents who reside in Tribal communities on Indian Reservations.
 - ii. Federally required drinking water standards, sanitation and solid waste disposal rules, and air quality regulations need to be accompanied by direct-to-tribes federal funding.

CULTURAL RESOURCES/PROTECTION

President Joe Shirley of the Navajo Nation described the effect of the desecration and destruction of Sacred Places upon the Navajo Nation to Ms. Valerie Barrett. He stated that when destruction and desecration occurs it is destroying and desecrating his Native People, and their way of life. I stated that, Native Americans are the only People in America who do not have a door to the Courthouse, any Courthouse to protect our Sacred Places. I continued by thanking the President (who was not present) for his campaign promise for strengthening legal protection for our churches, our places of worship, and our burial grounds. I concluded by asking that the Executive Branch and the Administration strengthen the existing Executive Order on Sacred Sites by calling upon

Congress to create a right of action that would allow Native People a legal ability to more effectively protect our Sacred Places.

Ms. Barrett noted that the Department of Justice should be able to conduct follow through with Attorney General Eric Holder. AG Holder recognized Mike Berelli and stated that he would be available to continue with working on this issue. Their attention on this issue was sincere and it will be necessary to continue with the effort to present the traditional knowledge necessary to justify and describe the importance to have stronger legal protections.

Although, time ran out, I was able to speak with Secretary Sebilus about the need for DHHS to conduct a technical and medical analysis

on the real events occurring to Native People where medical referrals are denied resulting in further suffering and eventual death as a result of inadequate health care treatment or no health care treatment at all. This is in direct response to the CHS issue.

I continued with Attorney General Eric Holder regarding the description of the next steps to get the Sacred Sites right of action initiated within the Administration.

Finally, I spoke with Secretary Ken Salazar regarding the NAGPRA definition of Native American and how his predecessor stopped and opposed the technical legislative fix, which is known at the "or was" amendment. I asked that

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