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January Storms Cause Major Damages

Meteorologists called it an “atmospheric river” that slammed the West Coast in January. It first brought major snowstorms, then the warm rains that melted most of the sizable snowfall in the Sierra Nevadas as well as other western mountain ranges. As a result there was widespread flooding throughout the western states including northern Nevada and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.

Eleven days into the New Year, Tribal Chairman Vinton Hawley issued a press release to announce that all public access to Pyramid Lake was closed due to hazardous road conditions and the power and water outages at Sutcliffe. The small community of Sutcliffe was the hardest hit by these storms although Wadsworth and Nixon residents watched anxiously as the Truckee River began to rise perilously close to several homes and fields. The river spilled over into some irrigation ditches.

Tribal offices and emergency personnel were monitoring the weather as the storms began to move into the region. Plans included placing

emergency personnel and equipment in each community in the event their services were needed. The emergency personnel who were placed in each community included the tribe's Fire Rescue/EMS department, police officers and rangers.

When the rain storms to hit the Pah-Rah and Virginia mountains, the normal runoff canals filled almost immediately and overflowed, bringing down abundant debris, mud and rocks that destroyed everything in its paths. Mullins Creek caused enough damage to Sutcliffe's water supply that it had to be shut down. Sutcliffe's electrical supply was cut off when its source was damaged. Ninety-five percent of the Sutcliffe residents were without water and the entire community also didn't have electricity for a week.

Hard Scrabble Creek caused significant damage to the bridge and road at Crosby Lodge. The Pyramid Lake Fisheries and the David Dunn Hatchery, located above Sutcliffe, were in significant danger of major flood damage.

Perhaps the most significant damage caused by the runoffs was the washout of the Lake's highway (SR446) that isolated Sutcliffe from the rest of the tribal communities. A huge portion of SR446 was ripped away, leaving a gap of about 50-150 feet. There were six areas along the Lake's highway (about 8 miles) that were severely damaged by the uncontrollable runoff causing enough erosion to made the road impassable. All the beach access roads also received considerable damage.

There was enough runoff from Mullins Creek into the Lake that it was forming a new beach and the road near Blockhouse was completely washed away, creating a significant drop off right next to the highway. Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) restored SR446 by mid-February with strictly engineered double culverts and stabilization to meet state highway safety standards. NDOT finalized the restoration project with three-foot tall safety berms in place of guard rails.

Rescue personnel from the tribal headquarters in Nixon were forced to take I-80 to Sparks and then over to the Pyramid Lake highway in order to reach Sutcliffe, a drive of almost 60 miles. This daily drive was the only way to reach Sutcliffe until the Lake highway was cleaned off and side roads were created to make the road passable. But then only emergency personnel and tribal employees with business at Sutcliffe were allowed to drive on the road.

Pyramid Lake's Health Clinic packed up all the necessary equipment to open a temporary clinic at the Marina. Necessary medical staff and other clinic personnel were on hand to provide

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The runoff tore out a huge portion of SR446 that closed the highway for over a month.



Mullins Creek caused major damage to the water supply serving Sutcliffe.

The Truckee River, looking west towards Ralph Dunn's place, from Hollywood Road.



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2017 PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	7	Tribal Council Meeting
	16	Easter
	21	Tribal Council Meeting
	26	Administrative Professionals Day
May	5	Tribal Council Meeting
	13	Free Fishing Day at Pyramid Lake
	14	Mother's Day
	19	Pyramid Lake War Memorial -Sunrise Ceremony
	19	Eagle Staff Run (Celebrate Sobriety)
	19	Tribal Council Meeting
	25 – 28	Tribal Permit Fee Stations Set Up at Lake
	29	Memorial Day
June	2	Tribal Council Meeting
	TBA	Environmental Youth Camp
	14	Flag Day
	15	Elders/Senior Fun Day
	16	Tribal Council Meeting
	18	Father's Day
	21	Summer Begins
July	3-5	Tribal Permit Fee Stations Set up at Lake
	4	Independence Day (Holiday on Friday before July 4th)
	7	Tribal Council Meeting
	8	Pyramid Lake Trialathon
	21	Tribal Council Meeting
	21 - 23	Sacred Visions Pow-Wow
August	4	Tribal Council Meeting
	18	Tribal Council Meeting
	30 to 9/7	Burning Man Event
September	1	Tribal Council Meeting
	1-4	Tribal Permit Fee Stations Set Up at Lake
	4	Labor day
	10	Grandparent's Day
	16	Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope
	22	Indian Day
October	6	Tribal Council Meeting
	9	Indigenous People's Day
	16	National Bosses Day
	TBO	Pyramid Lake Veteran & Warriors Turkey Shoot
	30	Nevada Day
	31	Halloween
November	3	Tribal Council Meeting
	5	Daylight Savings Time Ends
	11	Veterans Day – Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors Sunrise Ceremony
	17	Tribal Council Meeting
	18	Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner
	23	Thanksgiving Day Observed
	24	Family Day Observed
December	1	Tribal Council Meeting
	8	Tribal Council Meeting
	15	Tribal Council Meeting
	14	Elders/Seniors Christmas Party
	16	Community Christmas Party
	21	Winter Begins
	25	Christmas Observed
	30	Tribal Election Day
	31	New Year's Eve

Food Distribution Dates		Food Bank Schedule	
May 1	September 11	Northern Nevada Food Bank is every 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Nixon Gym. Mobile Pantry (produce) is every 4th Tuesday of each month. Wadsworth Community Building: 8:30 to 9:15 am Nixon Gym: 10:30 am to 11:15 am.	
June 5	October 2		
July 5	November 6		
August 10	December 4		
Distribution times are 9:30 am to 1:30 pm depending on road and weather conditions. If you miss, call the Reno Warehouse at 775-353-3368 to schedule a time when your food can be picked up and delivered (homebound elders only).			

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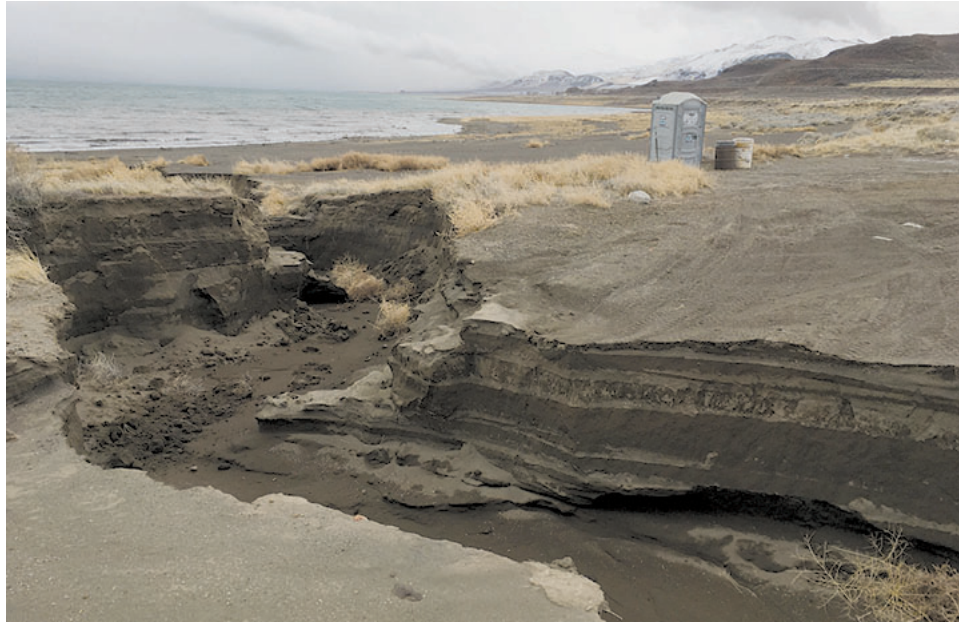
medical care and medication for the residents (see related story on page 5). Alonzo Ruiz and Loren Dunn packed up food from the January 17th Food Bank and delivered it, door to door, to all the eligible residents in Sutcliffe.

The Nevada National Guard brought in two of their water trucks they called the Water Buffalos and parked them at the Fisheries Administration Building so the residents could get the needed water for domestic use. The Red Cross supplied ready-cooked meals and other necessary items to the residents.

Many state and federal agencies from across Nevada responded to provide assistance during this difficult time. The Nevada and Utah chapters of the American Red Cross, the Nevada National Guard, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the State’s division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Washoe County Public Health, Nevada’s Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, and Division of Forestry, plus Lyon County Utilities.

The turmoil caused by the “atmospheric river” has been a learning experience for everyone. We are thankful for the assistance of the multiple agencies that came and provided the necessary services for the Sutcliffe residents. And hats off to the engineers and workers of Granite

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Top photo is Separator Bay between Sutcliffe and Pelican Point

Above photo is Big Mouth Canyon

Left photo is Pelican Point

Bottom left is Roy surveying the damage done on the road towards the Needles off SR445

Bottom photo is about half mile from the end of the pavement on SR445

See related stories and photos on page 4 and page 5

Recovery Efforts Progressing at Lake's Beaches and Roads

After nearly 8 weeks after closing the only highway along Pyramid Lake, Tribal Chairman Vinton Hawley announced on March 2 that the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) completed repairs to SR446 and the highway was opened to the public. The highway sustained extensive damage in several areas and was closed to the public on January 11. It is a major link between the tribal communities of Sutcliffe and the tribal headquarters at Nixon.

“We’re excited to open yet another significant portion of Pyramid Lake to recreational uses of Pyramid Lake. We acknowledge the efforts by NDOT to do highway repairs, and the work of our Tribe’s departments to repair beach access roads. Their work ultimately insures safe travels and access for all our community members and visitors,” said the chairman.

Chairman Hawley noted that the Lake beaches were now open from Popcorn to Tamarack, and North Nets to Shot Dog. However, beach areas north of Tamaracks to South Nets, Warrior Point and all points north, and Dago Bay and Howard’s Beach on the south end remained closed at that time. Two weeks earlier on February 17, limited access was allowed to the beach areas between North Nets and Shot Dog.

Chairman Hawley urged caution when taking the access roads to the beaches due to the runoff damages. He pointed out that the floods and fluctuating water levels plus the erosion has caused new drop-off areas, unstable sand walls,

and debris in the areas. He urged the public to respect the road closures that are clearly marked and that some areas were sprayed green for revegetation and should not be disturbed. In addition the depth at the end of the boat docks at Pelican Point is estimated at 3 feet and boaters who launch will do so at their own risk.

Warrior Point Opens

On March 17, Chairman Hawley said that Warrior Point, one of the most popular recreational beaches, is now open after repairs have been completed. In addition, previously closed beaches from Popcorn to Tamarack, and North Nets to Warrior Point are now open. Still closed are areas north of Tamaracks to South Nets, Nine Mile north, and Dago Bay and Howard’s Beach to the south remain closed.

“The Tribe has contributed significant resources to repairs and has made public access to Pyramid Lake a priority. We’re excited to open yet another popular beach on Pyramid Lake to recreational users.”

Recovery efforts will continue as the Tribe repairs damaged access roads along the Lake and surrounding areas.

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Construction and SNC Construction for their work repairing the major road damage.

Tribal personnel and the Fire Rescue/EMS department are working closely with the State Emergency Management Office and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as the tribe moves forward in the recovery phase of this disaster and updates will be provided on the progress being made with federal and state cooperation.

Major contributors to the stories and photos on the flood are **Johnathan Bidlake-Prichard, Training Officer, PL Fire Rescue/EMS department; Randy Hunter, Tribal Programs Officer; Paula Wright, Elder Care Coordinator, PL Social Services; and the unnamed photographer of the photos from the tribe’s website.**

Top photo below is the boat ramps at Pelican Beach

Middle photo shows new and formible culverts near Sand Hole Beach

Bottom photo is a new beach looking east towards Block House



One of the sections of SR446 repaired by Granite Construction



Temporary ‘Satellite’ Clinic at Marina

The Pyramid Lake Health Clinic staff members had almost more than they could handle when they packed up all the necessary equipment and medical supplies destined to provide relief to the stranded Sutcliffe residents. A temporary clinic was established at the Marina to provide for the medical needs of the people. Many made the daily roundabout trip of approximately 50 miles to reach the isolated community. They gratefully acknowledge all their hard-working people.

We are thankful to the residents of all communities for working together during the flood. Clinic staff who participated were Dawna Brown, Health Director; Carla Molino, Quality Assurance Coordinator; Dr. Ricardo Garcia, Nurse Practitioner Judy Thomas; RNs Ellen Houston, Beverly Teichgraber, and Misty Peabody; Medical Assistants Meisha Jose and Tara Shaw; Dora Thomas, CHR; and Kelsey Smith, Patient Registration.

Also the nursing department was able to



The National Guard’s Water Buffalos deliver water to Sutcliffe with the help of PL’s Fire Rescue employee.

do home visits on daily basis. Pharmacists Cynthia Gourneau and Hyrum Lott transported the necessary medications and Alan Mandell from the IT department set up all the computer equipment. Also providing valuable assistance with supplies and transportation were Custodians Sandy Dunn and Ricky Scott; Debbie Barlese, Office Manager and Jeff Christensen, from Maintenance.

During this time the clinic building sustained water damage and several staff members came in on a Sunday to clean up and get the clinic ready for Monday’s patients. Thanks to Angey Dunn, Medical Records Supervisor; Jeff Christensen, Maintenance; Adam Sanchez, Custodian; Lela Leyva, Accounting Technician; and Ricky Scott, Custodian for their dedicated service. Also, many thanks to the Tribal EMTs who helped clean up the snow and water.

It’s wonderful to see all tribal departments and tribal members come together and work for all the communities. Thank you for making us one family.

Last but certainly not the least, the Health Clinic staff would like to introduce the newest member to our staff, Misty Peabody, who is our new Community Health nurse. Misty comes to us from Nevada Skies where she worked for four years and she will be working out in the field. Please give her a big welcome.

High River Water Causing Erosion

Due to the continued high flow in the lower Truckee River from Wadsworth to Pyramid Lake please use extreme caution when you are near the river.

The January 9, 2017 flood has caused extensive damage to the river’s infrastructure and to various riverbanks along the river. The Tribe is working to assess the damage at Pyramid Lake, to the Public Utility sites, the Tribe’s irrigation system, and to certain exposed riverbanks. To date, four sites have been identified for riverbank repair: the James Ranch Road, Fellnagle Diversion Dam, the Big Bend Levee, and the Indian–West Ditch. Currently each of these sites pose an imminent threat to tribal property. The Tribe has obtained permission from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to proceed with the needed repairs.

There are many exposed riverbanks in the lower Truckee River and with the forecasted sustained high river flows the erosion will continue. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has indicated that where there is no imminent threat to life or property along the river, repairing and protecting the riverbanks is not eligible for reimbursement. Nonetheless, the exposed riverbanks are causing the loss of property; sediment is flowing into the river and degrading the water quality, and sediment is also accumulating in the lake’s delta to the increased detriment to the fish swimming into the lower Truckee River.

Shown here riverbank areas that are causing great concern. If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Department at (775) 574-0101 x17.



Numana Dam



Below Marble Bluff Dam



James Ranch Road



Indian-West Ditch



South Hollywood



Fellnagle Diversion Dam



Old Warwick



Big Ben Levee



Simon Harris



Below Marble Bluff Dam



Museum News and Activities

Happy New Year to everyone! We are wishing for all to be blessed with good health and happiness!

The staff has been busying doing inside chores in cleaning and organizing throughout the Museum. We haven't had as many visitors as we usually do, but many of our local community members have been stopping in. During the month of December we offered senior discounts to show our appreciation to our elders. There are a number of our local elders who came to shop for Christmas. We have an excellent selection to choose from with all of the new souvenir items, books, blankets, scarves, beaded artwork, even jackets. The Gift Shop has the perfect gift for all your special ones and for any occasions—birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, or just because that necklace would look good on your daughter or niece or girlfriend or...



We are a staff of two at the Museum so we appreciate the volunteers and interns who helped us. Thanks to Cheryl Paya for taking time to help change the displays. And many thanks to our UNR interns. We are in need of a welder to repair the metal fish at our outdoor display that the high winds blew some off the stakes.

We've had many visitors from the Netherlands, Scotland, Peru, Ukraine, Belgium, England, Philippines, China, Indonesia, the Czech Republic, Italy, Israel, Germany, and Japan. International tourists have a natural and respectful curiosity about the Tribe. We appreciate the kind hearts who traveled out of their way to visit our museum and learn about our culture. Group tours included people from the National Indian Education Association, Camp Discovery, Governor's Conference on Tourism, Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council Youth Summit, Triad School, Daughters of the American Revolution, International Visitors Group, EPA Research and Development, and the Brazilian Youth Ambassadors. We are very thankful for our students from the Pyramid Lake High School for providing traditional and contemporary dances during some of our programs and group presentations. The community should be very proud of our youth for carrying on our Kooyoee Tukadu traditions.

We are expecting visits from the Anderson Elementary School and Encompass Academy. As the weather starts to warm up there will be

more local schools coming out to the Fisheries and the Museum. It's always fun and exciting to have large groups here to learn and appreciate the fascinating history of the Pyramid Lake area.

The Museum hosted an Indian Territory meeting on February 9. Indian Territory is a group of Nevada tribes who are active in promoting cultural tourism for their areas. In April, a gathering will be held in Ely for the 9th Annual Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference. The conference will feature a spectrum of professionals in the tourism industry who will provide strategies on how Nevada tribes can share their native culture with visitors from around the world.

On the night of December 19, the Museum was vandalized when a thoughtless individual shot the front windows with a BB gun. Glass on three windows and the front door were damaged. It took time to get the windows replaced because it required a special order and was very expensive. Although the police responded within minutes, the vandal(s) ran away. Thanks to Carron Nugent for her donation to help replace the windows. Visitors commented on the lack of respect by the vandal(s) and calls of concern were received from community members and the Nevada Indian Commission. If anyone notices any suspicious activity around the Museum,

please report it to the Tribal Police Department at 574-0444.

The Numu Book Club selected "Sand in a Whirlwind—The Paiute Indian War of 1960" for their first read. Club members met a couple times to discuss the book but bad weather prevented the club from meeting. When the weather warms up it will allow regular meetings to begin again. Contact the Museum if you're interested in joining the Numu Club and reading about the Tribe's history. Books are available at a discount price.

The Pyramid Lake Museum was chosen to participate in a Museum Assessment Program (MAP) that is funded by the Institute of Museum



Two of the three vandalized windows that were very expensive to replace.

and Library Services. The program will help strengthen our operations, provide plans for the future, develop standards of self-study, and we will have a site visit from an expert peer reviewer. The Museum will benefit with a Strategic Plan producing measurable outcomes, artifacts will be catalogued and digitized, allow eligibility to receive more grants, meet museum standards and employ the best practices. Commitment for improvement will involve time and dedication but the benefits will be well worth the investment. We participated in the introduction webinar (seminar over the web) on January 24.

A grant was submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences to document the tribe's oral history. Although we won't hear back on the grant until later this year, the Museum staff has begun working with Jesse Lemay and Marisa Cooper to plan oral history projects. Some of our elders have been contacted for interviews. More elders will be contacted as we further develop priority topics and resources, known as Wisdom-Keepers. We are fortunate to have community members who possess a vast knowledge of our reservation and cultural lifeways.

Political times can be frustrating and uncertain, but there are simple changes we can make in our community. In the book, "101 Ways to Reclaim Local Power", there are activities that each of us can be involved in to insist on

changes we want to see, to resist hatred and stand up for each other. The three Rs: Reconnect, Resist, Revitalize.

Reconnect to your human and ecological community.

Learn about the original people whose land you live on and acknowledge them; Convene get-togethers for people

A beautiful display of artifacts and photographs. The row of picture frames above the display are the armed forces photographs of tribal members.

Museum News (continued)



who don't normally interact, the old and young, police and community leaders, people of different races and places of origin; Learn about the links between soil health and human health; and attend someone else's ceremony or celebration.

Resist hate, exclusion, and policies that impoverish your community. Pay attention to outside entities that are looking to exploit or privatize the commons and ask for help (don't be a martyr!). People often want to pitch in but aren't sure how. Create spaces for leadership to emerge.

Revitalize your community and reclaim power. Introduce talking circles to schools so that students have a safe way to resolve conflicts. Hold celebrations featuring diverse foods, museum, dance and art from the cultures that

make up your community. Learn and teach facilitation, mediation, and circle processes so people can work effectively together; Hold forums to set community priorities.

The Museum Facebook is active again. Sign in and like us! Current events will be posted. Drive by and see our new entrance sign by the road going to the lake. We've been receiving positive comments from community members. As the sign indicates, "Culture Builds Community". We are fortunate to have a culture

with good teachings from our ancestors that provide a basis for being a productive member of the tribe. Let's encourage each other to return to our original teachings of respect and healing our relatives and community. There are too many negative forces trying to destroy our cultural existence. Let's unite for our continued survival for our coming generations.

Saa a'mu poonedooa!

Billie Jean Guerrero, Museum Director
Jackie Cawelti, Museum Attendant

The museum collects, exhibits, and preserves the history and culture of the Northern Paiute People of Pyramid Lake, and to provide an educational forum for the appreciation, respect, and understanding of the Paiute culture.

Historic Preservation Office receives Heritage Grant

By Betty Aleck

NIXON-The National Parks Service (NPS) announced it awarded \$531,187 in grants to Native American tribes from the Historic Preservation Fund.

The parks service distributes these grants to tribes, including the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), to support the protection of tribal culture. According to the NPS, project awards ranged from \$5,848 to \$48,070, with the tribe's THPO receiving \$39,050.

The local office will use the funds to conduct an ethnographic study of sacred sites and locations that may be classified as Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) within the reservation boundaries and the ancestral territories. The project will ensure stories and information will be preserved for future generations.

When conducting interviews for the Black Warrior Peak Traditional Cultural Property project, many of the elders requested that stories of sacred sites within the reservation and outside the boundaries should also be documented and recorded. Consequently, a grant application was submitted and resulted in the tribe's THPO being among 16 other tribes to receive the funds. The Sacred Places/TCP project began in February.

The National Historical Preservation Act of 1966 authorizes grants to federally recognized tribes for cultural and historic preservation projects. These grants assist tribes, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian organizations in protecting and promoting their unique cultural heritage and traditions.

From the beginning, the program has been shaped by tribes who voiced concerns about protecting their oral history, plants and animal species, sacred and historic places, and tribal languages.

Since 1990, more than \$17 million has been awarded to over 460 tribes and Alaskan Native communities.

For more information about this grant and the project, please call the THPO at 574-2404.

Great Basin Native Basketweavers Association

Willow Rod/Thread Preparation & Start your own basket

April 8 & 9, 2017 10am-4pm at the Pyramid Lake Museum & Visitors Center + Potluck Luncheon +

- Learn how to harvest willow rods, what to look for and the best time of year to harvest.
- Learn how to split willow for workable thread. Potluck Luncheon – Bring a dish to share.

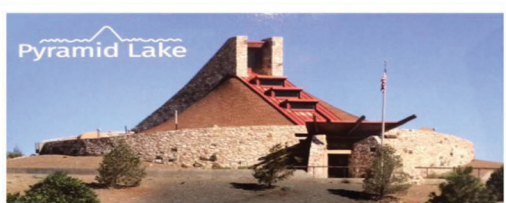
Great Basin Native Basketweavers Association Mission:

Our goal is to revive, enhance, and promote the traditional art of basket making handed down throughout the Great Basin Region.

The Great Basin area stretches from the South area of Death Valley, California, up to the middle of Oregon, from the Sierra Mountains clear across to the Great Salt Lake.

All Tribes within the Great Basin region including Washoe, Shoshone, Northern and Southern Paiute, Goshute, Ute, Bannock, Mohave, and Chemehuevi tribes.

A need to strengthen and retain our traditional art of baskets is a must, and we gather here today to call ourselves the Great Basin Native Basketweavers Association, with the intent and purpose of keeping the baskets alive for another thousand years.



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- A small tub to soak willows & other materials.
- Small clippers
- Small paring knife for scraping and sizing.
- Scissors
- An Awl
- Tapestry Needle
- Any cloth, leather, buckskin to use as trim for edges.



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Pine Nut Words

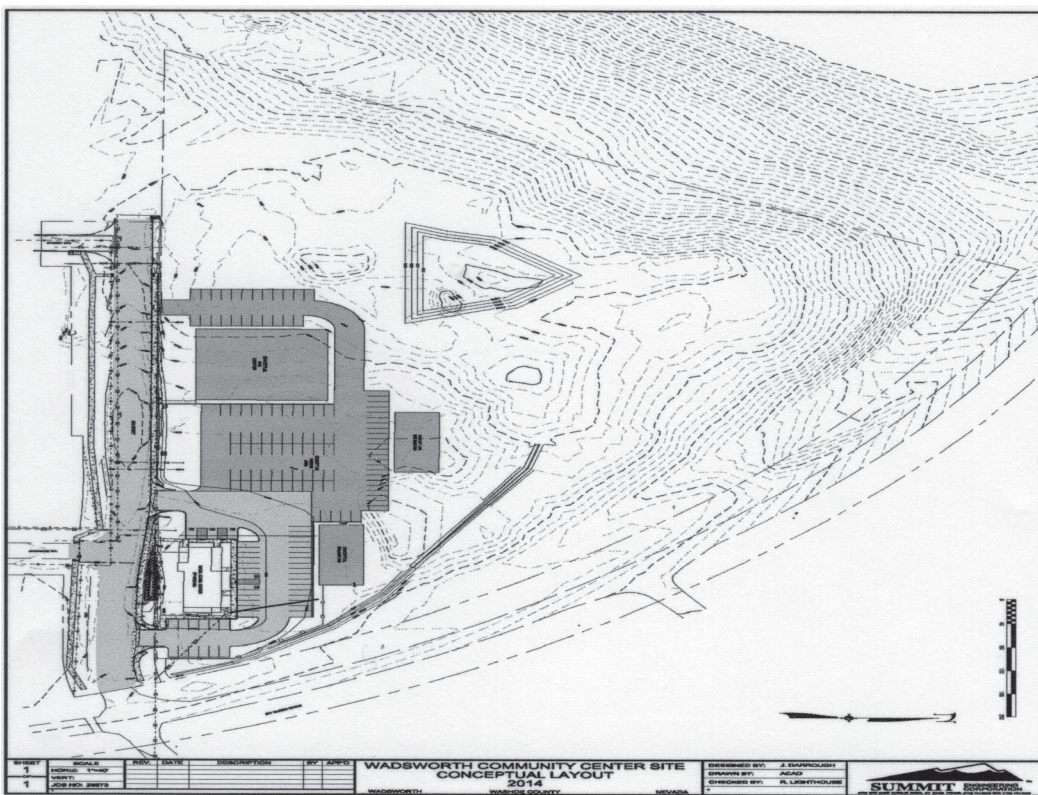
Tuba	Pine nut
Tubape	Pine nut tree
Sanape	Pitch (pine nut)
Seegoope	Rabbit brush
Tsoba	Pick off ground
Tsoboka	Pick off tree
Tsanoo/koodoose	Pine nut pole
Tsasuna	Shake tree
Tubage	Fill sack or container
Pesakoo Tsoba	Pick the good ones
Pabakoo Tsoba	Pick the big ones
Tupeemakoo	Clean with dirt
Yata	Winnowing basket
Toosoon	Grinding stone

Prepared by Randy Hunter for the employee Paiute class held Fridays during lunch.

Transportation/Transit: Movin' Right Along

The Transportation Planning Department (TPD) has been working diligently to close out project budgets and finalize reporting for the year 2016. Moving into 2017 the department is excited to begin planning and implementing some new and ongoing transportation projects as well as transportation safety initiatives.

The department, in conjunction with a dedicated group of staff and individuals, continue to work on the development of the Wadsworth Community Center Complex. The original conceptual design includes several buildings for community outreach programs such as day care and training centers, as well as a cultural and wellness center that includes a gymnasium to promote fun wellness activities for the whole family. TPD's involvement in the project is to ensure that the designs for the parking lots, access roads and drainage systems will be effective for the community. We are proud partners in this effort and will continue to contribute to the success of this project as long as it takes to be completed.



The department staff continues to work on the details of the Wadsworth Bypass Project. On January 17, 2017, the department hosted a community meeting to introduce the Environmental Assessment (EA) to the community for comments. Several community members showed up and the team of experts from Stantec, who wrote the EA, were there to answer questions. Overall the EA indicates that there will be no long-term impacts on the project site to the environment, cultural sites or wildlife in the area. A copy of the EA can be found on the tribe's website: www.plpt.nsn.us under the TPD's page for public viewing and comments.

Transportation Safety Initiatives

Since the inception of tribe's Strategic Transportation Safety Plan went into effect, the department's staff has been working to seek ways to implement the safety measures outlined in the plan that will increase the safety of our roadways, bikeways, and pedestrian paths on the reservation.

The Nevada Department of Transportation was ready to conduct safety audits on the highways (SR445, SR446, and SR447) but due to the weather and subsequent severe damage to SR446, they had to delay the audits. The

State and the tribe are waiting to hear about a grant to conduct the safety audits. The grant will give us the framework to map out a plan to fix the local roads and add roads to our inventory. The delay in awarding the grant may be due to the transition in the White House and the appointment of new representatives. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we receive the grant so we can move forward on this project.

A Road Safety Audit (RSA) is the formal safety performance examination of an existing or future roads or intersections by an independent, multidisciplinary team. It qualitatively estimates and reports on potential road safety issues and identifies opportunities for improvements in safety for all road users. The FHWA works with state and local jurisdictions plus Tribal Governments to integrate RSAs into the project development process for new roads and intersections, and also encourages RSAs on existing roads and intersections.

Public agencies with a desire to improve the overall safety performance of roadways under

their jurisdiction should be excited about the concept of RSAs. Road safety audits can be used in any phase of project development from planning and preliminary engineering, design and construction. RSAs can also be used on any sized project from minor intersections to roadway retrofits to mega-projects.

Safe Native American Passenger Training

During the month of November the department hosted Safe Native American Passenger (SNAP) training at the new Wadsworth Community Center that was conducted by Carrie Brown, Circuit Rider from the National Indian Justice Center, and Jason Hymer, Injury Prevention Coordinator from the Indian Health Service. The training was an introductory overview of child safety seat installation and the importance of using a safety seat to protect children from injury in a vehicle crash. We had 12 participants attend the full day session that included a Power Point presentation, testing, and hands-on installation of the safety seats. Overall participant's knowledge, before and after evaluation, increased by 52.9%! Several participants decided to take the week-long course to become a certified Child

Passenger Safety Technician. Another training session will be open to the public in early spring and we hope to have at least 10 participants. Announcements will be posted at the local post offices and other public places.



The department has received a BIA Child Safety Seat grant and will be doing safety seat checkpoints and installation training for the community during this year. We have safety seats available for families and each comes with a quick tutorial from a Child Passenger Safety Technician on how to install the seat. Please call us at (775) 574-1000 ext. 1107 to see if you qualify for a safety seat for your child. For more information, go to our website on the tribe's website and click on "The Ultimate Car Seat Guide."

Pyramid Lake Tribal Transit

The Tribe has experienced an array of challenges due to the flooding that occurred in January. Transit services were halted because of the road wash outs on SR446 between Nixon and Sutcliffe. The route was cancelled and that caused considerable inconvenience for the users of that route. The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and Granite Construction have been working to repair the road that will soon be open.

The Tribal Transit is applying for a grant from the Federal Transit Administration. The primary purpose of this grant is to support planning, funds and, in limited circumstances, provide operating assistance for tribal public transit services. The tribe is working hard to secure these funds to enhance the current transit program.

There is some exciting news developing with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The Tribal Transit is in the process of finalizing an agreement that will allow the Transit to park in the Centennial Plaza Bay in Sparks. It would allow the Transit customers a place to catch connecting RTC busses to different locations throughout the Reno/Sparks area.

Last June, Charles Rutkowski, Director of Technical Assistance Programs from the Community Transportation Assoc. of America in Washington, DC, visited Tribal Transit and the Transportation Department. His visit was to discuss Phase 2 of a plan to develop a transit facility, the cost and where the best location would be on the reservation. Transit and Transportation staff has been working with contractors LSC to complete an evaluation and present a tentative plan for this facility and future expansion plans. With financial assistance and guidance of the Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) a plan is being formulated that will assist the Transit staff to seek funding for the planned facility that will benefit the program and the communities that it serves.

FYI from the Tax Department

If you haven't filed your income taxes yet, the Pyramid Lake Tax Department staff does income tax filing as a volunteer service. We do not promise fast service or instant returns.

Tax returns are done as we receive them in addition with our regular duties. If you want your return back immediately, you will have to go to a paid preparer. As part of VITA, we do have the right to refuse to do any return.

Things you must bring before filing:

- If you are filing a joint return as a married couple, both of you must be present;
- Photo identification cards;
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse, and dependents plus provide birthdates;
- All Forms W-2, 1099, Forms 1095A, B, or C (ACA information);
- Information of other income;
- All information of deductions and credits;
- Proof of amount paid to a day care provider or day care services;
- And bank statement(s) for direct deposit of refund.

Expecting a Refund?

Be careful not to count on getting your refund by a certain date especially if you are planning on making a major purchase or pay your bills. The IRS will process your claim as it arrives but cannot predict when you will be receiving your refund. For that information, you would need to check on their website (IRS.gov) and click on Where's My Refund.

Vehicle Exempt Forms

The Tax Department are the only individuals who can issue tax exempt forms and all the data are kept with the Department for protection if questioned by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Don't wait until the last minute to request a form. It is your responsibility to get the form before the expiration date. If the Tax staff is out of the office, the Tribal Secretary or Receptionist can take your information and we will process it the next day.



The DMV will not accept a tax exempt form by fax. You must appear in person to present your tax exemption.

You can call for the exempt form, and we will either mail the form to you or hold for pickup. You can still stop by the office for form or wait for it. The following information is needed:

- Person(s) the vehicle is register to (we cannot complete the form if it's registered only in your spouse's name and he/she is non-native)
- Year, make and model of vehicle
- License plate number
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Amount of the government service tax
- Physical address (form requires a physical address on the reservation)
- Mailing address
- Tribal enrollment number
- If you are a Nevada tribal member (not Pyramid Lake) a copy of your enrollment card must be on file in the office before we can issue the exemption
- The vehicle registration address must match a reservation address.

Notary Services

The Tax Department staff provides notary services for the public. Remember that you must have your ID with you and do not sign the paperwork until you are in the office. All three staff members are notaries and are able to assist you.

Environmental Department

The Flood Response is in action after the January 8-9 flood. The Department is coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to complete damage assessments along the Lower Truckee River and the irrigation systems. The cost of damages has already passed the threshold damage value needed to qualify for cost reimbursement from FEMA. All structural damages caused along the river corridor will be included in the assessment.

The Tribal Noxious Weeds Program continues to treat for noxious weeds throughout the reservation. These included salt cedar (tamarisk), tall white top, scotch thistle, purple loosestrife, hoary cress, and Russian olive. The sources for these plants are from upstream of the reservation and the Tribe has worked in cooperation with other agencies to address the plants in other jurisdictions. The irrigation system is another distribution source and each irrigator has made an effort to control the distribution within their respective fields.

The Department has institute a wood distribution program with the goal of offsetting the heating costs of tribal members while clearing fire hazards and areas for noxious weed treatments. The program serves, as a priority,

the elderly and disabled tribal members. The distribution hours are from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The open areas are prime areas for reestablishing native plants and grasses.

The Tribal Response Program, or the Brownfields Program, was created to assess old and unused buildings for potential hazards and toxic materials contamination. The assessments conducted by the program will determine the presence of hazardous or toxic materials, which will provide the Tribe with the information needed to determined whether reuse and redevelopment should occur with the property. Brownfields sites may be residential or commercial and the reuse potential must consider the cost for cleanup and renovation. The Program's objective is to provide a means to assess the building(s) and provide the community and the Tribal Council options for reuse. Demolition is an option and open space is considered reuse.

Air quality monitoring continues at the Wadsworth station for meteorological and air quality parameters. The purpose of the program is to monitor the air quality, process the data collected and report the air quality data to the Environmental Protection Agency. The

Nothing 'Recreational' about Using Marijuana

The Nevada legislature, in addition to several other states, has recently approved the use of marijuana for recreational use. However, there are several things you might consider before purchasing the drug and using it for recreational purposes.

Unless you're independently wealthy or work for a company where you don't pose a physical threat to yourself or your co-workers, you might be able to use the drug with no consequences.

But in the real world, a majority of jobs involve mental and physical movement that becomes impaired when using marijuana. And as with most private companies, accidents caused from using marijuana, or even the smell of it on your clothes, will result in immediate dismissal.

Although Nevada has passed a law approving the recreational use of marijuana, the federal government has not. It is still illegal under federal law and any state, county, or city offices, private companies, organizations, and Indian tribes that receive federal monies, must comply with the federal government's law.

Grants and contracts from the federal government generally include random drug testing of the employees receiving wages from those grants or contacts. Testing positive for using drugs that are banned by the federal government can result in dismissal from employment. The federal government has a list of drugs that are banned under federal law that includes several medical drugs. So if you are using any drug under doctor's orders, you must still have written permission from the doctor and produce that permission upon taking a drug test.

Please don't think that occasional use of marijuana over the weekend, or while on vacation, you won't test positive for the drug. Marijuana can stay in your system for up to six months. So in addition to losing your job, you could also face drug charges, fines, and possible jail time.

And if you think it's funny or cute to cook some food laced with marijuana, like cookies, for your friends or relatives, you should warn them otherwise you could lose those friends who lost their jobs because they tested positive for the drug. And your relatives, if they tested positive, might not talk to you for a long time because they needed their jobs. And *never ever* give a child marijuana because they could very easily overdose and perhaps die.

So while recreational use of marijuana, or any drug, may sound like fun, there are some serious consequences associated with it. Think before rushing off to the nearest "drug" store because as your auntie will tell you, "doing stupid" wasn't how you were raised.



CEMEX Corporation installed three air quality monitoring stations on their property to monitor air quality resulting from the mining activity on the site. Effort is being made to identify a suitable location for an air quality station at Nixon. It is our hope that funding can be secured to establish an air quality station for Nixon.

Assessing Proper Functioning Conditions (PFC) is a method for assessing the condition of a river's riparian area. The PFC is a concept that promotes a quality habitat for aquatic life and wildlife that interacts with the stream. The intent to support a PFC contributes benefits to the fishery, to water quality, and to the aesthetic value of the river. Effort is applied to assure that the river system is functioning so that the benefits can be measured to assure that the goals and objectives of the Tribe are achieved.

Spring 2017

Pyramid Lake Recreation News

Youth Basketball/Teen Basketball/Adult Volleyball

With Youth Basketball over for the year, coaches are now working with the teens and Tribal Recreation by providing practice times for the youth. We now have two teams practicing in the gym on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. Adult Volleyball still uses the gym on Wednesday evenings and the new time for that activity will be from 6-8 p.m. Come out and join them and get some exercise!

Spring Day Camp

Tribal Recreation provided Spring Day Camp to the Washoe County elementary aged students during the week of March 20. Activities included art enrichment, physical activity and field trips. We thank Leon Kinerson of the PL Diabetes Program for working with the students on physical activities; the PL Fisheries for allowing us to participate and observe on a spawning day; the PL High School for providing us with transportation to the movie field trip at Fox Peak and JOM for paying for our admissions and snacks. We certainly appreciate all of the programs who continue to support our youth programs.

Movie Day Planned

We will be planning a movie day for Lyon County students on April 4. Watch for flyers on this activity. The Lyon County students have their Spring Break later than Washoe County students.

Free Giveaway

In March the Tribal Recreation program was able to collaborate with the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows and Zulily to provide a free giveaway. There were many items that were given and in a matter of minutes, everything was gone. In fact, it took longer to put out the items then the time it took for everyone to take the items. Thanks Boys and Girls Club and Zulily! We hope to do this again.

Beaded Earring Class

We are excited to announce that Tribal Recreation will be planning a Beaded Earring Class on Wednesdays, April 12, 19 and 26. The class will be held at the Nixon Modulars near the gym from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Kathy Frazier will be teaching the class. Please call 574-2409 for more



information or to sign up. Watch for flyers to come out soon!

Family Night Bright Easter Egg Hunt

We will be sponsoring a Family Night Bright Easter Egg Hunt at the Nixon Gym on Tuesday, April 11 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. We ask that each family who participates to donate an item for dessert and candy donations to put in the plastic eggs. Please bring your candy donation to the gym by Thursday, April 6. Come on up and join the fun!

For more information on any of the activities please do not hesitate to contact Janet Davis, Coordinator at 775/574-2409.

A fun day trip to the hatchery





Photos by Janet Davis

**HOW COOL IS IT
THAT THE SAME
GOD WHO
CREATED
MOUNTAINS,
& OCEANS, &
GALAXIES,
LOOKED AT YOU
& THOUGHT THE
WORLD NEEDED
ONE OF YOU TOO?**



PL Tribal Recreation Activity Calendar
April 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2	3 Teen Basketball 6-8 pm	4 Spring Break Movies Trip for Lyon Co. Students Teen Basketball 6-8	5 Adult Volleyball 6-8	6 Teen Basketball 6-8	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10 Teen Basketball 6-8 pm	11 Family Night Bright Easter Egg Hunt @ 8- 9 pm -Gym Dessert/Prizes	12 Beaded Earring Class 6-7 pm Modulars Adult Volleyball 6-8	13 Teen Basketball 6-8	14	15
16 Easter Sunday	17 Teen Basketball 6-8 pm	18 Teen Basketball 6-8 pm Food Bank @ 1 pm	19 Beaded Earring Class 6-7 pm Modulars Adult Volleyball 6-8	20 Teen Basketball 6-8	21	22 Earth Day
23	24 Teen Basketball 6-8 pm	25 Teen Basketball 6-8 pm Mobile Pantry	26 Beaded Earring Class 6-7 pm Modulars Adult Volleyball 6-8	27 Teen Basketball 6-8	28	29
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Nick Smith was recently chosen as a Maxpreps Player of the Game.

Nick is a senior at Churchill County High School in Fallon and a team captain of his basketball team.

Nick is a tribal member of Pyramid Lake and the son of Craig Smith of Little Nixon and Maureen Smith of Fallon.



Congratulations to Nick Smith and Cauly Crutcher for being excellent examples of Native Pride.

Cauly Crutcher was unanimously chosen as Player of the Year by the coaches in his school's basketball league. Most of these coaches wish they had a player like Cauly on their teams.

He leads by example, displaying proper sportsmanship, motivates his team to do their best, and works hard to develop his basketball skills.

Cauly is a junior at McDermitt Combined Schools where he gets good grades and has a future goal of studying business with an emphasis on agriculture so he can help the farmers and ranchers.

Cauly is a tribal member of Ft. McDermitt Paiute Tribe although his brother and two sister are enrolled with Pyramid Lake. He lived in Nixon and Wadsworth until recently and grew up with a lot of the local kids.

He is the son of Sheila (Hicks) and Arlo Crutcher. Proud grandmothers are Rosie Crutcher of McDermitt and Gladys Hicks of Nixon.

Higher Education Program

In December during the Tribal Distribution, the Consolidated High Education (CHE) Program handed out parental permission forms for student outreach. The permission forms will allow our program to better assist our senior high school students. The goal is to help our students make the transition from high school into college or a vocational training schools. It is necessary for our program to have these permission slips because without parental permission we cannot conduct visitations with the students while they are in school.

It is our goal in this outreach is to track your student in the tribal scholarship application, applying to secondary schools of choice, filling out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any other process we can assist in making the transition from high school into college.

Please, if you receive the parental permission slip, send it to our office. There are other ways you can get this form: you can call us at (775) 574-0300 so we can mail or email it to you or you can download it from the Higher Education website. To mail your permission slips our office: Consolidated Higher Education Program, Attn: Anthony Sampson, P.O. Box 256, Nixon, NV 89424. Email: asampson@plpt.nsn.us or Fax: (775) 574-0302.

The deadline for the next higher education scholarship intake for the 2017 Fall/2018 Spring academic school year is June 30, 2017. You can obtain a scholarship application by going to the tribal website, PLPT.nsn.us, click Department and then click on Higher Education. All applications are listed on our Higher Education Website.

Please!!!! Don't wait until the deadline date to fill out the application and expect to get funding. There is a process that you, as a student, must follow... There are some applications that do not make it through the application process due to missing documentation. All students need to remember, it is your responsibility to send in a complete application.

If you are not sure if your application is complete, call me and we can over what you have or what you might need to make sure your application is complete. The CHE office is open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

College graduates, please send a copy of your diplomas for your CHE Student file... Undergraduate students, we need for you to send in your transcripts as soon as you can. We need this information for tracking purposes.

Thank you all and have a blessed New Year!

Community Library Hours

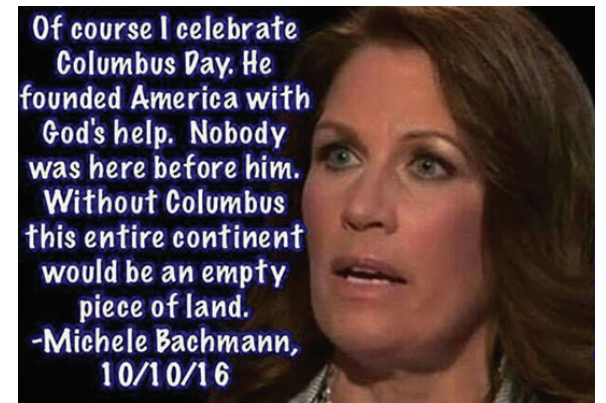
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday—1pm to 5 pm



Books, Magazines
TV and DVDs
Children's Reading Area
Computer and Printer Use
WiFi Available

Located in Modular 102, next to the Gym
775-574-0301

From the Department of
WHAT??!



Reservation History



The Pyramid Lake Reservation was formally established by an executive order of the 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, on March 23, 1874. During that time in history, Indian lands were established either by treaty or congressional action. It was a novel idea to use the executive order to establish a reservation.

In 1859 the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) requested that land be set aside for the Northern Paiute. The land was not surveyed until six years

later in 1865. A court decision later affirmed the legality of a President's executive order action creating a reservation. Another court decision declared that the establishment of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation was established in 1859, fifteen years before President Grant's executive order.

The establishment of the 1859 date became very important as a priority date in the Tribe's fight for water rights and when determining the status of non-tribal claims to the lands within the reservation boundaries.

Bureau of Indian Affairs History

Secretary of War John C. Calhoun created the BIA on March 18, 1824 when he established the



"Indian Office" as agency within a division in the War Department and without congressional approval. A little known fact is that the Indian Office was relocated to Chicago during World

War II, for safety reasons, and it was known as the Wartime Indian Office. The Indian Office later became officially known as the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1947.

Thanks to Betty Aleck and Billie Jean Guerrero for starting this conversation.

What happened to the buffalo on the BIA's seal?



We're working to keep you safe. This includes:

- Routinely patrolling, testing, repairing, and replacing our pipelines.
- Continually meeting or exceeding all federal and state requirements and standards for safe pipeline operation and maintenance.
- Regularly communicating and training with emergency responders.

Natural gas lines can be buried anywhere. Leaks can occur due to natural disasters, corrosion, and careless or unsafe excavation. Natural gas leaks may lead to evacuations, service outages, fire, property damage, injury, or loss of life.

If you ever suspect a natural gas leak, whether you're our customer or not...

Call 911 and Southwest Gas at 1-877-860-6020 immediately

For more information about natural gas pipeline safety, visit swgas.com/safety or call 1-877-860-6020.



NOTICE NO DUMPING

The Pyramid Lake Environmental Department will be cleaning up several illegal open-air dumps that has been located within the boundaries of the reservation.

A site visit to a previously closed open-air dump has revealed that the unfortunate bad habit of carelessly dumping garbage continues.

We all have an obligation to keep our lands free of unsightly trash and potentially hazardous materials that has been casually thrown out.

In accordance with the Tribal Illegal Dumping Ordinance #50 (Resolution PL 50-03) anyone who is caught and convicted of violating any provision of illegal dumping can be fined up to \$500.00. If anyone who witnesses illegal dumping, please contact the Pyramid Lake Police Department at (775) 574-1014.

The Environmental Department will be installing signs announcing NO DUMPING throughout the three communities. If you have any questions, please contact the Environmental Department at (775) 574-0101 x17.



Tribal Economic Development

How mu, e Numudooe. My name is Debra Harry and I am the new Business Officer for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. I'm excited to be working at home and look forward to the challenges ahead as we work to build a vibrant local economy. My first day on the job was on December 23, 2016, and I've spent much of the time familiarizing myself with the details of the various projects underway in this department.

Our staff also attended the Western Tribal Economic Development Conference and the monthly meeting of the Indian Territories on Tourism. Finally, our staff provided support and assistance with public communications and press releases during the flood in early January.

Our department also updates the pyramidlake.us website, and other social media sites on a daily basis.

Some of the key priorities of work for the Business Office include: Implementation of the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan; To organize the new tribal corporate entity, Numu, Incorporated; and To support the growth of the Enterprises and Realty Programs.

With regard to the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan, the Tribe is still working to gain access to the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund created by Public Law-101-618. Unfortunately, the Tribe's request for approval of the Option B distribution plan was denied by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in mid-December 2016. The Tribe has filed an appeal of that decision to the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) in Washington, DC. Of course, we'll keep you updated on the status of

that appeal in the coming months. Important background information about the Economic Development Plan follows.

Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan Background

On March 19, 2011, the Tribal Council unanimously approved resolution PL-33-11 adopting the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan. On March 23, 2011, a copy of the approved plan was officially submitted to the Federal Government in accordance with Public Law 101-618. The approved plan includes two volumes: Volume #1 is the Strategic Economic Development plan and Volume #2 is the Investment and Management Plan.

The purpose of Volume #1 is to create long term profit-making opportunities, create optimum employment opportunities, and to establish a high quality recreation area at Pyramid Lake for tribal members. The plan is broken down into seven key elements that are focused on accomplishing the purpose of the plan: Recreation and Fishing; Tribal Enterprises; Good Governance; Education; Industrial and Commercial Development; Agriculture and Ranching; and Tribal Entrepreneurship. Each element of the plan consists of generalized goals and policies that the tribal government can follow to create jobs and growth on the reservation.

The purpose of Volume #2 is the Investment and Management Plan. It is to establish, in

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BURN SEASON

October 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017

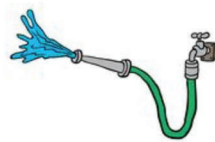
Residential permits for open burning are required for the burning of weeds, old lumber, and yard waste at all residences within the reservation.

You can get your Burn Permit Application at the Natural Resources Building or online at <http://plpt.nsn.us/pud/forms/PUDburnpermit.pdf>.

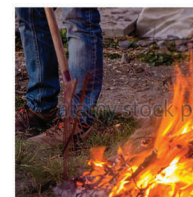
Keep Your Burn Pile From Starting A Wildfire!



Clear vegetation for 10 feet around your burn pile. Keep your burn pile small and controllable.



Be prepared just in case. Have a source of water and a shovel nearby



You must stay with your fire until it is dead out, even at night. Never leave it unattended.

Notice:

You must notify the Pyramid lake Emergency Response, Pyramid Lake Dispatch, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Police, or the Pyramid Lake Ranger Station, in case of emergencies during the burn. Emergency Response can supervise burns for your safety.

If you have any questions feel free to call Amanda Davis at the Natural Resource Building at (775)- 574-0101 ex: 16.

Economic Development

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writing, the policy matters concerning the use of the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund in order to maximize job creation and revenue for the Tribe and its members. There are four sections to this plan: Option A, Option B, Option C, and the Investment Policy. Each section of the plan establishes the policy matters for the Tribe to use the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund to create jobs and growth on the reservation.

In the event that the legal and administrative issues involving PL-101-618 become settled, the option of this plan that best reflects the outcome of the legal and administrative issues surrounding the implementation of the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) will become the Tribe’s plan for the use of the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund.

It is important to note that the approval of an Economic Development Plan by the Tribe and TROA does not mean that the Federal Government will allow the Tribe access to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Economic Development Fund. It is also important to note that the approval of the plan by the Tribal Council does not mean that payments to tribal members will start immediately.

There are many lingering legal and administrative issues involving PL-101-618 and the uses of the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund that still must be worked out with the Federal Government. These issues includes the legality of the Tribe to be able to distribute certain funds from the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Fund for use by tribal members and other federal administrative reviews and legal issues concerning the tribe’s access to the fund.

A copy of the both volumes of the approved Economic Development Plan can be accessed for free at <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/econdev/index.html>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or stop by our office that is located next door to the Grants Office in the Tribal Administration Building in Nixon.

Thank You,
Debra Harry, Business Officer
(775) 574-1000 ext. 1102. dharry@plpt.nsn.us

A Japanese Lesson in Sacrifice

On March 11, 2011, following an earthquake that hit northeastern Japan and measured a 9 on the Richter scale, a monstrous tsunami hit Fukushima and caused a level 7 nuclear meltdown of the Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

Fukushima is a small fishing village that has been off limits to everybody, including former residents who survived the tsunami, because of the high radiation levels throughout the area.

However elderly Japanese people line up to clean up the radiation in the affected areas.

Mr. Yamada: “I am 72 and on average I probably have 13 to 15 years left to live. Even if I were exposed to radiation, cancer could take 20 to 30 years or longer to develop. Therefore us older ones have less chance of getting cancer.”

A group of more than 200 retirees are volunteering to expose themselves to high levels of radiation so the younger men and women don’t have to.

Making the ultimate sacrifice to protect the lives of their children and their children’s children.

Tribal Response Program Update

As of January 30, 2017, the Environmental Specialist position for the Tribal Response Program (TRP) has been filled. Previously, the TRP (also referred to as the Brownfields Program) was relatively inactive for approximately a year, due to a vacancy in the position. Nevertheless, progress is being made to achieve the goals of the program.

The program seeks to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse contaminated properties (brownfields) with funds provided by the EPA. Although the aforementioned activities constitute the brownfields redevelopment process, the program’s current funds are to be exclusively used for the brownfield assessment phase.

Currently, there are 13 properties on the Reservation that are designated brownfield sites. The EPA defines a brownfield as “real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.” Common brownfield contaminants include, but are not limited to, fuels, lead and asbestos. Before a property can be reused for housing, commercial, or industrial purposes, assessments must be conducted to determine the extent of real or suspected contamination.

Depending on the results (or findings) of a brownfields assessment, cleanup or remediation may be required. The Urrutia property in Wadsworth (see picture) is currently undergoing the assessment phase of the redevelopment process. The program will begin hiring contractors to conduct the required “environmental site assess-

ments” or “ESAs” on the property.

As part of the agreement with the EPA, the program must also institute “Mechanisms and resources to provide meaningful opportunities for public participation” to continue to be eligible for funding. To partially fulfill this requirement, meetings will be held once every three months in each of the three communities to



provide updates to community members, which is also an opportunity for them to ask questions regarding the program.

On a final note, due to the threat that brownfield-related contamination poses to human health and the environment, it is important that people keep their distance from the properties listed on the PLPT Brownfield Inventory (see listing below) and avoid conducting any type of activity in them. The PLPD has been asked to provide enforcement support to address this issue.

Any questions regarding the program can be directed to Ruben Ramos, Environmental Specialist, at 775-574-0101, extension 10.

PLPT Brownfield Inventory

Site/Property Name	Address	ESA Phase	Priority Level
Ceresola (2 mobile homes)	110 TR Rd., Wadsworth	N/A	2
Depoali South	800 Main St., Wadsworth	N/A	1
Donald James	55 Ackley St., Wadsworth	N/A	2
Fisk	50 SR427, Wadsworth	N/A	1
Nevaco Building	11 Brady St., Wadsworth	N/A	1
Nothing New Building	520 Main St., Wadsworth	N/A	2
Old Post Office	240 Main St., Wadsworth	N/A	1
Old School	241 School St., Wadsworth	N/A	1
Rock Building	206 Capitol Hill, Nixon	N/A	2
S-S Ranch	5000 SR447, Wadsworth	N/A	2
TH Ranch	20555 Hardscable Rd. Sutcliffe	N/A	1
Urrutia	110 Herman Ave., Wadsworth	N/A	1
White Building	303 Hwy 447, Nixon	N/A	2

Lifeline Cell Phone Service Available Soon

The Tribe has authorized enTouch Wireless to offer Lifeline cell service to all eligible individuals on the Pyramid Lake Reservation.

enTouch Lifeline is a government benefit program that helps eligible low income tribal members to get access to telecommunications services.

enTouch Wireless provides wireless services and devices at no cost to members. Eligibility is based on income. Eligibility for services is determined by your eligibility to programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, veteran’s pension, BIA General Assistance, Headstart, TANF, or through income verification using income tax returns or paycheck stubs.

Eligible members will receive a free smartphone, with free voice, text, and data. The phone will have data capabilities and

can connect to wi-fi networks anywhere, and Customer Support will be available daily.

The enTouch representative will be visiting Pyramid Lake in mid-April and will be prepared to take applications and get members set up with their phone service. Applications are approved on-site. Members will need to provide a valid ID and income verification. Watch for postings in the next few days with the specific dates, times, and locations for signups.

In addition, enTouch is interested in identifying individuals who may want to be hired and trained to serve as a company representative to serve the tribal community at Pyramid Lake and in the region. If you are interested in a career in telecommunications, please contact the Pyramid Lake Business Officer, Debra Harry, with your Letter of Interest and a current resume.

Contracts and Grants Department News Update

The Contracts and Grants Department is in the middle of an open grants funding season. The majority of Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) are posted by funding agencies between November 1 to April 30 (grants people call this the grant season).

The Grants Department is busy working on a FY 2017 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) which allows the tribe to apply for funding in nine purpose areas this year. A summary of the purpose areas funding available are included in the following chart.

The Grants Department has been making inquiries about disaster relief funding that may be available to the tribe in its relief efforts

following the January flood. One funding application being considered is HUD's Imminent Threat Funding. The Grants Department has contacted the Grants Management Specialist for the Tribe at the Phoenix Area Office and efforts are being made to determine what is needed to submit a complete application for the funding.

An updated listing of grants, submitted on behalf of the Pyramid Lake Tribe, is posted by the doorway of the Grants Office. For specific information on the funding availability or the status of a grant application, please contact Bonnie Smith at (775) 574-1000, ext. 1116.

The Contracts and Grants Administrator, Jennifer John, is busy working with the Pyramid

Lake Transportation Planner on the Wadsworth Multi-Purpose Cultural Center project. The Tribe has selected GML Architects to produce a design phase for the project and they are working on Tasks One and Two. The Committee will present the completed Tasks One and Two to the Tribal Council in February 2017. Initially, plans are being made to include a Gymnasium, Day Care Center, Learning Center, and a Park on the site. Final site design will depend on Tribal Council approval and available funding for construction. Once the site plans are approved and finalized, the Committee plans to hold public meetings to update community members on the project. Notices will be distributed at that time.

Purpose Area	Total Estimated Funding (nationally)	Estimated Number of Awards and Amounts	Length of award (project period)
COPS: Public Safety and Community Policing	\$23 million	50 awards: sworn force of 10-19, no more than \$600,000	3 years
Strategic Planning	Up to \$375,000	5 awards: \$75,000 per award	2 years
Justice Systems, Alcohol and Substance Abuse (BJA)	\$16.8 million	20-30 awards: approx. \$250,000 to \$750,000 per award	3 years
Corrections and Correctional Alternatives/Facilities	\$7.5 million	2 to 4 awards	3 years
Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Programs (BJA)	\$32 million	60 awards	3 years
Children's Justice Act	\$4.5 million	10 awards: max. \$450,000 per award	3 years
Partnerships for Indian Communities (OVC)			
Comprehensive Tribal Victim Assistance Program	\$13.5 million	30 awards: Max. \$450,000 per award	3 years
Juvenile Healing to Wellness Courts (OJJDP)	\$2.1 million	6 awards: max. \$350,000 per award	4 years
Tribal Youth Program (OJJDP)	\$4.2 million	12 awards: max. \$350,000 per award	4 years

Enrollment Services Update

Distribution 2016

A Thank You to all the volunteers and workers who helped to make the Tribal Distribution such a success: the Enrollment Committee who held extra meetings to ensure all deadlines were met; the Finance Department for running and stuffing the checks; to the Tribal Council members who signed over 2800 checks in record time; the workers who set up the Nixon gym for the distribution and who dealt with the aftermath of the distribution; and the Police Department for providing a full time officer which was a welcomed addition. And to all those brave souls who manned the distribution tables on both distribution days, always with a smile and a positive attitude when handing out checks and interacting with the membership. You all made this distribution a success.

Distribution 2016 had the largest increase in membership in many years. There were 140 new members enrolled in 2016. The second largest increase of 71 new members was in 2006. This surge in membership applications required hiring Wilma Madge Smith Tobey as a temporary Enrollment Clerk and she did an excellent job.

The Office of Enrollment Services is open Monday to Friday during normal office hours, closing for lunch between 12 and 12:30 pm. Please call ahead to make sure that there are staff people available to process your requests. Applications and Change of Address forms are also available at the Tribal Office in the lobby.

Enrollment Services forms are now available on the Tribe's website. They include forms for Card Replacement Request, Documents Request, Enrolled Member Address Update, and Name Change Request. Be sure to sign and date your forms before mailing them to 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 enrollment number. It is also

recommended that a list of your children's roll numbers be kept in a safe place. As a safety precaution, roll numbers will not be given over the phone.

Address Updates

To receive future mailings, make sure you have updated your mailing address. Addresses cannot be updated over the phone, however, you can use the form available on the tribal website. You can call or email the Enrollment Office and a form will be sent to you. You can also write a letter stating your mailing change with the new address and be sure to sign the letter.

Application for Membership

Ordinance III (first revision) Article IV, Section 2. *Sponsoring an application on behalf of another person.* An application for membership may be sponsored if the person sought to be enrolled is deceased, a minor, legally incompetent, in need of assistance, a member of the Armed Forces or other services of the U.S. Government, and/or a member of the immediate family living outside the continental United States. The application may be completed and filed by the executor or administrator of the applicant's estate, the applicant's parents, the recognized guardian, social service agencies, next of kin, or by the applicant's spouse as the sponsor of such person. Sponsors must provide proof of such official designation and then may execute the application documents.

Custody Matters

We are experiencing an increase of parents involved in custody cases who are attempting to enroll the minor child in their tribe first in order to help their custody case. As stated in Ordinance III (first revision) either one of the applicant's parents have the right to file an application on behalf of the minor child as long as proof of official designation is provided. During the recent Tribal Distribution we had many parents without legal custody of the

enrolled minor that caused a dispute regarding the minor child's Distribution check. If you have legal custody please provide a copy of the court's custody decision to the Enrollment Office.

Applications

Applications for new enrollment are available at the Enrollment Office or in the lobby of the Tribal Office. Or you may call or email and an application will be mailed to you. Applications must include the following information to be processed: Family Tree (be as complete as possible); original or a certified copy of the birth certificate; original or a copy of the Social Security card; and proof of paternity may be required if the application is filed using the father's membership and the parents are not married.

Approvals for New Membership

August

Sage Robert Becerra, Tinsley Rayne Harvey, Cashus Eagle Calvin, Adam Edward Keller, Chandler Littlebrave Calvin, Ariella Tonya Marquez, Leia Sofie Chavez, Talon Pierce Phillips, Amelia Gray Douglas, Tommie Jean Jaye Phillips, Cassia Lynn Douglas, Luis Benjamin Perez, Olivia Jade Douglas, Marley Zhalilah Sampson, Persia Aku Tonega Eben, Jayden Marsden Scott, Watsutommo Kweena Eben, Logan Thomas Teton, Jordy Ellis Ely, Natascha Katheryn Teton, Mateo Abraham Flores, Arianna Josphine Zaragonza, Lahna Jean Gardner.

September

Isis Kaylene Begay, Elizabeth Xenia Bellanger, Wesley Michael Bellanger, Kyra Jaqualyn Blackowl Davis, Tate Onitica Blindman, Sha-Nii-Ka Taina Calvin, Aliyah May Carroll, Isabelle Tereso Carroll, Don Mateo Curry, Gale Curry Jr., Leonard Herman Curry, Tasamyn Hope Davis, Sheryln Deliva Noseep

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Potts, Hazel Althea Fellows, Alexia Little Angel Guerrero, Angeliana Lisette Guerrero, Malakia Steven Hagan, Desiree Christina Harnar, Talulah Rose Heppner, Chayton Jariah Hunter, Aden Nathaniel Hunter, Morgiin Sushine Grace Lindsey, Kade Wayne Lindsey, Izak Chance Medina, Eisson Nightstar Miller, Elijah Namah'na'kan Phoenix, Harper Josephine Reynolds, Tarah Rae Robertson, Gabriel David Sanchez, Jesenia Rose Sander, Myla Jane Smart, Myles Kace Smart, Freya Lee Stuart, William Henry Temoke, Sean Allen Wadsworth.

Kynslee Nicole Wilbur, Liam David Wilbur, Jheliza Belle Zecena-Ruiz, Lily Lee Abel, River Gilmore Abel, Kaylie Christine Babcock, Kyle Jordan Babcock, Cody Tyson Bouscal, Kingston Marcus Burley, Isaiah Alberto Chavez, Michael Hayden Cornwell, Morganne Renee Cornwell, Ecko Dakota Dunn, Trace Dakota Dunn, Brandon Jay Fielder, Envy Anahie Gonzalez, Uriel Rene Gonzalez-Alvarado, Reign Thomas Harry, Bison Lee Hunter, Derek Noah John, Kayla Rose John, Trenten Lee Lopez, Elaina Marlene Luquin, Abigail Kristin Martin, Lucas Daniel Martin, Ciara Rae Medeiros, Kaleb Louis New Moon, Julie Elaine Rupp, Derek Monroe Smith Jr., Derian Marcellus Smith, Grey Esha Smith, Roslyn Leigh Nolan Smith, Nevaeh Alise Taggart, Ely Ramona Tissychy-Zaninos, Cole Alexander Way, Kayden Two Feather Williams, Randy Chaseak Williams, Alberto Fabian Acuna, Shanoa Morning Star Calvin, Ryker Anthony Hernandez, Renelle Maarie Marrietta-Goade, Cecilia Yvette Valverde, Frank Leyva.

October

Thomas James Hunter, Jameson Allen Shore, Jaxon Charles Shore, Samuel Rope Victor, Courtney Channon Cornwell, Yvonne Adele Gonzalez, Darnell Red Cloud Guerrero, Lydia Mae Kochampanasken, Marya Renee Smart, Elena Soo-Tu-Hi Thomas, Vincent Poenabe Thomas, Brandon Alan Leicht.

November

Anji Lynn Baker III, Kumani Lashae Baker, Xavier Edward Sincere Baker, Kane Cognac Castellon, Leo Nicholas Greene, Ashton Jessie McDew.

December

No new members.

Welcome to the new members of the Tribe!

Please keep your mailing address current for all future tribal mailings.

Joanne Shaw, Enrollment Officer
plenrollment@plpt.nsn.us
Telephone: 775-574-1000 ext. 1115
Fax: 775-574-1008

**A Prayer**

Te Na TammeGoobakwatu
Our Father who is above us

Pesa uh Ya tabeno Numme gea
Thank you for this day you have given us

E Numudooe sootoohika
Bless my relatives

Esso Natukana sootoohika
Bless this food

Pesa Tumea
Go in a good way

Poowah Poowah

Home Repair Now Available for Senior Citizens

There are several agencies that will provide repair to the homes of the tribe's senior citizens. The Human Services Elder Care Coordinator will provide assistance to apply for these important resources. To prepare for the upcoming seasonal changes, it's time to get ready now.

Washoe County Community Services Agency Weatherization Program

- Address home energy deficiencies
- Replace broken windows and reseal air leaks
- Furnace care

CSA Weatherization Guidelines to qualify:

- Proof of income
- Household composition
- Home address verification

USDA Rural Development Grant provides a resource for home safety modifications

- Accessibility
- Bathroom renovation
- Replace flooring
- Safety grab bars

Grant guidelines to qualify:

- Proof of income, homeownership, insurance
- Income eligibility
- Banking statement
- Monthly budget
- Release of Information signature

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

The State of Nevada's new fiscal year begins July 1, 2017. If you haven't applied for LIHEA assistance, this is the best time to send in your application.

LIHEA Guidelines:

- Proof of Income
- NV Energy account number
- Your home fuel provider account number
- Household composition

The Continuum provides home safety assistance to improve mobility and transfers.

- Safety grab bars for the bathroom
- Bed rails to help getting up
- Wheel chair ramp at the front door threshold



The Continuum's technician installed a transition platform for a Nixon elder on January 30, 2017.

Guidelines for the service:

- Senior citizens who are experiencing difficulties moving about at home
- Income verification

The Elder Care Coordinator will assist the seniors to apply for these services and will provide referrals. Call Paula Wright, Elder Care Coordinator, at 775-574-1047 to schedule an appointment.

The Elder Support Services collaborates with various resources to ensure all tribal senior citizens have a safe home, wellness, and quality of life.

Eight ways to protect yourself against elder financial abuse

Robert Powell
Special for USA Today

Elder abuse is a rapidly growing problem in the United States. Testimony before the Senate Special Committee on Aging hearing in November 2016, revealed that 1 in 10 seniors age 60 and older (some 5 million elders who live at home) experience abuse, neglect or exploitation, according to Ms. Jay Martin, executive director of Maine Legal Services for the Elderly.

Financial abuse perpetrated by mainly family members, many of whom are guardians, is one of the most common types of elder abuse according to a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report released for the hearing: The Extent of Abuse by Guardians is Unknown, but Some Measures Exist to Help Protect Older Adults.

According to the GAO, a guardianship may be necessary as an older adult becomes incapable of making informed decisions. "Generally, guardianships are legal relationships created when a state court grants one person or entity the authority and responsibility to make decisions in the best interest of an incapacitated individual—which can include an older adult—concerning his or her person or property," the GAO wrote in its report. "While many guardians act in the best interest of persons under guardianship, some

have been reported to engage in the abuse of older adults."

So what can you do to avoid financial abuse by family members, guardians, and others in power?

1. *Know the risk factors.* Social isolation and cognitive impairment are among the known risk factors for elder abuse. "Stay socially active and engaged," said Martin. "Social isolation increases the risk of becoming a victim. If someone is isolating you from your friends or others in your community, seek help."
2. *Don't succumb to pressure.* Don't let anyone rush or pressure you into signing a document, purchasing something, or giving away your money or property. "Take your time," said Martin. "Consult with others. If you feel rushed or pressured to act, don't act. Instead, talk to others including trusted friends and family members, your banker or attorney, or other professionals such as clergy members or social workers."
3. *Avoid joint accounts.* Don't set up joint accounts as a method of planning for incapacity or getting help with paying your bills. "Both parties are equal owner and have equal access," said Martin. "Instead

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Sumunumu Prevention Pow Wow

The Sumunumu Resource Center held a Prevention Pow Wow on March 11 at the Nixon Gym

The Sumunumu Resource Center community event the goal is to provide prevention messages to community and provide opportunity for programs and Veterans to do outreach to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Special thanks to Tom Phillips, Master of Ceremonies and Marty Montgomery, Arena Director and Host Drum “Young Chief” Roy Redner from Fallon, Nevada.

214 people in attendance 9 vendor tables and 6 tribal programs.

Pyramid Lake Diabetes Program presented information about Diabetes with helpful information and provided a booth where the program distributed exercise wear to all who attended the event.

During this Event Sumunumu took time during the event to Honor all the elders in attendance of the event. Especially Flora Greene who earlier in the month celebrated her 100th birthday. Freedom Fighters Missionary provided a Pendleton shawl to Flora Greene. Sumunumu handed out small gifts and messenger bags to all the elders in attendance. Funded provided MSPI.

Special thanks

Sumunumu Staff for all their hard work during this annual event including our youth assistant Kayla Powell and all the local vendors.

Hoya Deli in Wadsworth for 6 gift Certificates
 Natalie Lowery “Polished” for 2 Haircut Certificates
 “Five Feathers”
 “Echo Sky”
 Numaga Senior Program
 Pyramid Lake Diabetes SDPI
 Inter Tribal Council of Nevada Domestic Violence program
 Pyramid Lake Victim Services Program
 PL Maintenance for helping with the set up
 Nixon and Wadsworth Head Start Programs
 PL Transportation Department

Sumunumu Resources Center

- Parenting Classes
- GED Prep Classes
- IHS HIM CAC National Training
- 360 Meth presentation
- Safetalk Training
- MADD program at PLHS
- AA meetings
- Beading Classes

Call for more information:

775-574-1018 or 775-980-6507

Elder Financial Abuse

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talk to your banker about your options for getting assistance with your finances.”

4. *Keep your home.* Don’t give your home away to someone in exchange for a promise to care for you or allow you to live there as long as you live. “These kinds of promises are broken every day and you could find yourself without a home or the help you need.”

5. *Involve your financial team in your affairs.* “Financial advisors can be very helpful,” said Robert Mauterstock, author of *Passing the Torch, Critical Conversations with Your Adult Children.* “They can often notice if money is being withdrawn from client’s accounts.” Ms. Martin recommends building relationships with the professionals who advise you or handle your money, such as your banker or attorney. “They can help to detect changes in your financial activity that may signal exploitation and be available to advise you if you are being pressure to act,” she said.

6. *Beware of family members.* According to the Allianz Life study, a large percentage of elders that have suffered financial abuse were victimized by people that are close to them; either a family member, friend or other professional caregiver.

7. *Set up a revocable trust.* Consider a revocable trust with a corporate trustee. “Corporate trustees are the most regulated financial entities in our industry; they’re regulated by the OCC and FDIC, and the state banking commission.”

8. *Execute a durable power attorney.* A durable power of attorney is an important estate-planning tool, said Mauterstock. In essence, it’s a legal document that gives someone you choose the power to act in your place should you become mentally incapacitated. Note, however, the person with the durable power has unlimited access to your finances. So, make sure the person with the durable power sends copies of all transactions, as well as duplicate banking, investment and credit card statements, to your financial team each month.

For her part, Ms. Martin said powers of attorney are useful and important tools, but can be misused. “Only execute a power of attorney after consulting with an attorney and only appoint someone you trust completely,” she said. “Beware of gifting clauses in power of attorney documents. You can and often should limit the power you give your agent. Grant no more authority than is needed.”

Here are some ways to protect yourself or the loved ones in your life:

- Plan ahead to protect your assets and ensure that your wishes are followed.
- Consult with a qualified financial professional or attorney before signing complex agreements or anything you don’t understand.
- Build relationships with professionals who are involved with your finances. They can assist in monitoring for suspicious activity.
- Limit your use of cash. Use checks and credit cards to leave a paper trail.
- Trust your instincts and feel free to say, “No.” Remember, it’s your money.

Robert Powell is editor of *Retirement Weekly*, and contributes regularly to *USA TODAY*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *MarketWatch*.

Source: Allianz Life

Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic
 775*574-1018

February 2017

Elder Fall Prevention

Brisk walking is great exercise, it can increase your heart rate and breathing, a great way to stay healthy and improve your fitness and help you do the tasks you need to do everyday.

- ◆ Inactive people get fewer than 5,000 steps a day.
 - ◆ Very inactive people get only 2,500 steps a day.
 - ◆ At 8,000 steps a day, you are meeting daily recommended activity.
 - ◆ At 10,000 steps a day, you are getting endurance activity.
 - ◆ 15,000 steps a day would put you in the high activity group.
- A walking tracker is an excellent way to chart your steps.**


Time is also a way to chart your walking.

- **30 minutes a day is recommended.**
- **Start with 10 minutes at a time.**
- **Work up to 30 minutes.**
- **Or do sets of 10 minutes throughout the day.**
- **Add new challenges: increase your pace, extend your walk, extend your time, climb a hill, add an extra day of walking.**
- **Set a goal and work towards it.**

TIPS

Wear comfortable, sturdy shoes.
Talk with your Doctor is you have health concerns or issues.





**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
LITTLE
WARRIORS
LEARNING CENTER**

Nixon Center
195 W Pyramid Lake Road
(775) 574-1031

Wadsworth Center
380 Pyramid St.
(775) 575-2774

NOTICE

In accordance with our new cycle of funding from Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) we have made changes to some of the financial aspects of our program. These changes are generally explained below, but should you have further questions please speak with Constance Athayde, Child Care Director via email cathayde@plpt.nsn.us or at one of the child care centers.

- 1 - Sliding Fee Scale:** the scale is based upon the monthly family income. There will be a single weekly fee per family rather than per child.
- 2 - Income Calculation:** the monthly income will be calculated using the gross income minus taxes, medical/vision/dental premiums, and paid child support. Supporting document are required to utilize the deductions.
- 3 - Child Care Fees:** The fulltime and drop-in rates will remain unchanged. The part-time fees are eliminated. The discretionary days are also eliminated.


Please keep in mind that the family weekly fee is based on income rather than the number of children or the number of hours in care. If you have not recently completed an Income Verification one will be required. You may provide a paystub and supporting documents for the deductions in lieu of us sending the income verification to your employer. If you are a student or attending workforce training, you may continue to provide proof of enrollment. As usual, an Attendance Change form needs to be completed to avoid unnecessary charges if your child will be changing to Drop-in care or withdrawing from child care.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make the transition to our revised payment structure.

Offering quality care to families in the Pyramid Lake communities

Nursing Service Day

Monday, April 10, 2017



Blood pressure checks

blood sugar checks

weight checks

Sumunumu Resource Center
460 W. Main Street, Suite 101 & 102
Fernley, Nevada

For more information, call 775-980-6507
Pyramid Lake Health Clinic: 775-574-1018

Fernley/Wadsworth AA Meetings

Sunday 6 pm Grapevine Meeting
10 North Center Street
Fernley Community Center

Monday 12 pm Beginners Big Book
7:30 pm Keep It Simple
10 North Center Street
Fernley Community Center

Tuesday 6 pm Step Study Meeting
Big Bend Ranch Old Highway 40

Tuesday 6-7 pm AA Talking Circle, Nixon

Wednesday 7:30 pm Keep It Simple
(First Wed CL & Last Wed BDM)
10 North Center Street
Fernley Community Center

Thursday 7:30 pm Men's Meeting
7:30 pm Women's Miracle Meeting
875 Freemont Street
Calvary Chapel, Fernley

Friday 12 pm Living Sober
10 North Center Street
Fernley Community Center

Friday 8-9 pm Road to Recovery
Parish Hall Wadsworth

Saturday 4 pm Stairway to Heaven
875 Freemont Street
Calvary Chapel, Fernley

Substance Abuse Evaluation Process

ONE week is needed to get an evaluation back to client.

Call make appointment at Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Center Phone: 775-574-1018 or Sumunumu/ Resource Center Phone: 775-980-6507.

- Plan for 2 hours to complete the Global Assessment of Individual Needs (GAIN)
- Set up an Evaluation review appointment following GAIN assessment prior to leaving Clinic or Resource Center with Judy Kroshus, Sumunumu Director
- Client will receive a Walmart gift card of \$20 upon completion of evaluation review
- Evaluation will be given to client unless client signs a release of information for evaluation be given to a third party.

Adolescent Evaluation Procedure

Same as adult with exception: Adolescent must sign a release of information for the evaluation to be shared with anyone including **Parent, Social Services and The Courts** (per 42 CFR 2.12, 2.12b, Privacy Rule, April 14, 2003. More information call: 775-980-6507

Mailing Address Form

Please clip and mail to: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Newspaper,
P.O. Box 256, Nixon, NV 89424-0256

Please use this form when requesting a new subscription or making a change of address.

If making a change of address, would the name and address on the reverse side still exist? Yes No

New subscription

Name: _____

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Date: _____

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

New Jobs Available 3/21/2017

How to Apply:

- Visit our Website
- Take Notice of the Closing Date
- Print or Fill out an Application
- Email or Bring your Completed Application to our Office with required Documentation.
- hrrecruiter@plpt.nsn.us

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

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
 208 Capital Hill
 Nixon, NV 89442
Phone: 775.574.1000
Fax: 775.574.1086
E-mail: hrgeneralist@plpt.nsn.us
 lhawley@plpt.nsn.us

Full Time Positions

	Salary	Closing Date
Environmental Specialist	\$15.07 – 15.84/hourly	OUF
Behavioral Health Program Director	\$69,092.80 – 62,088.00/yearly	OUF
General Ledger Accountant	\$41,995.20 – 44,116.80/yearly	OUF
Property Manager	\$38,084.80 – 40,019.20/yearly	OUF
Health Clinic Police Officer	\$16.61 – 17.46/hourly	OUF
Ditchrider/Supervisor	\$11.81 – 12.41/hourly	OUF
Language Program Coordinator	\$13.02 – 13.68/hourly	3/23/2017
Ranger	\$16.62 – 17.46/hourly	OUF
On-Call EMT (Seasonal)	\$12.40 – 13.03/hourly	OUF
On-Call Ambulance Driver/Attendant (Seasonal)	\$10.71 – 11.25/hourly	OUF
On-Call Advanced EMT (Seasonal)	\$13.67 – 14.36/hourly	OUF
Police Sergeant	\$22.26 – 23.38/hourly	OUF
Social Worker	\$44,096 – 46,321.60/yearly	4/1/2017
Data Analyst/Coder	\$15.83 – 16.63/hourly	3/31/2017

Part-Time Positions

	Salary	Closing Date
Cook/Nutritionist, Nixon Store	\$8.81–9.26/hourly	OUF
Cook/Nutritonist, Marina	\$8.81–9.26/hourly	OUF

Elder Support Service Receives Award

On February 8, 2017, the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Program announced that the Pyramid Lake Human Services/Elder Support Service was awarded \$1,000 to begin 2017.

In a letter to Paula Wright, Elder Care Coordinator, Robert Blancato, NANASP Executive Director wrote “On behalf of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs, we are pleased to notify you that your agency has been selected to receive a \$1,000 award to begin the New Year. Your program was selected because you made an especially compelling case about impact of funding cuts or because of the critical and needy older adults you serve.”

There are approximately 164 senior citizens living on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation’s three communities. This generous gift will provide additional funding to the Numaga Senior Center’s congregate meals and home delivery food program. The funding will be available upon request to the Numaga Senior Center.

Making America Great Again...

Executive Order to restrict immigrant people of color.

A proposed budget cut of 31% to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 3200 jobs lost and EPA’s Justice Department eliminated.

Executive Order to roll back environmental protections that includes national parks and federally controlled lands.

A review of carbon reducing policies that presumably affects climate change and the increase activity of the coal mining industry.



A proposed budget cut of \$18 billion in social services.

Executive Order approving the Keystone XL Pipeline and the Dakota Access Pipeline.

A budget proposal to deny sanctuary cities federal monies if they don’t cooperate with the Immigration Service arresting “aliens.”

Signed legislation to abolish Planned Parenthood.

As of March 31, 2017.



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