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## USDA FUNDS \$28,400 TO EQUIP WADSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER

(CARSON CITY—April 29, 2013)-- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

USDA Rural Development (RD) recently announced funding for the Pyramid Lake Tribe to purchase kitchen and meeting room equipment for the recently constructed Wadsworth Community Center. On April 17, Tribal Chairman Elwood Lowery and RD State Director Sarah Adler jointly announced a \$15,600 grant and a \$12,800 direct loan during a Strike Force Initiative meeting between USDA and tribal members. The funds will support the Tribe's purchase of furniture and commercial kitchen equipment for the new community center.

Tribal Chairman Elwood Lowery, Tribal Vice Chair Terrence James, Tribal Administrator Della John, tribal staff, and USDA leadership and staff from the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Risk Management Agency, Food and Nutrition Service, and Rural Development participated in the meeting. Over 40 USDA and tribal staff members met to discuss conservation and agriculture programs, as well as business development, infrastructure and food systems.

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## CELEBRATION OF TRIBE'S LAND AND WATER ACQUISITIONS WITH SENATOR REID A BIG SUCCESS

On May 29, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe hosted a celebration in appreciation of recent significant tribal land and water acquisitions. Many partners were invited, along with the guest of honor, U.S. Senator Harry Reid. The event was held at the recently acquired, beautiful 1,310-acre TH Ranch at Hardscrabble Creek.

Senator Reid is responsible for sponsoring legislation that led to the creation of Reclamation's Desert Terminal Lakes Program. The Program has provided over \$22 million in congressional funding, for land and water acquisitions to the Tribe. With the help of Great Basin Land & Water the Tribe has used the grant funding to acquire substantial amounts of water for Pyramid Lake and the acquisition of key property in-holdings within or contiguous to the reservation. TH Ranch - Hardscrabble Creek, the most recent acquisition, is an environmentally significant property that



Senator Reid speaking to the tribal members and invited guests.

the Tribe has been working for decades to acquire.

It was an exciting day that started with our Tribal veterans raising the flags and Ralph Burns giving a blessing. Young 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Michaela King sang the Paiute version of the Flag Song. JP Plympton did a great job of emceeing the event.

Great Basin Land & Water President Aaron Peskin acknowledged the honored guests including representatives from the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and as well as many others. Then Pyramid Lake High School's Mu Nuga Koo Traditional Paiute Dance Group performed a number of traditional dances, they performed so beautifully.

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## TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

The Tribal Transportation Planning office was established to provide technical management on road construction from design phase through final acceptance. The Department acts as liaison between the Tribe and other Transportation related agencies to coordinate roads planning and construction activities. The Transportation Planning Office has been in existence from May 2009 and is located at the Tribal Administration Building and funded through BIA transportation department funding.

Transportation Planning Department Projects: Wadsworth Bypass Road Construction, Pelican Point Design, Pyramid Lake Transit Planning (New), and Wadsworth Community Center Parking Lot with Access Road (New).

### WADSWORTH BYPASS ROAD

The Wadsworth Bypass Road project is still in progress. This bypass road provides a primary route circumnavigating the town center which would keep non-local traffic out of the school/neighborhood area. The total length of realignment beginning at State Route 427 at the south end proceeding to connect with existing

State Route 447 at the north end is 2.68 miles. By relocating this road approximately 4,000 ft. to the west, we would achieve an increased level of safety by providing that traffic; especially semi-trucks with trailers would not run through the school zone.

The Tribal Transportation Planning department continues to meet with Nevada Department of Transportation, BIA, and Summit Engineering to proceed with the design portion of this project. Summit Engineering is working to ensure that the plans meet Federal specifications and will be acceptable to NDOT. The project currently stands at the 60% completion of the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E'S).

We have submitted a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery "TIGER" grant application for the construction funding of Bypass Road Project. This grant would cover the construction costs for the project. The grant is highly competitive nationwide and we will be very fortunate if our application is selected. PLPT has been supported in

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Tribal Administrator Della John called the meeting “historic,” saying that this was only the first time in the Tribe’s history that a joint meeting of this magnitude with the federal government had occurred. In depth discussions occurred regarding agriculture, conservation, food security, tribal business enterprises, and community, youth and cultural resource needs and opportunities. A follow-up workshop with business enterprises and business and economic development partners is anticipated.

The meeting was initiated as part of the National Strike Force for Rural Growth and Opportunity initiative developed by USDA. The goal of USDA’s Strike Force is to work collaboratively to provide intensive care for communities that suffer from high poverty. USDA joins together with communities in these areas to build opportunity for their citizens. USDA leadership and staff partner with local organizations and civic leaders, providing them with technical support and assistance to help them successfully apply for USDA programs.

Since 2010, USDA has piloted the Strike Force initiative in six states – Georgia,

Arkansas, Mississippi, Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada. In these states, USDA has already partnered with more than 400 community based organizations. Recently, USDA added the Dakotas, the Carolinas, Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration – the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$700 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

#### Leslie Wheelock

Leslie Wheelock is the Director of the Office of Tribal Relations at USDA.

An enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Ms. Wheelock previously served as Director of Economic Policy at the National Congress of American Indians. During her tenure at NCAI, she worked on a variety of

economic development initiatives involving small business, financial literacy, rural infrastructure and agriculture. She also previously served at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian as a manager on the transition team and as a strategic planning consultant on cultural and intellectual property. Leslie currently serves on the National Council for the Museum as well as the board of directors for the Smithsonian Indian Museum in New York.

Leslie earned her law and business degrees from Cornell University and has more than 20 years of executive legal and management experience in the corporate technology and telecommunications sectors. Ms. Wheelock was born and raised in Indiana, and her home and family are on the Oneida Reservation in Oneida, Wisconsin.

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## WADSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER

This building project was conceived in 2006 and it was to provide a community building for youth and community activities in the Wadsworth area. Originally the project was to encompass approximately 10,000 sq. ft. and include a large central area/gym, restrooms/locker rooms, office/meeting rooms and kitchen. This project would instill pride in the community with a sense of bringing the people together. The structure could also provide a gathering place in a time of emergency. The original project size was reduced because funding was not available for the larger size project. The Tribe received a \$495,000 HUD Economic Development Initiative Grant in 2006 for construction of a community center building.

The new building will be approximately 2,974 square feet with a kitchen, large meeting area, smaller conference room and bathrooms. The building is located at 551 8<sup>th</sup> street, Wadsworth, Nevada which is near the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and State Route 447.

After receiving Tribal council approval, the Tribe have hired a project manager and crew. Construction of the new community center



began the week of beginning November 5, 2012 with the crew working clearing & grubbing and hauling fill material to the building pad site. Work continued with the excavation of the footing lines and layout of the under concrete slab plumbing and electrical trenches.

Work continued throughout the months of December 2012 thru June 2013. Everything from the monolithic pour of the concrete pad to the completion of the interior and exterior work has been completed, tested, inspected and



approved. Utility lines are in place and ready for use. The crew endured extremely cold temperatures and some wet weather but stayed on task to finish the construction.

Work is substantially complete on the building structure. Final interior work is being completed on the weeks of June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The building area is still under construction with the work to provide sidewalks, curb & gutter and pavement for the street and parking lot to continue. The project is PLIR 102(2) Wadsworth Community Center Parking and Access Road Project. This project is scheduled to start as soon as the Bureau of Indian Affairs -Transportation has reviewed and approved the plans for this site.

We are continuing to pursue funding for the other buildings projected in the conceptual plan. The Tribe has applied for the ICDBG grant for the learning center/library directly north of the new community center. The planning committee for the gym is still active and meetings will be planned in the near future.

Johnnie Garcia  
Wadsworth Community Center  
Planning Committee



## ENROLLMENT SERVICES UPDATE

The Office of Enrollment Services is open Monday through Friday during normal work hours closing for lunch between 12:00 and 12:30pm. Please call ahead of time to ensure that staff is available to process your requests.

**Regular Membership:** The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribes regular membership is based on direct decendancy. Direct decendancy means there can be no break in the line of progression on the person's family tree, there must be a direct tie to the Base Roll.

**Adoptive Membership:** Requires a ¼ blood quantum or more of Pyramid Lake Paiute blood and must receive the endorsement of the Tribal Council by an affirmative 2/3 vote of its members.

**Dual Enrollment:** Dual enrollment is prohibited by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Any person, who is enrolled, affiliated or recognized as a member of another Indian tribe, colony or band is considered to be dually enrolled.

**Address Updates:** All enrolled members are encouraged to keep their mailing addresses current with the Enrollment Office. Enrolled Member Address Update Forms are available for download on the Tribal website or by calling the Enrollment office.

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

### Enrollment Services forms now available online:

- ▶ Card Replacement Request Form
- ▶ Document Request Form
- ▶ Enrolled Member Address Update Form
- ▶ Name Change Request Form

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

### Approvals

We welcome the following new members of the Tribe:

#### New Members April:

Jayden James Acosta, Nevaeh Marie Acosta, Xavier Blake Bianchi, Beiyoodzin Hashkii Bitsilly, Wyliaann Tabedooapunne Brady, Drevon Wayne Carpenter, LeeAna Patoosooba Christy, Malena Sky Oakie, Powma Collette Williams

#### New Members May:

Dakoda Gene Horse, Jayden Douglas LaDuke-Fajardo, Karanda Marie McGeisey

#### New Members June:

Haley Kay Chandler, Le'lani Makalani Muao, Eena Tom'mo Phoenix, Daminano Justis Robinson, Jakai Leonard Sarabia, Terrance Arsenio Sarabia.

**Membership Statistics:** As of this writing, we have 3,009 enrolled members of the Tribe, less 397 deceased. The total living membership is 2,612 as of this date. This number is subject to change monthly. Names of the deceased are kept on the roll for decendancy purposes.

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Pyramid Lake High School  
Mu Nuga Koo Traditional Paiute Dance Group.

Chairman Lowery then gave a powerful speech about the Tribe's long history of persistence and accomplishment. He said that since 1990 when Senator Reid passed Public Law 101-608 the Tribe has acquired over 11,400 acres of land within and contiguous to the Reservation and together with Reno, Sparks and Washoe County acquired over 7,500 acre feet of water rights for the benefit of the lower Truckee River and Pyramid Lake.

Chairman Lowery acknowledged and thanked a number of the sellers of properties including Marc Johnson, the President of the University of Nevada Reno for their sale of the S Bar S property and Mike Horgan for the sale of the TH Ranch. BOR Area Manager Kenneth Parr was formally recognized by Chairman Elwood Lowery. Each of the honorees were presented with a Pyramid Lake license plate and photograph and Senator Reid was given a beaded medallion crafted by Collette Auguh, and Judy Thomas on behalf of the Tribal Elders Program presented a painting of the pyramid and lake.

Senator Reid spoke to the tribal members and invited guests, highlighting the accomplishments that have come to fruition with DTL funding. He shared an analogy of a championship sports team practicing long and hard to make their seasons successful. He stated that all that work, like the work of the Tribe and their partners, is to be celebrated, as well as the end achievements.



The presentations were followed by a barbecue luncheon and festivities shared by about 200 tribal members. It was a great day that will be remembered for a long time.

(Note: More related pictures in Sumunumu Article).



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For Registration packet and other required documents  
please visit the ITCN website at:  
[http://www.itcn-snac.org/docs/agendas/agendas/  
2013-Youth-Conference-Registration-Packet.pdf](http://www.itcn-snac.org/docs/agendas/agendas/2013-Youth-Conference-Registration-Packet.pdf)

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if you have any other questions regarding this event,  
please call Christine Harjo at 775-355-0600 or Fax: 775-355-5207.

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this effort by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT).

#### PELICAN POINT PROJECT

The Pelican Point Project, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), will consist of the survey, design, environmental clearance, archaeological clearance, right-of way and final plans for the upgrade of the Pelican Point Road area. This project will also include improved access road and parking areas at Pelican Point. Summit Engineering continues as the contractor for this design project. This project is nearing the 100% completion of the Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E'S). **The project is substantially complete with final BIA approval pending.**

We have submitted a Transportation Investment **Generating Economic Recovery "TIGER" grant** application for the construction funding of Pelican Point Project. This grant would cover the construction costs for the project. Again, the grant is highly competitive nationwide and we will be very fortunate if our application is selected. PLPT has been supported in this effort by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

#### PYRAMID LAKE TRANSIT PROJECT

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) assists Native American Tribes to qualify for the Tribal Passenger Transportation Technical

Assistance Program to develop planning system start up, facility development transportation coordination, training, and other public transit problem solving activities. The Pyramid Lake Paiute tribe has been approved for technical assistance through Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) to develop a Tribal Transit system. We are one of three projects selected for participation in the program this past year. This planning project will help the Tribe with submitting an application to start a transit system for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) has hired a transit planning consultant, LSC Transportation Inc. to meet with the tribe and draft a transit plan. LSC Transportation Consultants has completed the PLPT transit plan and it can be viewed at the LSC Transportation Consultants website [www.lsccts.com/projects/pyramid\\_lake/index.htm](http://www.lsccts.com/projects/pyramid_lake/index.htm)

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is out for the Tribal Transit Grant. This grant is the opportunity to fund start-up costs for a new Transit System for the Tribe. The deadline for the application is July 8, 2013. We are going to ask for Tribal Council support/approval on the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### WADSWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING AREA AND ACCESS ROAD PROJECT

The Transportation Planning department is working

to develop a project to improve the access road and proposed parking area for the new Wadsworth Community Center. This project will begin with a project to design the parking area and access road. The continued plan is to have a project to pave and drain the access road & parking lot area. We have contracted Summit Engineering of Reno to design the project. Summit Engineering has completed the 100% plans which have been sent to BIA and also is on the June 21<sup>st</sup> Tribal Council agenda for approval.

This project is a continuation to the new community building project nearing completion at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> St and Jackson St. The project will widen 8<sup>th</sup> Street with sidewalks, curb & gutter and provide for a paved parking area around the new community center.

The drainage area for the community center complex is planned to be west of the new community center building. We ask that this area be kept free from dumping any type of material in the future because it is needed for the retention basin to drain water from the projected building complex.

The Transportation Planning Staff will continue to work to improve the Transportation system of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Johnnie M. Garcia  
Transportation Planner

## **USDA KICKS OFF SMALL BUSINESS WEEK WITH \$4.7 MILLION ANNOUNCEMENT BENEFITTING RURAL BUSINESSES**

*Pyramid Lake Tribe Receives \$70,000 for Telecom Feasibility Study; Ely Tribe Receives \$20,000 to Identify Business Opportunities for Pine Nut Gathering and Woodcutting*

WASHINGTON, June 17, 2013 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today kicked off National **Small Business Week** by highlighting **USDA's** actions to help rural small businesses create jobs, get access to capital and spur economic growth. He also announced the selection of recipients for **USDA's Rural Business Enterprise Grants**. USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty.

**"Small businesses are the backbone of the economy in small towns and rural communities, just as they are in our biggest cities," Vilsack said. "USDA supports small businesses by providing job training, business development opportunities, strategic community planning and other resources. We're focused on making sure that Main Street businesses have the tools they need to grow."**

Secretary Vilsack announced 54 awards under the Rural Business Enterprise Grants program in 21 states. In Nevada, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT) in Northern Nevada and Ely Shoshone

Tribe in Eastern Nevada competed successfully for the grant funding. Over the past two years, **Nevada's Native American tribes have garnered** over \$208,700 in funding from the national level Native American set-aside for Rural Business Enterprise Grant funding.

**"We are very pleased that Nevada's tribes are competing so well at the national level for these funds and making progress toward sustainable economic development," said USDA Rural Development State Director Sarah Adler. "More Nevada tribes are building travel plazas, looking at ways to develop businesses and create jobs, and we are glad to be a key partner supporting that effort."**

Pyramid Lake Tribe will use \$70,000 for a feasibility study and business plan on developing a Tribally-owned internet service provider. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has nearly completed over 44 miles of fiber optic cable with 29 anchor sites; now the goal is to identify the feasibility of developing a PLPT Telecom service to provide internet service to tribal residents and enterprises. The feasibility study would also review whether the PLPT telecom service could expand to serve other areas, such as Fernley.

The Ely Shoshone Tribe received \$20,000 for a feasibility study on the tribal economic development opportunities associated with the Ely Shoshone Conservation District program. The Tribe will use the funds to investigate the feasibility of business opportunities associated with pine nut gathering, wood cutting operations and other woodland projects.

USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as USDA implements sequestration – the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act. USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

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### **Climate Change Adaptation Planning Course for October 1-3, 2013, in Reno, NV**

Institute of Tribal Professionals (ITEP) in collaboration with the Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative, the Desert Research Institute, and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe-Environmental. Registration forms will be available closer to the date at: [www4.nau.edu/itep/climatechange/](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/climatechange/).  
More information: Olin Anderson, WQ Standards Specialist  
(775) 574-0101 ext. 19 or [oanderson@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:oanderson@plpt.nsn.us)

### **FOOD HANDLERS CLASS**

Are you ready for Burning Man?  
Sponsored by the PLPT to be held in July 11, 2013  
I.H.S. Certification  
Tribal Chambers, Nixon—8:00 am to 12:30 pm  
Della John—(775) 574-1000 for more information



**FROM BTOP OFFICE...TRIBAL COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY COMPLETED**

Nearly 26% of Reservation households completed a recent survey about their interest in new Internet and Entertainment services according to Fred Thompson (Outreach Consultant to the BTOP Fiber Optics Project)

The response to the survey was very positive, according to Thompson, with more than 43% of those surveyed giving written comments. "Some very interesting profiles were developed that support the modern shift in today's high-tech world on the Reservation".

Data collected reflects only 37% of the residents use or have a wired telephone while more than 60% rely on cell phones as their primary telecom device. Home entertainment (TV) dominates the results with an average of 2.5 TV sets per household of which some 70% are connected to satellite vendors. No surprise there.

The survey reports a disappointing 53% of Reservation households have no Internet service because it's either too expensive or not available at all. The new fiber project which is nearing completion this summer is intended to reverse that condition according to Thompson. "High capacity fiber will allow the opportunity to attract several vendors to the Reservation that can offer affordable Internet and TV service because the current lack of inexpensive transport will be radically changed".

Results of the survey also confirm that more than 65% of the households would prefer a "bundled" set of services that include HD TV, Internet and wireless telephone service. The level of computers owned by those surveyed exceeded 70% on the Reservation with only 36% of them actually connected to existing Internet vendors.

With the data supplied from the latest survey the Tribal Council intends to proceed with plans to expand household services, using the new fiber, which would become available on the Reservation for the first time. It's expected that these services could start this coming fall/winter depending on negotiations with new service providers.



Congratulations to Steven Shaw for graduating from Reed High School. Son of Michael and Karen Shaw, grandparents William and Jessie Shaw and Gladys Hicks. We love you and good luck! We are all proud of you.

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe  
Broadband Technology  
Opportunity Program  
Communication Survey  
Comments-May 2013

- Computer not hooked up yet would like internet and service
- Does internet include Wi-Fi? (Free) unlimited internet G's for like \$100 a month I would pay \$100 a month for unlimited internet access
- with the fiber optics coming on the Reservation why don't we get this service at a more discount.
- Keep going with this project!!
- No comments
- Excellent Idea!! More discounts would be even better!! For everyone!!
- Hurry the internet up! Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!
- What is the date for all of this to become a reality?
- Do these services package include WI-FI If not , not interested
- Is WI-FI Available?
- How much cost increase per mo. for future
- How about 1gb/s for \$50/mo Just like Google
- These are awesome questions. I would like to have internet in out house.
- Classes to learn how to use the Laptop with internet
- Just like the Laptop Computer for \$150.00
- I am currently in contracts w/ several of my providers for Wi-Fi and TV, but I am interested in these services
- Open to the best service
- Let us know what's next
- Have Dish for TV @ 60 Basic/Local Channels
- Charter Communications offers a bundle pkg of Cable, Internet , landline phone @\$29-each(\$90). I would pay a 3 bundle pkg. @ \$100 mo or cheaper.
- We are retired people and would appreciate these services
- currently paying 180 month for 3 diff. providers
- Very interested w/ the household-proposed federal program \$150 laptop
- Senior Status-Fixed Income
- I would consider service (Verizon)
- I think classes for people to access forms and services for state, federal and health could help a lot of people

Graduation  
Congratulations to  
Steven Shaw, Emily Shaw,  
& Allison Erhart!  
Class of 2013 -woo!  
Love you guys, TEOLA

**CONSOLIDATED HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM...**

All Consolidated Higher Education Scholarships are due! **"JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> 2013"**

2013/2014 Tribal Scholarship Intake is currently in progress, all students need to get their applications in as soon as possible! Deadline Date it **June 30<sup>th</sup> 2013** for all scholarship. Fax them to (775) 574-0302 out FAX Machine is always on!

**Career College of Northern Nevada:**

Our Higher Education Office was informed that CCNN is looking for students that are interested in HVAC Training; they are looking for student at the age of 18-21 that have either a GED or a High School Diploma. If you are interested call Judy at (775) 741-8246 for further information.

**Consolidated Higher Education Survey:**

Just when you think things are going to slow down, **BAM!!!** You get another survey!

Well I'm working on a Consolidated Higher Education Survey, and it will be going out in our next quarterly newspaper! I would like feedback from you all on how our Consolidated Higher Education Program is running and what we can do to make our services better. **The first one to send it back will get a prize! (AYE!)** Thought that would wake you up! So please be kind and fill it out and send it back.

**If you have any question please call we are open from 8:00 AM through 4:30 PM Monday – Friday. Work Number (775) 574-0300 / FAX Number (775) 574-0302...**

**Ask for Anthony Sampson!**

**GOD Bless!**

## VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAM

PL Victim Services Program offers assistance to victims/survivors of:

- Domestic violence (between intimate partners)
- Dating violence
- Family violence
- Adult victim of sexual assault
- Adult survivor of physical abuse
- Adult survivor of incest of child sexual abuse, child abuse
- Elder abuse/fraud
- Survivor of homicide victim
- Gang violence
- Kidnapping
- Assault, battery, deadly weapon
- Attempted murder
- Stalking
- Hate violence
- Child victim of sexual abuse, incest, molestation
- Child neglect or abandonment
- Child victim of emotional abuse
- Victim of drug/alcohol related violence or abuse
- Victim of AIDS
- Victim of DUI/DWI

PLPT Victim Services Vision Statement:

*"The Victim Services Program restores the respect of our women, strengthens our families, builds hope in our community, and creates a positive, non-violent vision which inspires others."*

*In an effort to stop violence against women, we are committed to working together for the common goals of empowering women in taking control of their lives, by promoting awareness of violence against women, and by having abusers acknowledge their violence and be responsible for their behavior."*

PLPT Victim Services Program offers the following services:

- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
- Transitional housing
- Limited transportation
- Legal assistance with Temporary Protective Order / Temporary Restraining Order / Victim Impact Statements, Court accompaniment, Court advocacy, and other legal issues.
- **Women's Educational Support Group / Peer Counseling**
- Job applications / résumés,
- Education, financial planning, parenting classes
- Life skills development, job training
- **Assistance in filing 'Victims of Crimes' application**
- Hospital Accompaniment / Advocacy
- Referrals to various programs

*Our Program now offers a new "Women's Educational Support Group", which started June 8,*

*2013. The group repeats the sessions every 13 weeks. The next Women's Group will begin September 1, 2013. Please refer to our flyer for more information or call our office.*

The history of the *Kooyu ui Dicudda* demonstrates the value that women and children had within our people and that sexual assault was NOT tolerated. Throughout the years with the boarding school era and the sexual and physical abuse of our people, the natural life-way was devastated. It is our hope and mission through our Victim Services Program **to bring back the spirit of wellness for our families...** so that *Kooyu ui Dicudda* can thrive once again.

The Article below was provided by Harriet Brady, Pyramid Lake Tribal Member:

During the prior arrival of the Europeans and Americans (11,000 + 7,000 BC to 1834) the Native people of the Great Basin region were seasonal hunting/gatherers and basket makers that had specific locations where they obtained their food sources. Just as other Native people were named within the Great Basin region, their traditional name was referenced as their primary food source, *Kooyu ui Dicudda*, "*Eaters of the Cui-ui*" or "*Cui-ui Eaters*."

On January 10, 1844, John C. Fremont, on a mapping and intelligence-finding mission against the Mexicans, "discovered" and renamed "*Kui-ui Pah*" (*Cui-ui Lake*) as Pyramid Lake. Despite the initial fear, the Pyramid Lake people remained docile until 1860.

The Pyramid Lake War of 1860 was instigated by the kidnapping and sexual assault of two young Paiute girls (about 12-13 years old). The Pyramid Lake War of 1860 was acknowledged by a Nevada marker reading:

*"From 1844 to the 1860's, the lake's history is an account of native people in contention with the white invasion of northwestern Nevada. With the Indian victory in the first battle of Pyramid Lake, May 12, 1860, more white men died than in any prior White-Indian engagement in the far west...."*

Problems We Face:

**"American Indians experience rates of violence that are a great deal higher than those of the general population, and the rate of aggravated assault among American Indians and Alaska Natives is approximately twice that of the country as a whole.**

Roughly one out of every three American Indian and Alaskan Native women are raped in their lifetime, compared to about one out of five women in the overall national statistics."

**Pyramid Lake  
Victim Services Program  
101 Big Bend Road,  
Wadsworth, NV 89442  
Phone: 775-575-9444  
FAX: 775-575-9446**

### Staff:

Mary Dodd, Program Coordinator  
Genia Garcia, Administrative Assistant  
John Meche, Legal Advocate  
Ima Scott, Shelter Advocate  
Kim Lowery, Sexual Assault Advocate  
Kathleen Eyre, Counselor

### NEW HOURS:

Monday – Saturday: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Article written by: "*1 in 3: American Indians, Sexual Assault, and US Government Inaction*" by SAGE on June 5, 2012.

"American Indian and Alaska Native children are more likely to receive needed mental health care services through a juvenile justice system and impatient facilities than non-Indian children. They are also the group most likely to encounter systems with a consistent lack of attention to established standards of care for the population".

Bigfoot, Dolores S. & Schmidt, Susan R (2010). "*Honoring Children, Mending the Circle: Cultural Adaption of Trauma=Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for American Indian and Alaska Native Children*."

"The number of American Indian children and adolescents reporting depression and suicidal ideation is a significant cause for concern in the United States".

Olson, L.M. & Wahab, S. (2006) American Indian and suicide: A neglected area of research. *Trauma, violence and abuse*, 7(19), 19-33.

MYTH: Domestic violence is: genetically inherited, caused by illness, caused by alcohol or drugs, the result of stress or anger, due to a "bad temper", or due to the behavior of the victim, children, or a problem in the relationship.

FACT: Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviors and tactics used by one person over another to gain power and control. This may include verbal, financial, emotional, sexual, physical and spiritual abuse.

FACT: The cycle of violence will repeat itself unless intervention and/or prevention stops the cycle from perpetuating and continuing on to the next generation.



**Hours of Operations**  
Nixon 7:30 am—5:00 pm  
(775) 574-1031  
Wadsworth -7:00-6:00  
(775) 575-2774

Hours are subject to change  
based on enrollment  
Cheryl Ewing,  
Child Care Director



# Freedom To Be You



## Women's Educational Support Group

When: Every Saturday, starting September 1, 2013

Where: PLPT Victim Services Program

Time: 1:00 - 2:00PM

Call: 775-575-9444 for more information or to RSVP

=====  
Transportation Available  
Child care is available on site during group session

### AWARENESS TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- Week 1:** How the impact of non-Indian culture has affected our Native ways and traditions
- Week 2:** My spirit was broken, why did he treat me like that??
- Week 3:** Paying attention to our intuition
- Week 4:** What was he thinking?
- Week 5:** Wolf in sheep's clothing
- Week 6:** Open discussion
- Week 7:** Non-traditional abuse; I respect my body
- Week 8:** Children see everything
- Week 9:** Regaining strength and moving forward; how not to fall back into the trap of a toxic relationship
- Week 10:** Positive support and becoming self-sufficient
- Week 11:** Emotional growth
- Week 12:** "If your mind can conceive it, and your heart can believe it, we know you can achieve it!"



*Support and Respect each  
Other's Journey*

The support group will offer Education, skills, guest speakers, movie clips, video songs and other visual/hands-on material relevant to each topic



## SELF-CARE

Suggestions to minimize the effects of stress:

- Drink plenty of water
- Get any kind of exercise (walking, biking, swimming, etc.)
- Eat fruits and vegetables. Avoid sugars and carbohydrates
- Avoid the use of alcohol and caffeine
- Talk to others and stay connected to supports (family, friends, counselor, etc.)
- Write (poetry, in a journal)
- Get plenty of rest
- Allow yourself to cry - it can feel like a release
- Listen to music you enjoy
- Take a hot shower or bath
- Meditate, do yoga, or some other form of self-relaxation
- Spend time in nature, especially if it brings you comfort
- If you embrace religion or spirituality, allow yourself time and space for religious reflection/spiritual practices

# PL Community Members Volunteers Needed

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe ~ Victim Services Program

101 Big Bend Ranch Road, Wadsworth, NV

775-575-9444



We are looking for interested PL Tribal Members who would like to assist us in the development of educational and prevention strategies for our Program.

### PLANNING MEETING

When: Monday, August 26, 2013

Time: 2:00 - 3:00pm

Where: Victim Services Program



## THE GLS PYRAMID LAKE PROJECT: KWETSO'INA NUMU ~ "PEOPLE OF LIFE"

**Suicide is a devastating tragedy which occurs too often in the United States, and it occurs even more often on our reservations. The Good News is that we Can Help.**

Below are some facts about suicide among our Native Americans and our "Wounded Warriors"-Our military veterans.

Facts obtained from American Indian/ Alaskan Native National Behavioral Health Strategic Plan for 2011-2015; published in August.

- AI/AN Suicide rate is 1.7 times higher than the U.S. all races.
- In 1999-2001 and 2003-2005; the AI/AN Death Rates increased from 17.0 per 100,000 to 18.8 per 100,000
- The Death Rates for Suicide was 64% greater during the years of 1999-2001 and 73% greater during the years Of 2003-2005 compared to U.S. All-races
- Suicide is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death for AI/AN males
- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death for AI/AN youth ages 15-24
- AI/AN aged 15-34 account for 63% of all suicides in Indian country.

U.S. Veteran Suicide Facts: Facts obtained from the Department of veteran affairs

- ▶ Approximately 32,000 deaths from suicide per year and 20% or 18 per day or 6500 per year are veterans.
- ▶ 11% who attempt suicide and do not die, made repeat suicide attempt within 9 month follow-up period.
- ▶ 7% of suicide attempts result in death and of those who survive their 1<sup>st</sup> attempt and reattempt suicide with-in 9 months, 6% died from suicide.
- ▶ 33% of recent suicides had a history of previous attempts.
- ▶ In the VHA system, more than 60% of suicides are among patients with known diagnosis of a mental health condition.
- ▶ Veterans are more likely to use firearms as a means for suicide.

Suicide is a big problem that is getting worse, but WE CAN HELP!

We as a Tribe can begin to understand the Risk Factors, Protective Factors and Warning Signs for Suicide.

1. Risk Factors are characteristics that make it more likely that and individual will consider, attempt, or die by suicide.
2. Protective factors are characteristics that make it less likely that individuals will consider, attempt, or die by suicide.
3. Warning signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide and needs immediate HELP!

Risk factors are often confused with warning signs of suicide, and frequently suicide prevention materials mix the two into lists of "what to watch out for." It is important to note, however, the factors identified as increasing risk are not factors that cause or predict a suicide attempt.

### Risk Factors for Suicide

- Mental Disorders, particularly mood disorders, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders

and certain personality disorders.

- Alcohol and other substance use disorders
- Hopelessness
- Impulsive and/ or aggressive tendencies
- History of trauma or abuse
- Major physical illnesses
- Previous suicide attempt
- Family History of suicide
- Job or financial loss
- Loss of relationship
- Easy access to lethal means
- Local clusters of Suicide
- Lack of social support and sense of isolation
- Stigma associated with asking for help
- Lack of Health Care, especially mental Health and substance abuse treatment
- Cultural and religious beliefs, such as the belief that suicide is noble resolution of a personal dilemma
- Exposure to others who have died by suicide (in real life or via the media and internet)

### Protective Factors for Suicide

- Effective clinical care for mental, physical and substance use disorders
- Easy access to a variety of clinical interventions
- Restricted access to highly lethal means of suicide
- Strong connections to family and community support
- Support through ongoing medical and mental health care relationships
- Skills in problem solving, conflict resolution and handling problems in a non-violent way
- Cultural and religious beliefs that discourage suicide and support self-preservation


*(This was adapted from "Understanding Risk and Protective Factors for Suicide" by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.)*

### Suicide Warning Signs

The following signs may mean someone is at risk for suicide. The risk of suicide is greater if a behavior is new or has increased and if it seems related to painful event, loss, or change. **If you or someone you know exhibits any of these signs, seek help soon as possible by calling the lifeline at**

**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

If you feel you are in crisis, whether or not you are thinking about suicide, please call the Lifeline:



People have called us for help with substance abuse, economic worries, relationship and family problems, sexual orientation, illness, getting over abuse, depression, mental and physical illness, and even loneliness.

### Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic Suicide Prevention Office

705 Hwy 446 – P.O. Box 227

Nixon, NV 89424-0227

Direct: (775)574-1111 ext. 241

Email: GLSpyramidlakeproject@gmail.com



- ▶ Talking about wanting to die or kill themselves.
- ▶ Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online or buying a gun.
- ▶ Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- ▶ Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- ▶ Talking about being a burden to others.
- ▶ Increasing the use of drugs or alcohol.
- ▶ Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- ▶ Sleeping too little or too much
- ▶ Withdrawing or isolating themselves.
- ▶ Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge.
- ▶ Displaying extreme mood swings.
- ▶ Giving away personal possessions.

We all can help by learning these risk factors and warning signs and be proactive in getting help for these loved ones. Also, be proactive in implementing and utilizing the protective factors in order to minimize the tragedy of suicide in our community, because suicide prevention is a community wide effort.

Source: <http://www.suicidepreventiononlifeline.org>

### Summer Youth Prevention Through the Arts Program

There will be a Summer Art program for any youth 6 years and older who would like to attend. This summer program is in collaboration with the GLS Youth Prevention Project and the Pyramid Lake Parks and Recreation department. They will be offered to all communities Tuesday-Thursday, starting on June 24<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> in Wadsworth at the community center. Then the following weeks will be held in Sutcliffe and Nixon. Look for the Parks and Recreation Flyer for times and community locations. All Classes will be in the morning from 10am – 12pm, and all supplies will be provided.

#### Agenda Outline for every Class 2-3 hour class

- Introductions
- Ice Breaker, Brain Builder Activity
- Art lesson of the day
- Hand out material and tools
- Creative Time
- Showtime
- Clean Up

*The time frames are flexible depending on the type of art work we will be creating for the day so they could be longer or shorter. Also depending if the same kids are coming to the class and introductions are not needed so there can be more creative time.*

**For more information: Contact Nathan Dunn 574-1038 or Adrian Tom 574-1111**



## THE GLS PYRAMID LAKE PROJECT: KWETSO'INA NUMU ~ "PEOPLE OF LIFE" (CON'T)

### Helping a child survive a suicide crisis

By learning about suicide, its signs, causes and solutions for prevention, you will become better equipped to keep a child safe now and into the future. Recognizing when a child is experiencing serious emotional distress and taking lifesaving, positive action, will save lives. Suicidal thoughts in children are very real and all too common.

Warning signs that a child is experiencing suicide crisis often go unnoticed. Just like adults, children who consider suicide often communicate their intentions before they act. When experiencing emotional distress, most children will communicate they are in trouble and need help and hope. You can provide both.

Many adults find it hard to believe a child could be so distressed that he or she might actually consider suicide as an option. Not so long ago most adults and even healthcare professionals did not think children could become depressed. Now, because of increased awareness and sound scientific research, we realized children can and do become depressed. Some depressed children attempt to end their suffering through suicide.

### By following these seven steps, you can help a child choose to live:

#### 1. Understand your Emotional Reaction to the Idea of Suicide

There is nothing more troubling than hearing a child wants to die. It can be so upsetting that our initial reaction may be denial. Hearing a child talk about wanting to die can produce strong emotional reactions, such as feeling frightened, helpless and even angry. Sometimes our own emotions are so intense that we are immobilized from responding in a helpful fashion. To help us avoid our own fear, we may deny the child's threat by telling ourselves, "He doesn't mean it," or, "Children don't think about suicide, he/she is just overreacting." Ignoring a threat of suicide won't make the problem go away.

In addition to fear, adults sometimes become angry. "How could you say this?" or "You're just trying to manipulate us!" Reacting with anger, rather than understanding, may make the problem worse. An angry reaction may intensify the child's perception that nobody cares or understands. One of the most important ways to help is to be aware of your own feelings and learn to respond with patience and unconditional concern. By doing this, the child may talk about his or her distress and allow you to help.

#### 2. Recognize Suicide Warning Signs

Fortunately, there are usually warning signs you can identify and act upon to prevent a suicide attempt or completion. While no list of warning signs can be complete, suicidal communications usually precede a suicide attempt. If you suspect something is wrong, take action, and ask the person if they are thinking about suicide.

Listen and look for these signs:

- ▶ Suicide talk
- ▶ A past suicide attempt or gesture
- ▶ Depressed mood or irritability

- ▶ Drug/alcohol experimentation or use
- ▶ Serious family problems and/or fights
- ▶ Traumatic loss of a sibling, parent, friend, or pet
- ▶ Aggressive or impulsive behavior
- ▶ Dangerous, risk-taking behavior
- ▶ Withdrawal from others
- ▶ School problems (fights, conflicts with teachers or peers, being bullied)
- ▶ Fear of humiliation or punishment
- ▶ Chronic feelings of rejection
- ▶ Hopelessness about the future
- ▶ Giving away prized personal possessions
- ▶ Preoccupation with death and dying

You might be thinking that all children experience some of these problems from time to time and yet not all children become suicidal. You're right. That's why caring adults must be good observers and have the courage to talk with children whose words or actions suggest they might be thinking about suicide.

For example, if a child who is normally happy, energetic and has friends begins to stay at home most of the time, seems tired and irritable, doesn't call friends and then says, "Maybe everyone would be better off without me," it may be that the child has become depressed. Depression can lead to hopelessness, and hopelessness to despair and thoughts of death and dying. When life becomes this painful, suicide is often seen as a way to end suffering.

#### 3. Talk with the Child about your Concerns

It is important to understand that what matters most is the child's perception of the problem that would be solved by suicide. Talking directly with the child about his or her problem (s) is the best way to understand the child's perception of the problem.

By being aware of changes in behavior and paying attention to what a child says, a concerned adult might ask "Are you so upset that you're thinking about not living anymore?" If a child is considering suicide, they will probably say so. When children share their thoughts, they allow us to help them.

A child considering suicide may not be able to tell you about his or her feelings in words. Sometimes suicidal feelings and despair are detected by observing aggressive or destructive play, behavior and/or drawings by

the child that depict themes of death and destruction. Any signs or symptoms of distress that produce fear in you, should signal the need to act quickly.

#### 4. Ask for Help

Many children who become suicidal have experienced emotional and/or behavioral problems.

Some of these children can be quite difficult to raise, especially for a single parent. Parents do not have to face this struggle alone. **Allowing others to help is a sign of courage, not a personal weakness.** The child's doctor, school counselor, teacher, a mental health therapist, a minister or traditional healer and many other professionals can provide support and relief. Let them help you keep your child safe.

#### 5. Develop a Safety Plan

An important step toward safety is to remove anything from the child's surroundings that he or she could use to inflict serious harm. You may need to make sure the child is supervised by a responsible adult until the immediate crisis passes. In some cases, a child may be so distraught, angry and upset that he or she cannot be kept safe at home. If this is the case, an immediate evaluation by the child's doctor and/or a mental health professional is essential. It may become necessary to consider inpatient hospitalization. This is not typically the first option. However, if safety is a concern after evaluating other options, it should be considered.

After the immediate risk is confronted, families should seek professional counseling. Suicidal behavior is dangerous behavior and professional help is strongly encouraged. Suicidal threats, gestures and attempts, no matter how feeble, are often precipitated by long-standing behavioral, emotional, social, family, and/or academic problems. A mental health professional should be able to identify what is at the core of the child's problems and help him or her to resolve problems and develop better coping skills. Prompt, effective treatment will make a tremendous difference and may be lifesaving.

Talk with the child about how he or she is doing. Be observant of suicide warning signs. If you are concerned, talk with the professional involved in the child's treatment.

#### 6. Follow Through

To ensure the child's welfare, it is important to follow through on the safety plan. Stick to all components of the safety plan for as long as it takes. In some cases, treatment may be very brief. In other cases, it may take some time. Whatever the situation, a consistent course of action should be pursued. **Active family participation in treatment is often helpful. It's a way of saying, "We're all in this together and together we're going to make things better."**

#### 7. Healthy Parents make for Health Children

Sometimes life is overwhelming for parents too. Depression, alcohol or drug abuse, failed

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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT— From the desk of Patti Sicherman, Health Director

It is with pleasure that I can provide you with some of the highlights of the Health Clinic, but please, look for other articles from other members of our talented staff.

### Emergency Operation Plan

As you are aware, many parts of our country are experiencing man-made and natural disasters, and you have seen response teams in operation; at the Health Clinic we are developing and training, along with the Tribal departments, to be able to handle these disasters. All Clinic staff have taken the FEMA 100 course and will be taking other courses over time, with key staff taking more extensive courses. We have had the opportunity to practice our training through designed drills, conducting in May a Code Black (Bomb Threat).

### Health Clinic Appointments

Although we have been without a Physician, our midlevel providers, Jeff Davis, Physician Assistant, and Judy Thomas, Nurse Practitioner, have kept our Clinic moving along; and if you have visited the Clinic, you have seen our busy waiting room. To assist us in providing you the best visit, our staff asked that I remind you that appointments are the best way to assure the proper time with the providers. So, if you were wondering the order patients are seen, they are:

1. Scheduled Appointments
  2. Same Day Appointments
  3. Walk-Ins, As Time Permits
- Emergencies are always seen immediately.

### Athletic Physicals

School is out and summer vacation is here, but it is time to think about scheduling your child's athletic physicals. Physicals require

extra time, so plan ahead. Pyramid Lake High School has scheduled some time for their students, if you are a PL student, check with the Athletic Department. And, remember to bring your athletic physical forms.

### Meaningful Use (MU)

The Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic was the first Nevada Tribal Health Facility to meet the requirements of Meaningful Use and receive the financial incentives through the hard work of all staff, especially, the Business Office and IT Departments. Meaningful Use means that the Health Clinic services are properly documented in the Electronic Health Record (EHR). The MU Incentive Program is for three years and the Clinic has already met the requirements for year two.

### New Staff

We are always sad when staff leaves us for other adventures but glad for additions of new staff, we welcome the following to our staff:

Richard Klain is a Substance Abuse Counselor with the Sumunumu Program, working within the substance abuse treatment field since 2001. Richard has a B.A. in Sociology from Westmont College, is a husband with two teenage daughters; and is grateful for the opportunity to work for the Sumunumu Program and getting to know community members and make a positive contribution.

Collette Auguh is a CHR, providing community outreach. Collette is a Pyramid Lake Tribal Member and a descendent of the Hopi Tribe and is a graduate of Apollo College with a certificate as a Physical Therapy Tech. Collette has worked for the Gila River Indian Hospital, Tunland Corp. Dine' Association

and Caring Hears of Scottsdale; and has the goal to continue education in the medical field.

Adrian Tom is a Suicide Prevention Coordinator with the GLS Grant, a member of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe, studied Criminal Justice at UNLV, and worked on the Wadsworth Community Center. Adrian believes "we are all artists" and is promoting suicide prevention through artwork, recently holding a workshop on art at the Teen Summit, working with youth at Natchez's after school program, and working on a summer youth art program.

Jenell Fellows is the Diabetes Program Assistant with the Diabetes Wellness Program, a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, married and the mother of three. Jenell graduated from Columbia Basin Job Corps and Big Bend Community College/ Nursing Program and has taken courses at TMCC, and is honored to be working in her own community and enthusiastic about working with the patients and staff of the Health Clinic.

Penny Mix is a transporter for the Transportation Program. Penny is a Tribal Member and enjoys working with the patients and serving her community.

Kevin Thomas is a Transporter but has worked for the Health Clinic for almost three years, as a Secretary and Diabetes Program Assistant; and brings nine years of experience from his previous employment with the Reno-Sparks Colony as a Secretary for the Planning, Economic, Environmental, and Cultural Resources Departments. Kevin feels it is, "a great experience to interact with the patients and the community".

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relationships, abusive relationships, the death of a spouse, and many other problems can arise in life and put you in the middle of your own emotional storm. If you need help, do your child a favor and get help. The most important person in your child's life is you. Taking good care of yourself is one of the most constructive steps you can take. When something as frightening as suicide arises within a family, the entire family often needs help. With help, the whole family can heal and prosper.

### SEEKING HELP

If you experience intense or unrelenting anguish or physical problems, ask a trusted doctor, traditional healer, or mental health provider for help. Seeking professional help is especially important if you think you might be depressed or you have recurring thoughts of suicide. Keep in mind that unresolved grief can turn into complicated grief, where painful emotions are so long lasting and severe that you have trouble resuming your own life.

Suicide can best be prevented through treatment and support. You can honor those who have passed by seeking help if you or someone you know is struggling. If you are feeling lost, desperate, or alone, please call:

**Suicide Prevention Hotline:**  
1-800-273-8255 or Text "listen" to 839863  
**Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic:**  
775-574-1018

**Reno Sparks Indian Health Clinic:**  
775-329-5162

### TAKING ACTION

You might be thinking that everyone experiences some of these problems from time to time and yet not everyone becomes suicidal. You are right. That is why it is important to be good observers and find the courage to talk with those whose words or actions suggest that they might be thinking about suicide, and to ask them directly if they are thinking about suicide.

- ▶ **Talk with the person** – Share your concerns and ask the question directly: Are you thinking about suicide?
- ▶ **Ask for help** – Allowing others to help is a sign of courage, not a personal weakness.
- ▶ **Keep the person safe** - Connect them to someone who can help and never leave them alone, but always make sure that YOU are safe. Never promise to keep suicide a secret.
- ▶ **Follow Through** – Whatever the situation, a consistent course of action needs to take place. Active family participation in getting treatment is helpful. It's a way of saying, "we're all in this together and together we're going to make things better."

### LOCAL RESOURCES

For 24/7 crisis intervention assistance you may contact the following:

**Veterans Crisis Line:**  
1-800-273-8255 (Press 1)  
**Suicide Prevention Hotline:**  
1-800-273-8255  
Or Text "listen" to 839863

For crisis intervention assistance Monday – Friday/8-4:30pm you may contact your local Health Clinic and Behavioral Health Dept.:

**Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic:**  
775-574-1018  
**Reno Sparks Indian Health Clinic:**  
775-329-5162

Groups:

- ▶ The **Solace Tree**-For group times and more information please call (775) 324-7723.
- ▶ The **Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group** - For meeting times, location, and further information, please contact Janett at 775-784-8085.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Please take the time to visit our local social media sites which are designed and dedicated to bringing a message of future, hope, and life to the people of Pyramid Lake and surrounding area Tribes.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kwetsoina-Numu/549012458459382>

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/user/GLSPyramidLake>



## PESA NAWAHANA (GOOD NEWS) AT THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE MUSEUM & VISITORS CENTER

If you've visited the Museum lately you may have noticed changes happening. We are currently working on a few projects that we would like to announce to the community.

First we would like to thank everyone who brought in family pictures for the permanent Veterans exhibit. We are working closely with the Pyramid Lake Warriors group for the design of this exhibit. If you have a photograph of a Pyramid Lake Veteran that you would like to have displayed please bring it in to be scanned.

One of the major projects we are working on is to incorporate audio/visual kiosks into the Museum space. They will be placed throughout the Museum to play oral histories, stories, and ethnographies that coordinate with selected exhibit themes. We will be recording material to install on the kiosks, and also producing a short film about Pyramid Lake. The purpose for both installations is to improve visitor knowledge and to provide better context for the exhibits.

Our next exhibit to be installed is entitled "The Four Seasons of Pyramid Lake." It will showcase the beauty of the area, people, and culture through photographic work.

Anticipated completion of these projects is early September. We will be hold two exhibit openings; tentative dates are September 7 & 14, 2013. Please stay tuned for more information! Find us on Facebook to stay updated.

On a side note we would like to invite all interested in sharing PL history, stories, songs, etc. to contact us. Participants always have the option to make their recordings open for exhibit use or have their recording strictly confidential. Volunteers are needed and appreciated for all project help!

### 2013 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship

Ralph Burns has been named a 2013 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship recipient. He is being honored for Paiute storytelling; one form of traditional art that has never before been honored through the National Heritage Fellowships. There were 169 nominations for 2013 and only nine recipients; the ratio of winners to



nominees indicates the select nature of this national honor. Fellowship recipients are nominated by the public, often by members of their own communities, and then judged by a panel of experts in folk and traditional arts on the basis of their continuing artistic accomplishments and contributions as practitioners and teachers.

Jeanne Harrah Johnson, adjunct faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Nevada Arts Council nominated the revered storyteller and native-language specialist. Burns grew up on the Pyramid Lake Paiute reservation in Nixon, where he learned the Numu, Northern Paiute, language and traditional stories from his family and community members. Ralph is not only a storyteller, but a keeper of the language which is traditionally passed down orally between generations.

The 2013 National Heritage Fellows will be honored at an awards ceremony and free concert in Washington, DC, on September 25th & 27, 2013.

Congratulations Ralph!



## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT BASIN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE



The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Basin Language conference was hosted by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe this year. Throughout the weekend of April 5-7, 2013 approximately 275 attendees participated in conference events at the Pyramid Lake JR./SR. High School.

The conference theme was, "Sharing the language through generations;" encouraging this theme families were welcomed to attend.

Numu Yadoo, Newe Daigwa, and Washiw it'lu Gawgagay workshops, entertainment, and demonstrations were all represented and integrated into the conference. A raffle and traditional dinner was also included in the agenda of events. Wrap up on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> included capture of conference events and deciding where and who will host next year's conference.

The conference evaluation indicated positive feedback and comments. The conference planning committee would like to thank everyone involved for their generous contributions that made this conference a success.

We look forward to next year's Great Basin Language Conference which will be hosted by the Bishop Paiute Tribe.





# SUMUNUMU

Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Center | Spring 2013



Sumunumu provided support for the PLHS students to take tour of Haskell April 27-28, 2013



Rolen Cypher, Samuel Harry, Richard Barlese, Shareena Oakie, Shaliah Johns, Isiah Christy, Marisa Bill, Sequoia Decker. Chaperones, Fawn Hunter & Ray Bachman

## EAGLE STAFF RUN 2012, MAY 17, 2013

### The Two Battles of Pyramid Lake



On May 12, 1860, Northern Paiute warriors fighting to retain their way of life decisively defeated a volunteer army from Virginia City and nearby settlements. The battle began with a skillful Numu (Paiute) Native American ambush north of Nixon and with the engagement continuing along the plateau on the opposite side of the Truckee River almost to the present site of Wadsworth.

June 2, 1860, a larger force of volunteers and regular US Army troops engaged the Numu (Paiute Warriors) in battle along the tableland and mountainside several hundred warriors attempting a delaying action to allow their women and children & elders to escape fought with such courage and strategy that the attacking forces were held back during the day until the Numu withdrew.

Paiute war Leader Numaga (Young Winnemucca) desired peace for his people and to protect the women and children and elderly.



Pyramid Lake Veterans started the day with the blessing from Dean Barlese and Community and Elders and youth total number: 192 participants.

Sumunumu honored the 3 elder women of the community with blankets for participating in the Eagle Staff Walk/Run. Bunny, Leona, Loretta.



## PYRAMID LAKE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMIT, MAY 23, 2013

Sumunumu staff provided a booth and Building bridges presentation during the Pyramid Lake High School Annual Youth Summit. Participants attended came from Hungry Valley, Fallon, and RSIC.

Pyramid Lake Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Youth Suicide Prevention Program supported the Keynote Speaker; Another Indian Uprising Comedians: Jim Bruel and Shoshonia Livingston.

In closing the there was a end of the year banquet prepared by the students for final Elder Recognition.



Building Bridges, is an activity where each of the groups are timed, with 5 minutes to plan and 15 minutes to build a bridge without Talking .

The goal is to have a free standing bridge what is movable and strong enough to



hold a brick for 5 seconds and large enough for a box to fit under.

Each of the groups must work together as a team. If the group didn't work together or spoke this was disqualification of team.

6 sessions were held & 3 total bridges were built..

Most didn't believe they could build a bridge from newspaper and masking tape.



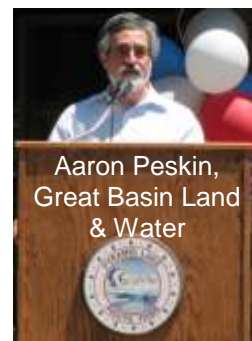
## Senator Reid Visit to Pyramid Lake May 29, 2013



PLHS Dancers performed for Senator Reid



Senator Reid



Aaron Peskin, Great Basin Land & Water



Flora Greene and Senator Reid



Pyramid Lake Veterans



Michaela sang Flag Song

### Sumunumu Staff



Judy Kroshus, Director  
Kathy Wright, Counselor

Richard Klain, Counselor  
Diana Mitchell, Prevention Advocate

705 Hwy 447 | PO Box 227  
Wadsworth, NV 89424  
Tel: (775) 574-1018



**KOYOOE TICUTTA GRADUATES DINNER ~ JUNE 19, 2013**



The Sumunumu along with Della John worked together to provide a dinner and gifts for the Koyooe Ticutta 2013 Graduates.

Both saw the need to acknowledge those graduates for completing the process of graduation. During the event the Graduates did a introduction of themselves and their parents, Mentioned which school they graduated from. Schools represented Spanish Springs, Fernley, Reed, Pyramid Lake High School.

Sumunumu provide the gift bags for all the graduates which included a blanket throw, water bottle, mouse pad, Frisbee , slinky, notepad, highlighter.

For those students who were unable to attend Sumunumu will mail and deliver gift bags to all graduates. Special thanks to Della John provided the meal for the evening.

First let me apologize if I have missed some one on this list Please call Diana Mitchell 775-574-1018 x 235 to ensure our graduate receives their gift bag.

**Pyramid Lake High School:** Shareena Oakie, Marisa Bill, James Lowery, Sequoia Decker, Shalia Johns, Jaylen Manning, Rolan Cyper, Richard Barlese, Sam Harry.

**Fernley High School:** Alicia Lowery, Dezarae Mitchell, Forest Gideon, Jimmy Ness, Audriana Lang.

**Spanish Springs:** Tayler Williams

**Reed:** Steven Shaw, Allison Earhart, Emily Shaw, Jessica Oostema, Danaya Thompson, Katrina Pancho, Shianna Williams



Sequoia Decker, Sam Harry, Tayler Williams, Dezarae Mitchell  
Pyramid Lake ~Spanish Springs~  
Fernley High schools



Tony Sampson, Education Dept.



**Parents:**  
Karen Shaw, Carolyn Harry, Charlotte Harry, Loren & Melissa Decker, Taylor & Gaylene Williams, Desmond & Shari Mitchell

*Congratulations Graduates!! Special thanks to the parents and grandparents who sacrificed & supported the Graduation Class of 2013!!*

**MEET YOUR SUMUNUMU STAFF**

Director: Judy Kroshus, Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Licensed by the State of Nevada  
Counselor: Kathleen Wright, Native American Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Licensed by the State of Nevada  
Counselor: Richard Klain, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Licensed by the State of Nevada  
Diana Mitchell, Prevention Advocate, GAIN Administrator, Certification pending from Chestnut Health Services, Normal Illinois.

All substance abuse services provided by Nevada Licensed Counselors including Intensive Outpatient Treatment, Evaluations, and Outpatient counseling. To check the status of any Nevada alcohol license, please go to: [alcohol.state.nv.us](http://alcohol.state.nv.us)

**Save the Dates:**

12th Annual Sunlight of the Spirit Campout, Pyramid Lake August 1-4, 2013

Connect Training August 12-13, 2013 Fernley

Walk In Memory~ Walk for Hope September 2013

**TRAININGS**

HVAC Training Ages: 18-21 years. Beginning August 23, 2013. Through Career College of Northern Nevada books & tuition paid through a Nevada works grant High School or GED contact: 775-574-1018 ~ [Jkroshus@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:Jkroshus@plpt.nsn.us)

**GED Prep**  
Summer Skills Review, Wednesdays, 8-2 pm  
**Dates: beginning June 29th until August 7, 2013**

**NATCHEZ 6TH GRADE PROMOTION**

Congratulations to the sixth grade class! Promotion was held on June 4, 2013. I would like to thank all who help make the promotion a successful one.

The promotion began with singing of the flag song by Krista Wasson, Gabe Frazier, Tamara Chagolla, Shovante Shaw-Thomas, and Destiny Sparacino.

An honor song was also presented by Charlie John and Jerimiah Jones.

Students were honored with a personal video presentation sent to them by Poet, singer, artist and renown writer Joy Harjo. Originally from Northeastern Oklahoma which has been devastated by the recent tornados, Joy found time to address my class. Over the year we drew on her poems and stories to enhance our learning. Joy was able to send a recorded message and poem for them, and we were able to play the message at the graduation. Her wise words encouraged them to be

thankful to those who have helped this far in their education. To give thanks to their parents, grandparents and community as well to those who have gone before us, our ancestors. She then read them a beautiful poem she wrote. I would like to thank Joy for the honor she shared with us.

We were also honored by Shannon Hooper, Miss Indian Nations 2013- Shannon spoke to the class and encouraged them to continue to make right decisions and stay on a good path to their futures. Shannon comes from the Toi-dicutta Stillwater/Fallon, Nv. Our theme for this year is "Going into the future with confidence."

Students each read their own speeches and shared their aspirations for the future. Our end of the year trip we went to Lake Tahoe for the Great Basin Outdoor School- emphasis on Science. Students camped in cabins for three nights and had four days of hiking, boating, and planned activities that included environmental awareness as well as lots of fun activities. We attended with two other

small schools - so students made new friends from Virginia City and Carson City.

Best wishes to all next year and the years to come! You make us all proud.

Mrs. Karen Shaw

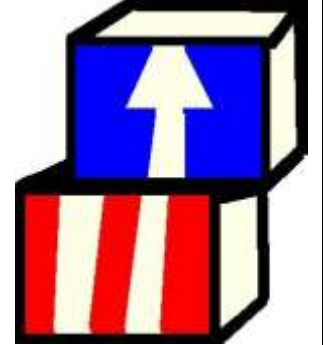
This years class:

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Jaide Belle          | Matthew Ruiz         |
| Elystra Blaine       | Cornelius Smith      |
| Tamara Chagolla      | Destiny Sparacino    |
| Hugh Edmo            | Rylee Stump          |
| Gabriel Frazier      | Cornelius Tsonetokoy |
| Sophia Grebes        | Krista Wasson        |
| Jessie Lenior        | Dayanara Williams    |
| Chanel Patrick       |                      |
| Shovante Shaw-Thomas |                      |





# ITCN HEAD START



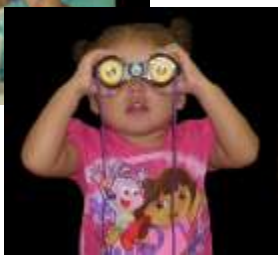
FREE Pre-School Program  
~ For children ages 3 to 5 ~



Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
Head Start Program  
Is FREE!  
*(You must qualify under the  
Federal Income Guidelines)*

Head Start provides children  
with activities that help them to  
grow Mentally, Socially,  
Emotionally, and Physically

Apply Now, space is limited!!  
Enrollment will begin in July.  
Available Slots fill up quickly.  
Submit your child's  
Application EARLY!



### Documents you will Need for Enrollment

- Head Start Application (with Signature)
  - Your Child's Birth Certificate (Copy will be taken)
  - Your Child's Up-to-Date Immunization Record
  - Your Child's Social Security Card (if available)
  - Your Family's Income (Paystubs, Current Income Tax Form, or Public Assistance Documentation)
- APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED  
UNTIL ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED!**



### ITCN Head Start Center Locations:

|                |                             |              |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Elko:          | 1755 Silver Eagle Dr.       | 775.738.3631 |
| Fallon:        | 8951 Mission Rd.            | 775.423.6351 |
| Lovelock:      | 117 Etha Dr.                | 775.273.4911 |
| Ft. McDermitt: | 111 N. Reservation Rd.      | 775.532.8724 |
| Moapa:         | 5 Lincoln St.               | 702.865.2753 |
| Nixon:         | 191 Pyramid Lake Rd.        | 775.574.1032 |
| Owyhee:        | St. Rt. Hwy 225 Newtown Sub | 775.757.3036 |
| Schurz:        | 1 Toh Bah Pah               | 775.773.2583 |
| Wadsworth      | 380 Pyramid Street          | 775.575.7910 |
| Yerington:     | 626 Bovard St.              | 775.463.7857 |

Services are available for  
children with Disabilities.  
*(Verification is Required).*



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Head Start Program  
P.O. Box 7440, Reno NV 89510  
680 Greenbrae Drive Suite 265, Sparks NV 89431  
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## WNDD

### WNDD Project Manager Accepted into Yale Leadership Program

Schinria Islam, Project Manager for the Western Nevada Development District, was recently accepted into the Yale School of Management's Global Pre-MBA Leadership Program. She was one of 40 participants from around the world selected for the intensive business leadership program.

Islam is looking forward to applying what she learns about business and management back here in Nevada. She stated, "Economic development involves many complex societal issues, and this program will help me better manage capital, materials, and ideas to be a more potent community leader for the District and beyond. I am honored and excited to represent Nevada in this global program. I hope to bring lots of new

ideas back and to create actionable steps here in the Nevada."

"We are very proud to have Schinria on our team," said Ron Radil, Executive Director of WNDD, "and the skills she will develop at Yale will help us implement the SET Regional Blueprint we created for the district last year." At a Special Board Meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the WNDD Board of Directors unanimously supported Islam's attendance in the program. WNDD assists the cities and counties within a nine-county region in attaining their community economic development and infrastructure goals. The Stronger Economies Together (SET) strategic planning process involved citizens, and local, state, and federal agencies in determining goals for development across the region.

Islam graduated from the University of Nevada,

Reno with degrees in economics and psychology. She wrote her honors thesis on microfinance and international development, and as part of her education, studied abroad in Bangladesh.

Islam also serves as the Youth Education Initiative Chair for the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra Financial Stability Partnership and is a board member of the UNR Young Alumni Chapter.

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775.883.7333 ext. 114



**PYRAMID LAKE PARKS & RECREATION NEWS**

Good Day to you. This year has been coming and going so fast It's already SUMMER...FINALLY! This past few months, the P& R has been collaborating with PLPT Tribal Departments and Programs to provide an opportunity for our community members of all ages to participate in positive activities.

So far we have offered community members an opportunity to learn more about their/our culture & engage themselves in: Handgames, Bead Work, Archery, Flute Making, Native Art/Drawing & Story Telling, Tule Ducks, Shawl Making, Puppet Making, Sports Skills Development and Sporting Events/Open Gym.

There are still many more activities to be done, so any feedback or new exciting ideas our people will benefit from is

greatly appreciated. FYI: A Facebook page is in the planning to provide better communication on updates and information for all our events/activities, so friend us when u see us.

The Parks & Recreation would like to say 'THANK YOU' to all our contributors, sponsors, organizations, and most of all those individuals who are always there to lend a helping hand. Without all your efforts, our program would not have positive results participation throughout our communities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the PLPT Parks & Recreation Department:

(775) 574-1038 or feel free to email: [ndunn@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:ndunn@plpt.nsn.us)

**MOTORIST BEWARE!**



Description: photo of dust storms over farm land. A dust storm usually arrives suddenly in the form of an advancing wall of dust and debris which may be miles long and several thousand feet high. They strike with little warning, making driving conditions hazardous. Blinding, choking dust can quickly reduce visibility, causing accidents that may involve chain collisions, creating massive pileups. Dust storms usually last only a few minutes, but the actions a motorist takes during the storm may be the most important of his or her life.

**DUST STORM SAFETY TIPS**

If dense dust is observed blowing across or approaching a roadway, pull your vehicle off the pavement as far as possible, stop, turn off lights, set the emergency brake, take your foot off of the brake pedal to be sure the tail lights are not illuminated.

- Don't enter the dust storm area if you can avoid it.
- If you can't pull off the roadway, proceed at a speed suitable for visibility, turn on lights and sound horn occasionally. Use the painted center line to help guide you. Look for a safe place to pull off the roadway.
- Never stop on the traveled portion of the roadway.

**LIGHTS OUT!**

In the past, motorists driving in dust storms have pulled off the roadway, leaving lights on. Vehicles approaching from the rear and using the advance car's lights as a guide have inadvertently left the roadway and in some instances collided with the parked vehicle. Make sure all of your lights are off when you park off the roadway.

**HEED WARNINGS**

During threatening weather listen to commercial radio or television or NOAA Weather Radio for Dust Storm Warnings. A Dust Storm (or Sand Storm) Warning means: Visibility of 1/2 mile or less due to blowing dust or sand, and wind speeds of 30 miles an hour or more.

Donald J. Pelt  
Emergency Response Coordinator  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe  
208 Capitol Hill | P.O. Box 256  
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Phone (775) 560-4417  
Fax (775) 574-1008

**Upcoming Community Events/Activities:**

- July 1-3: Art Classes @ Sutcliffe Community Center 10am-12pm
- July 4: HOLIDAY – Please enjoy your day and be safe.
- July 5 & 6: Battle of the Beach- Coed Sand Volleyball @ Pyramid Lake Beach
- July 9-11: Art Classes @ Nixon Gym 10am-12pm
- July 12: Movie Night in Nixon @ Tribal Offices - 6pm & 8pm
- July 19: Movie Night in Wadsworth @ Brown Bldg - 6pm & 8pm
- July 26: Movie Night in Sutcliffe @ Sutcliffe Community Center - 6pm & 8pm

Stay tuned and check for fliers for future activities coming to your community.

**Native Education Forum**  
**July 9-13, 2013**

**Attention high school sophomores and juniors!**

- Explore Native American/Indigenous issues.
- Develop leadership skills.
- Work with CSU faculty, staff and students.
- Live and work for five days on a university campus.
- Strengthen your college/university application.
- Improve your academic research skills.
- Earn one college credit.

**Who should apply?**  
You're a candidate for NEF if you're finishing your sophomore or junior year in high school, you have a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher, you're interested in Native American/Indigenous issues, and you're a leader in school, family or community activities.  
Your application includes a completed application form, two essay answers, your official high school transcript, and one letter of recommendation from a high school counselor, teacher or community leader.

**Deadline: Friday, March 29**  
We must receive your completed application form and all required documents no later than Friday, March 29. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For an application form and instructions go to [admissions.colostate.edu/nef](http://admissions.colostate.edu/nef).

**The CSU Partnership Award**  
Native Education Forum participants may be eligible to receive the Partnership Award to attend Colorado State. For details go to [admissions.colostate.edu/scholarships](http://admissions.colostate.edu/scholarships).

**For more information:**  
Leslee Lovato  
Assistant Director of Admissions  
(970) 491-5232  
[Leslee.Lovato@colostate.edu](mailto:Leslee.Lovato@colostate.edu)

**[admissions.colostate.edu/nef](http://admissions.colostate.edu/nef)**



**NATCHEZ  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**



**August 2013**

**12 FRIST DAY OF SCHOOL (1-6 grades)**

12-16 Kindergarten Testing

14 EARLY OUT dismiss @ 1:45 p.m.

19 FIRST DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN

19 Welcome to Kinder Breakfast

21 EARLY OUT dismiss @ 1:45 p.m.

26 TEAM UP begins 1<sup>st</sup> session

28 EARLY OUT dismiss @ 1:45 p.m.

**September 2013**

2 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

6 COUNT DAY – Mandatory a.m. Attendance for ALL Students

6 NAM FUN RUN (Tentative)

18 NAM Kick off Dinner –Lil’ & Miss Natchez presentations

25 NAM Social Powwow ( NO TEAM UP)

27 NAM BOARDWALK

**October 2013**

1 5:30 p.m. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLR Advisory & Booster Meeting

8 EOGP – End of Grading Period

8 Title I Family Math Night- Pumpkin Carving

9 2<sup>nd</sup> session TU Begins

14–18 FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL  
25 NEVADA DAY – NO SCHOOL

28 6 p.m. Natchez Family College Night

28 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences to be held ( Contact your teacher)

28-11/1 Parent/Teacher Conference Week – School Dismissed @ 12:20 p.m.

28-11/1 NO TEAM UP

**ALL Students** need to be registered online every year; you may access the district website at :

<http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/>

if you do not have your username and password, please contact the school and they will assist you. If you are registering a “New” Student and you have no current students at Natchez you may register as a new student, then contact office at 575-1883. We look forward to working with you and your students this year; enjoy the rest of your summer.

**See you**

**AUGUST 12, 2013!!**

**Local Students Qualify to Compete at World’s Largest Rodeo**

**Chance Guerrero** who is a Junior and **Jay Guerrero** who is a Freshmen at Edward C. Reed High School have earned a position by placing in the top 4 in the Nevada State National High School Rodeo team and will be traveling with fellow teammates to Rock Springs, Wyoming, July 14-20 to compete at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR), where they both will be competing in Steer Wrestling and Chance will also be competing in the Saddle Bronc Riding.

Prior to leaving for Wyoming the Guerrero Team has also qualified to compete in the Silver State International High School Rodeo which are those contestants that finished 5<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> in their events at their state or province finals. They will both be competing in Calf Roping and Team Roping with their

partners, Dominic Ceresola and Billy Quillan. Silver State International Rodeo is held in Winnemucca, NV July 2 – July 6, 2013. Chance and Jay look forward to the experience and the competitiveness that they will be a part of during these two events.



Chance Guerrero, his first qualified Saddle Bronc Ride at Yerington HS Rodeo.



Jay Guerrero, Steer Wrestling

They would like to thank Family and Friends for their support and encouragement. A special thanks to their grandparents for supporting them throughout the season, Dellard Henry, Sr., Glorene Guerrero and Ethel Henry. Sid Kochamp and Rayfield Kelly for coaching Chance in Saddle Bronc, Keith Garcia, Roy Hicks, Nathan Pudsey, Kellie Cassinelli, Donnie & Karmen Quintero and Chico McCauley. If you’re in the area please stop by and support Chance and Jay!

**2013 Burning Man Event Access**

In appreciation for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's ongoing contributions and in the spirit of our collaborative relationship, Burning Man looks forward to once again welcoming the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to Black Rock City. We are excited to announce that Burning Man will be extending the same event access privileges to reservation residents and tribal employees as last year. Full details will be announced and coordinated through the tribal office later in the spring. The theme of Burning Man 2013 will be Cargo Cult and the event will take place August 26-September 2. For more information please visit [www.burningman.com](http://www.burningman.com).

Theme: [http://www.burningman.com/art\\_of\\_burningman/bm13\\_theme.html](http://www.burningman.com/art_of_burningman/bm13_theme.html)

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(o) 415-865-3800 ext.163

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe currently has one (1) vacancy on the:

**ELECTION BOARD**

If you are interested in serving on the PLPT Election Board, please complete a Committee/Board Participation application form and return it to the:

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

**Closing Date:  
Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 4:30pm**

**Posted: 06/18/13**



The triathlon is an annual event sponsored by the Reno Area Triathletes Club to benefit local organizations and charities. The Southwest Region of UAT is sponsoring a series of developmental sprint races to encourage youth (ages 13-15) and juniors (ages 16-19) athletes to participate in triathlons. PLST is proud to be part of this race series. PLST Registration Information online at Active.com or call \*775) 848-3956 or (775) 720-2001





# College Trip



We would like to thank the Sumunumu MSPI Grant– Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Center for giving our Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School students the opportunity to go on a college trip. The grant paid for our students to visit Haskell Indian Nation University in Lawrence, KS. This grant paid for eight of our students and two chaperones. The chaperones were Ray Bachman and Fawn Hunter, our senior students were Sequoia, Shaliah, Shareena, Marissa, Sam, Rolen, and Richard, we also took one Junior Isiah. We left the airport Thursday morning and headed to Kansas City, MO where we stayed for the duration of our time. On the morning of April 26, 2013 we visited the campus along with other prospective students. The morning started off with hearing about the history of the campus and Haskell, then a panel of students discussed Haskell. The students broke into small groups and talked about the school and answered questions. In the students journey to Haskell they found out that they did not come the furthest, it was a group from Bishop, CA that came to tour the campus and get information about Haskell Indian Nations University. The tour was completed around 3pm and four of PLHS decided to put their application in for Haskell before leaving campus. They decided to view the University of Kansas and check out the shopping in downtown Lawrence. During the evening of April 26, 2013 they went to the mall and saw a movie. On the flight home we had many of our student that were all tuckered out by the end of our trip. Thank you again Sumunumu.....



## Haskell Indian Nations University



**4th Annual Sacred Visions**

# **Rubber Duck Race**

## **& BBQ**

### **June 29th, 2013**

**Big Bend Ranch  
Wadsworth, NV**

**Duck Adoption starts May 1st thru Saturday June 29th, 2013**

# **\$5 per duck**

**Need NOT be present to win!**

**Prizes: Virginia City Package, Coolers, dinners, beaded items**

**Starts @ Noon** and much more coming in daily

**Events: Bingo 25 cents a card,**

**Potato Dance, Round Dance \$1 entry for Prizes!**

# **BBQ / \$5 a plate**

**All proceeds going toward the 5th Annual Sacred Visions Powwow**

**For more information contact: [sacredvisions09@clearwire.net](mailto:sacredvisions09@clearwire.net)**

**or Gordon Dodd 775-560-1551**

**or leave message 775-772-0748**



5th Annual

# Sacred Visions

2013 Competition Powwow

## "TE NANUMU MAGODYUKU"

"Bringing the People Home"

Big Bend Ranch, Wadsworth, NV

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

### July 19 - 21, 2013

Host Drum

# Wild Boyz

MC - Alex O' Shepherd Cedar City, Utah

AD - Randy Wood St. George, Utah

Santo Domingo Pueblo, New Mexico

### GRAND ENTRY

Friday 7pm

Saturday Noon & 7pm

Sunday Noon

All Events Open to Public  
FREE Admission  
FREE Camping

### CATEGORIES

- Golden Age
- Senior Men & Women
- Adult Men & Women
- Teen Boys & Girls
- Junior Boys & Girls
- Tiny Tots

All Drums Paid  
w/ Exception of  
Drum Contest Drums

For More Information Contact:  
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### SPECIALS

- Traditional Paiute Dress Special
- TEEN GIRLS All-Around Special
- Sacred Visions Parade
- Cowboy / Cowgirl Special
- Old Style Grass Dance Special
- Golden Age Women Special
- Parade Plus More TBA....

### OTHER EVENTS

- Feast on Saturday
- Native Arts & Crafts
- Food Vendors
- Crowning of Royalty - Friday
- Fun Run / Walk - Saturday
- Drum Contest
- Hand Drum Contest
- Hand Game Tournament
- Horse Shoe Tournament

Host Hotel  
Comfort Suites  
800 Mesa Drive, Fernley  
(775) 980-6514

Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee P.O. Box 897, Wadsworth, NV 89442  
Committee not responsible for short funded travelers, stolen property, or divorces.  
No weapons or firearms or Fireworks permitted. Drug & Alcohol Free Event.



## Letters to the Editor

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Newspaper welcomes your "Letters to the Editor."

- ◆ Letters must be 200 words or less. Letters are subject to editing for conformance to the 200 word limit, as well as for libel and taste.
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**MAIL LETTERS TO:**

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**2013 Newspaper Submittal for Paper 3rd Quarter (Jul-Sept) DEADLINE: Friday, Sept. 20, 2013**

Please complete this form and submit with your article.  
**BE SURE TO:**

- Include your name, phone # and address.
- Personals may submit a hard copy of article. Hand written Personals ONLY must be printed legibly.
- Mailed articles must be saved on CD in Publisher, Word or WordPerfect format.
- Articles can be submitted via e-mail to news4plpaper@yahoo.com. Make sure contact info is available for any problems.
- 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 in a .jpg format
- REMEMBER: Pictures represent the quality of the picture submitted.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NEWSPAPER MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TITLE OF ARTICLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ITEMS TO BE RETURNED: YES or NO  
 IF YES, ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$100/full page    \$75/half page    \$50/quarter page    \$25/eighth page    \$10/business card

All advertisements must be camera ready and cannot be returned. Each advertisement must be paid in full by the deadline date for publishing.

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Jul-Sept—Sept 20th    Oct—Dec-Dec 27th

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