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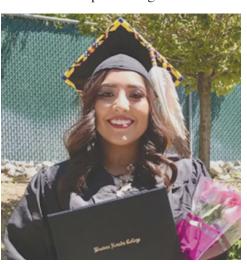






Co-Valedictorians *Hallie Jim* and *Elizabeth Hardin* also received their AA degrees from Western Nevada College as part of PLHS'

Jumpstart Program





Talaya Dutchy
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Kelsey Snooks
receives the Pyramid
Lake Veterans
Scholarship.

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# 2017 PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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		

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## Thank You

Good afternoon all,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who has bought burritos, Indian Tacos, went to Bingo, bought raffle tickets, donated money or who had encouraging words. Our three children will be flying to Washington DC for the Junior National Young Leaders Conference 2017. They will be gone for a week and will return on June 29. If you all can please keep them in thoughts and prayers for safe travels and return

The youngsters are: Dejalynn Gopher, daughter of Amanda Davis; Okoye Kapoyou (Misty Peabody) and Dep Wunu Auguh.

> Kuna'ah (thank you) Collette Auguh

# Helpful Housing Information

This is the updated information for the 2017 Applicant Information and Income Guidelines for the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority.

Who can apply? Families with a Head of Household who is an enrolled member of the Pyramid Lake Tribe or Parent/Guardian(s) of a tribal member minor(s).

What is considered a family? One person is considered a family. Guardians must possess a legal court-ordered guardianship.

What additional paperwork or information is needed for my application? All persons 18 years and older must sign a Release of Information form. Copies of check stubs, verification letters, benefit letters or other documentation. Copies of: ID cards for each member over 18 years of age; tribal ID cards for all family members enrolled in a federally recognized tribe; Social Security cards for each family member, copies of birth certificates for all children under 18 years of age.

What are the income limits to apply for the housing program? Total combined annual household income cannot exceed the following 2017 limits\*:

1 person:	\$38,150
2 persons:	\$43,600
3 persons:	\$49,050
4 persons:	\$54,500
5 persons:	\$58,900
6 persons:	\$63,250
7 persons:	\$67,200
8 persons:	\$71,950

## How long does the application process take?

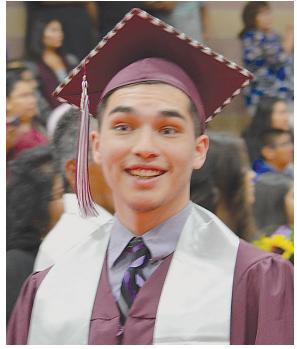
Income information is sent to your employer and/or agency for verification to ensure you are eligible for the program. Completed applications will then be presented to the PL Housing Authority Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meetings held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (subject to change) for review and decision.

**How will I know if I am approved?** A letter will be sent notifying you of the Board's decision.

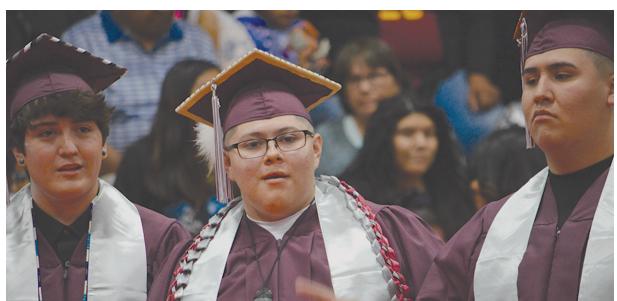
If you have any other questions or concerns about your application, please call Austin Newmoon or Skyy Jackson at 775/574-1026.

<sup>\*</sup>Income limits will change yearly.





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"Work
hard
and
keep
walking
that
road."

Editor's note: Graduates not pictured in this issue, my appologies.



## Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitor Center News and Activities

Happy Summer to all! Since the last issue, we have been very busy here at the Museum. As the weather warms up, we are welcoming more visitors and conducting programs, training, and activities.

On April 8-9, we hosted the Great Basin Basket Weavers Association at the Pyramid Lake High School for basket weaving. There were many weavers from the local area and surround-



ing tribes. The gathering was set up as a beginner class by learning how to split willows and make weaving thread. Afterwards, the group started to make a *yata*, winnowing tray. It was a lot fun learning and visiting with other basket weavers. We have many talented teachers who are so thoughtful in teaching and preserving our traditional arts. Thanks to Alan Mandell, Tribal Vice-Chairman, for giving the inspiring welcome address to the basket weavers. Also, thanks to Leah Brady, Tammie Henry, all the weavers, Pyramid Lake High School, and anxious learners. We hope to continue classes in the fall when the willows are ready for harvest

Earth Day was celebrated at the Museum on April 22 with a native market featuring local vendors who sold their crafts and other goods. The film "Native American Prophecy" was shown with all enjoying predictions made about climate and societal changes. A Round Dance closed out the day in prayer for our Mother Earth and thanksgiving for our wonderful blessings,



such as our plentiful water this year. Thanks to our vendors and a big thanks to Paula Wright and Bruce Sanchez for singing the round dance and hand game songs, and story-telling. The Sierra Club helped during the week to fix up the outdoor area and planted new flowers in the front and back. Their work at the Museum is a welcomed addition and a real celebration of respecting the earth, so that she may continue to take

care of us for many generations to come.

Billie Jean attended the Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference in Ely on April 4-6 that included a tour of the Great Basin National Park's Lehman Caves and the Baker Archaeological Site. A reception was held at Duck Creek with a traditional meal, archery shoot, hiking, and networking. The keynote address was given by Camille Ferguson, Executive Director for the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), on the subject of "Improving the Visitor Experience Across the Country." Billie Jean gave a presentation on "Preserving and Protecting the Culture Through Tourism." Other presentations were given on Media Outreach: Controlling the Message; Case Study from the Antelope Canyon Navajo Tours; Indigenous Foods Movement; Public Lands Agencies and Tribes Working Together in Tourism; and Tribal Tourism Development workshops.

Billie Jean attended the Rural Round-Up in Elko on April 26-28 that is sponsored by the Nevada Division of Tourism. Tourism in Nevada is a \$2.3 billion industry with rural partners helping to boost the economy. Voluntourism Awards were presented in each of the six rural territories in the state – Cowboy Country, Indian Territory, Las Vegas Territory, Pony Express Territory, Nevada Silver Trails Territory, and the Reno-Tahoe Territory. Billie Jean received the Indian Territory award-a beautiful plaque recognizing the accomplishments of increased visitors, increased sales revenue from the gift shop, and expansion of the museum displays. The conference offered workshops such as Getting the Most From Your Marketing Dollar; Outdoor Tourism in Rural Nevada; Discover Nature Apps; Promote Your Nevada; Get Your Geek On; How to Pitch Rural Nevada to the Travel Writer; Capturing the Moment, and You Say 'Welcome' but do Your Visitors 'See' Welcome. This was an enlightening and highly motivating conference.

On May 19, the Pyramid Lake War Memorial

was held featuring a Sunrise Ceremony followed by the Eagle Staff Run. Runners ended their spiritual run here at the Museum. Several other traveling staffs joined the run and it was an awesome experience to feel the powerful prayers of all the running staffs. Along with a Native Market showcasing local vendors, we had a variety of activities held throughout the day. The dance troupe from the Pyramid Lake High School, Pudu Nugdu, performed Traditional Paiute Dances and did an outstanding job in presenting our Kooyooe Tukadu Numu culture. We

also had readings from the Numu Book Club and community speakers telling our history of the battles at Pyramid Lake. Lunch and snacks were provided for over 200 participants. A Water Blessing was led by Reynelda James for the healing of our community and the historical trauma endured by our ancestors. Round dance songs were sung by local singers as the beautiful day ended. Thanks to all community members who were inspired to honor our ancestors and to the planning committee and the Tribe for helping to sponsor and support the event. We appreciate all who take the time and commitment to attend our local cultural events and teaching our history to our youth and maintaining the legacy of being survivors.

Jackie and Billie Jean were awarded scholarships to attend a Native American Museum Studies Institute at UC Berkeley on June 12-16. All of the workshops provided culturally relevant material and resources to develop the capacity of tribal community members to conserve and revitalize tribal cultural heritage; foster tribal representations and partnerships; and educate tribal and non-tribal communities through museum development and exhibits. Participants came from Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo, Haywood Historical Society, Newe Ghani Cultural Center (Elko), Sycuan Cultural Resource Center, National Museum of the American Indian, California State University, California Indian Museum and Cultural Center, Alutiq Museum (Alaska), Graton Rancheria, UC Berkeley, and the Guadalupe Cultural Arts and Education Center. We all learned a lot! The information was a perfect match to our strategic planning and implementation. Special field trips were made to the California Indian Museum at Santa Rosa, the Phoebe Hearst Archive Repository and Anthropology Museum. All presenters spoke about tribal museum management, standards, and giving "voice" to our ancestors by showing and telling our history accurately.

The Museum has two Summer Youth Workers who started on June 19 for a 6-week tribal work program. We welcome Amos Wright, currently student at Haskell Indian Nations University, and Tayva Nutumya, a student at Fernley High School. Both have public service skills and will gain valuable work experience for their personal and professional development.

In addition to our special events, we continue to welcome visitors from all over the world. In May we had over a thousand visitors. Several groups came for presentations including the Walmart Management Teams, Encompass Academy, and the Walker River Elders.

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Samples of some of the wonderful items produced by our first weaving group.

#### Museum news (continued)

In May, the Museum was the site for filleting Kooyooe that was distributed to the elders and other tribal members. Some of our tribal elders were interviewed here at the Museum for special projects and digital storytelling. The Paiute language materials were transferred to Heidi Barlese, the new Language/Cultural Coordinator. This is an important position to help preserve the Kooyooe Tukadu dialect. We are excited to see new programs developed to teach the language in each of the tribal communities!

For upcoming events please check our website or Face Book. We are planning a cultural exchange with a group from New York to do a program with Fire Dancing before Burning Man. Watch for more details.

A Las Vegas PBS documentary is scheduled to be premiered on July 12. The documentary features the Pyramid Lake High School traditional dancers and native choir, the Pyramid Lake Museum, and tribal history. Watch for it!

During the month of July, we will have an assigned Peer Reviewer coming in as part of the Museum Assessment Program. Robin Kilgo, who gained her professional experience with the Seminole Museum in Florida, will offer her expertise to assist the museum to meet museum standards. It's been extra work preparing for the site visit and it will benefit the tribe in the protection and preservation of tribal collections. Robin is interested in meeting with the Museum Committee, Tribal Council and community members.

The Numu Book Club is still active! The next selected book for reading is Life Among the *Piutes*, the autobiography of Sarah Winnemucca. The next Book Club meeting is Wednesday, July 12 at 5:00 p.m. Book Club members can purchase the book at a discount price of \$17.00. Come and purchase your book soon!

We have added more items to the Museum Gift Shop. Now available: new t-shirts with a Numu design, cinch backpacks, tote bags, heavy duty purses, weekender bags, blankets, stuffed animals, water bottles, visors, CD's, and more.

THPO project hopes to protect sites

## Over 500 archaeological sites exist on tribal lands

NIXON--The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is winding down its Comprehensive Literature Review and Field Reconnaissance project. The THPO received a grant from the National Parks Service Tribal Heritage Fund on September 9, 2015 in the amount of \$37,672 to initiate the project.

The goal of the project was to generate a solid database and mapping of all the archeological records that has been conducted on the reservation. The reason this goal is important is to determine the number of archeological sites that exist and the current status of some of these sites.

Through a bidding process, the Cultural Resources Committee selected Kautz Environmental Consultants to initiate the project. The project first consisted of a literature search of existing site reports and other relevant documents for the purpose of identifying culturally significant resources, determining which are under the greatest threat and prioritizing those sites for future management purposes.

Throughout their investigation, Kautz found 516 archaeological sites exist; however, the records for some of these sites are lost, missing or lacking in information. Because some of the sites were recorded over 50 years ago, the site records are sparse and some do not provide detailed information. According to a draft report

Soon to come are PL Fidget Spinners and custom Flashlights! Stop by to check it out!!

Saa a' mu poonedooa!

Billie Jean Guerrero, Museum Director Jackie Cawelti, Museum Attendant

of the over 500 sites, 238 included prehistoric resources, 60 historic sites and seven multicomponent resources. The age of 196 sites are unknown.

The literature search provided some site records and from there Kautz archaeologist, THPO and CRC decided which sites would be revisited. A total of nine sites were revisited where archeologist conducted a more intensive recordation effort.

Additionally, these sites were evaluated for eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or recognized as a significant cultural site by the tribe.

The previous site records were updated to current site recordation standards, and the boundaries were adjusted with GPS technology and updated the inventory data. Additionally, archaeologist also recorded any physical changes

The project also determined complex sites were located in close proximity to both Pyramid and Winnemucca lakes. Additionally rock shelters and caves are in need of archeological preservation. Unfortunately, these sites are under the greatest threat due to their proximately to roads, foot traffic and tourism

The THPO, CRC and tribal will examine and formulate preservation plan in the future. The project intended to rectify remaining omissions or ambiguities in original or previous

THPO will continue efforts to seek out funding to allow for more sites that are determined to be threatened to be revisited and updated to modern day standards.

For more information call the THPO office at 574-2404.

Share with us what you did this summer. Like going to powwows, taking the kids to the Lake, working on various projects for the tribe, any newsworthy events, or just pictures of interesting sites.

Send your pictures to tribalnews@plpt. nsn.us

Enjoy the summer!



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# **Business Office Update**

The Business Office hosted a Native American Entrepreneurial Empowerment workshop on June 29-30 at the Wadsworth Community Center. The workshop, lead by Kyle Smith, an instructor from RedWind Group based in Houston, TX, provided participants with practical information for making their business ideas a reality. Workshop participants received a 300-page training manual that will serve as an ongoing source of information as they implement their projects.

The Business Office will continue to make training opportunities available to community members in the future with the hope that more community members will pursue the development of their own businesses. These types of activities, big and small, all contribute toward building a vibrant local economy where our dollars change hands locally.

Many community members already have small businesses underway by selling various products like beadwork, artwork, CDs, or offering services such as food sales, catering, haircuts/ styling, mechanic services, etc. These types of activities are very important as they provide local purchasing options to community members, and help to keep money in the community. Without such goods and services offered locally, community members have no choice but to spend their money elsewhere.

We continue to explore options for making broadband services available to homes on the reservation. In our research and meetings with various providers, we see that there are some possibilities, however, we must also find the funds to acquire the hardware and operate the services. Rest assured that this is a priority for us since access to broad band services is a basic necessity for access to information, educational and employment opportunities.

For those who have expressed an interest in the EnTouch free phone service, there has been a delay in the company's approval from the State of Nevada to provide this service to Tribes. They assure us that they will notify us as soon as they receive approval. Once the service becomes available, we will post flyers and send out notices about how and where to sign up.

Feel free to contact the Business Office with any questions you may have. Enjoy your summer!

When the last tree is cut down, the last river poisoned, the last fish caught, then only will the white man discover that he cannot eat money.

## **Enrollment Services Information**

The Office of Enrollment Services is open Monday through Friday during normal work hours closing for lunch between 12:00 and 12:30pm. Please call ahead of time to ensure that staff is available to process your requests. Applications and Change of Address forms are available at the Tribal Office in the lobby.

Enrollment Services forms now available at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe website:

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

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

#### **Upcoming Clinic Health Fair**

The Enrollment Department will be at the August 9th Health Fair for ID and Tribal Membership cards. I will be taking photos and obtaining signatures on that day and mailing out the new cards the next day. New Applications and address update forms will also be available.

#### Form 4432

The Verification of Indian Preference Form 4432 is available from the Enrollment Office. This is a computer form generated by the Progeny enrollment software.

## **Tribal ID Cards/Roll Numbers**

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

## **New Tribal ID Cards with Expiration Date**

The final changes to the new tribal ID card with expiration dates are in the works. The cards with expiration dates are for Tribal Members 18 and over. The cards will have a six-year expiration date and have a regular photo and a security photo on the card, plus the card will have a custom laminate for extra security.

## **Break in Linage to 1935 Base Roll**

This is one of the most common reason for children to be rejected for enrollment in the tribe. Somewhere in their linage to the 1935 Base Roll there has been a parent or grandparent who has relinquished or was disenrolled from Pyramid Lake.

A child of one-quarter (1/4) or more degree of Paiute blood who is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is living with a mother or father, guardian, or relative who is a member of the Tribe, is eligible for adoption by the Tribe into membership, provided that the application receives an endorsement of the Tribal Council by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members.

Before relinquishing or enrolling in another tribe it is advised that you speak to the enrollment officer so you fully understand the possible outcomes of your decision.

#### **Approvals**

We welcome the following new members of the Tribe.

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

February: Kaylah Lynn-Taylor Bell, Skylar Cheyenne-Brooke Bell, Nakia Arthur Brown, Mia Jean Huckin ,Maylee Littlebear Jim, Alaysia Clarabelle Lopez, Kaide Lane Kelly, Kris Elizabeth Kelly, Deloni Odella Nagisty, Minnie Alice Christine Saldana, Coleman James Still, Addilynn Louise Weaver, Zolene Kay Wright.

**March:** Chevya Emma Dunn, Tonnisha Vontrece Patterson.

April: Cache Simone Dunn, Rileigh Lashay Dunn, Lance Arthur Stark-Nunez, Mary Addie Redhouse Nelson, Gage Charles Jamis Newby, Kassidy Rae Patterson.

May: Aurora Daleah Olivas, Mark Anthony Souza, Rikki Renae Wall

June: Sofia Belle DeLude, T'Niah Yvonne George, Kaleb Pancho, Jardon Michael Sines. All of these individuals have met the criteria for Regular Membership and are the direct descendants of Base Enrollees.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding membership issues, please call Joanne Shaw at the Enrollment Office at 775.574.1000, Ext. 1115, or email: plenrollment@plpt.nsn.us

## PLEASE KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT FOR ALL FUTURE TRIBAL MAILINGS.



The Pyramid Lake Environmental Department will be cleaning up several open dump areas that have been identified within the boundaries of the reservation.

Site visits to the previously closed open dumps areas discovered that the bad habit of dumping

garbage on the ground continues.

We have all an obligation to keep our lands clean from unsightly and potentially hazardous dumping.

In accordance with the Tribal Illegal Dumping Ordinance #50 (Resolution PL 50-03) anyone who is convicted of violating any of the provisions for illegal dumping can be fined up to \$500.

And if anyone witnesses illegal dumping, please contact the Pyramid Lake Police

Department at (775) 574-1014.

The Environmental Department will be installing signs announcing NO DUMPING in each of the three reservation communities. If you have any question, please contact the Environmental Department at (775) 574-0101.

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# **Environmental Health of the River and Lake**

Since January 1, Pyramid Lake has received 1.19 million acre-feet of water that has increased the level by nine feet.

The Environmental Department has been involved with a number of issues associated with the 2017 flood events. The water quality monitoring continues along with the stream flow attributed to the spring (and summer) snow-melt. Everything associated with the record winter snow levels and the rate at which it melts and runs off into the river will be analyzed. This will contribute to the natural response of the watershed and the environmental conditions of the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake.

As a result of the many exposed stream banks of the lower Truckee River on the reservation, an immense volume of sediment has loaded at the delta. In April, the dimension was one-half mile long, approximately 450 feet wide (into the lake), and approximately 75 feet deep. Based on these dimensions it was estimated that 3.3 million cubic yards of sediment had loaded at the delta. This was two months ago. Another calculation will be made to determine the amount sediment loaded at the delta.

The accumulation of sediment and other



materials at the delta has a long history of problems caused toward the Lake's fishery. As the delta becomes wide the water depth become shallow, the sediment rises above the lake surface, fish passage into the river is impeded, and the pelicans have a feeding frenzy. This is one major component associated with fish spawning at the Lake. Sedimentation also contributes to water quality, along with the source problem; the loss of lands along the stream banks of the Truckee River.

The tribe has been concerned about the status of the Cui-ui and the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout. No reports have been produced addressing the endangered and threatened status of the fish along with conforming to the criteria contained

in the respective recover plans. Recovery and restoration activities continue, but absent any status reporting we are unable to measure the success of our effort. Another issue associated with the 2017 spawning is the larger number of Cui-ui carcasses that line the shores of Pyramid Lake from the delta to Howard's Bay to Dago Bay. It is not known, or at least it has not been shared what has caused these Cui-ui mortalities.

The health of the fishery habitat and lower Truckee River ecosystem is a primary focus of the Environmental Department and it shall continue to remain and dedicated to assure a quality river and lake ecosystem.

Mervin Wright
Environmental Manager

# Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Public Utilities District

# Nixon, Sutcliffe & Wadsworth Annual Water Quality Report

Public Water System #093200168, 093200362 & 093200169

2016



# Is my water safe to drink?

This report is a snapshot of your water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by the EPA. The Pyramid Lake Public Utilities District is dedicated to providing quality drinking water to the residents of the Sutcliffe Community.

## How can I get involved?

Look to future announcements for meetings of drinking water issues and source water protection program development.

For more information contact: Phone (775) 574-0268

## Other educational information...

Information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).



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Phone: 775-574-0268 Fax: 775-574-1025

#### Do I need to take precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/Aids or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

## Where does my water come from?

Your water comes ground water wells. Treatment for Wadsworth and Nixon is disinfection. Sutcliffe has an Arsenic/Manganese Treatment Facility as well as disinfection.

## Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land and through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity including: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

# Pyramid Lake Receives Funds for Cultural Summer Day Camp

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in Nixon has received a \$20,000 Native Youth and Culture Fund grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. The Tribal Parks and Recreation Department will operate the Summer Day Camp and the majority of the camp activities taking place in the Nixon community gym and modular classrooms. It will be a four week program that will focus on language, tribal culture and heritage.

This award will support a summer day camp program to teach elementary school-aged youth the Paiute culture and heritage through a language immersion unit and classes on traditional dances and bead and buckskin work.



Tribal elders and community members will participate by sharing knowledge of Paiute culture, language and history in both hands-on and classroom settings.

College and high school students will be hired to serve as peer mentors and to assist with camp activities.

## About this picture...



This is a screen shot from a YouTube video about the summer camp. It's a short film entitled, *Pyramid Lake Recreation Summer Culture Program* that documents the cultural camp. The 13-plus minute video can be found on YouTube and was produced by Robert Hicks, Jr. for Nokwsi Films.

Hicks is a student at Haskell Indian Nations University, majoring in health, sport and exercise The youth will be taught traditional Paiute dances and songs. Essential to the program is making traditional beadwork. Key to the program is a language immersion program where students will learn the "NUMU" language and songs. Students will make a beaded item to add to their traditional dress

Paiute history will be emphasized with field trips to historic sites. PLPT programs that focus on prevention, wellness and physical fitness will also take part in the program.

With this grant, we will be able to successfully serve our people from the three communities. This will increase the access and sharing of our cultural customs and beliefs, and renew our culture in the ways of our ancestors so we can preserve and promote our identity for future generations.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is very thankful to the First Nations Native Youth and Cultural Fund for the support of this project.

The camp will begin in July and if you are interested in being a mentor or serve as a consultant please contact Janet Davis, Tribal Recreation Coordinator at jddavis@plpt.nsn.us or telephone: 775/574-2409.

Teen basketball and adult volleyball wrapped up at the end of June. We would like to thank the coaches/parents involved with the Teen basketball. We had a great turnout this Spring. We would also like to thank the adults who attended the volleyball sessions.

## Tae Kwon Do Camp

The students have been busy during the end of June participating in the Tae Kwon Do Camp. We would like to thank the Korean group from San Jose for coming to our community to work with our students. The group provided facials and haircuts to the adults as well. Community members enjoyed the week here in Nixon at the gym! Thanks again!

**For More Information**\_on any of the activities please do not hesitate to contact Janet Davis, Coordinator at 775/574-2409.



science. His experience as a videographer and audio engineer led him to serve as the film's producer, videographer and editor. Robert is a Pyramid Lake Paiute member and the son of Robert Sr., and the grandson of Gladys Hicks, both of Nixon.

## Summer Youth Jobs Program

Hello all, my name is *Isabel Olmedo-Nockideneh* and I was recently hired on as the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Summer Youth Coordinator. I'm attending school at the University of Nevada-Reno, and majoring in Molecular Microbiology & Immunology so I can become a dentist or get into the Center for Disease Control. Both the summer youth and myself are getting much needed experience working for the PLPT, and I believe this program benefits everyone involved.

To begin, we only had 10 funded positions available, which wasn't enough for the all applications we had received. But by being persistent, the Human Resources department managed to add 19 more funded positions for our summer youth to get a total of 29 funded positions. And because we had so many employment positions available, we had to fill them with a variety of our applicants, who were between the ages 16 and 21.

Jonas D. Grant III went to Sumunumu; Chanel Patrick and Lylee Strawbuck went to the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority for office and maintenance positions; Courtney Dunn accepted a job with the Finance department; Cornelius Tsonetokey and Tsotigh Phillips are helping the elders at the Numaga Senior Center; Gabriel Frazier and Krystalyn Lee were picked up by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic for maintenance and office positions; *Devina Tom*, Lisa Jim, and Dania Wahwasuck are spending their days with the community's children at the Wadsworth and Nixon-LWLC; Taelyne Phillips is working in Contracts and Grants; Garrison Harjo, Melody James, and Cheyanna Lucas are working for Tribal Enterprises; Amos Wright and Tayva Nutumya are at the Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitor Center; Brandon **Henry** is working maintenance at the Public Utilities District; *Hailee Dunn* is working in the Chairman's Office; Janieva Lucas is working as a fish culturist at Numana Hatcheries; Trey Harry is with Tribal Maintenance; Tasheena Love and Ryan Peters are helping to beautify the Big Bend RV Park with PLPT Realty; Michaela King is at the Tribal Court, and Rylee Stump is working maintenance for the Pyramid Lake Jr./ Sr. High School.

As you can see, we have filled many positions through the Summer Youth Employment Program, and we hope to continue with this program for many years to come. This program not only helps the Tribe itself, but it also helps the community's youth get much needed work experience to help build their resumes and to promote future academic endeavors.



# Nevada Legislature Approves Three Indian Related Bills

This year the Nevada State Legislature passed three bills that will directly affect the Nevada Indian Tribes. All were approved and signed by Governor Sandoval. The bills deal with the historic preservation, tribal identification cards, and marijuana regulations as it pertains to tribal iurisdictions.

#### The Preservation Bill

This legislation primarily reinforces the existing legislation that provides for the preservation of historic and prehistoric sites. Listed below are the sections affected by the updates to the previous preservation bill.

**Descriptions:** A *historic* site is identified as one that dates from the middle of the 18th century until 50 years before the current year and is a site, landmark or monuments of historical significance that pertains to the history of the settlement of Nevada or Indian campgrounds, shelters, petroglyphs, pictographs and burials. A *prehistoric* site dates from before the middle of the 18th century and is any archeological or paleontological site, ruin, deposit, fossilized footprints and other impressions, petroglyphs and pictographs, habitation caves, rock shelters, natural caves, burial grounds or sites of religious or cultural importance to an Indian tribe.

Section 6 prohibits a person from excavating a site on private lands within the State that the person knows is a prehistoric Indian burial site unless the person obtains permission from the Museum Director of the Nevada State Museum. However, that person does not have to require a permit if that activity is for purposes other than excavating a prehistoric Indian burial site. This section directs the Museum Director to adopt regulations governing such a permit including procedures for obtaining and renewing such a permit.

"Religion is for people who are afraid of going to hell.

Spirituality is for those who have already been there."

Vine Deloria, Jr. Sioux



Governor Sandoval is flanked by tribal chairman Vinton Hawley and vice-chairman Alan Mandell following the signing of the tribal identification and marijuana bills.

Section 5.5 states that a person does not have to obtain a State permit if that person has a federal permit for the same purposes and that the Administrator of the Division of Museums and History of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, the Museum Director of the Nevada State Museum or the museum director of an institution of the Division are not required to comply with certain requirements concerning notice to, consultation with, or returning items to an Indian tribe if the listed officials give notice, consult with or return items in accordance with the repatriation process required under federal law.

Sections 5 and 26 require the State Museum Director and the Office of Historic Preservation of the State's Conservation and Natural Resources to adopt regulations concerning the return of prehistoric native Indian human remains and funerary objects within the purview of each agency.

Section 10 requires that native Indian human remains or other cultural items of an Indian tribe be returned to the closest culturally affiliated Indian tribe if the human remains and other items were deemed abandoned by the institution that held the property.

Sections 16 and 22 require prehistoric Indian human remains or funerary objects be returned to the closest culturally affiliated Indian tribe if the objects were

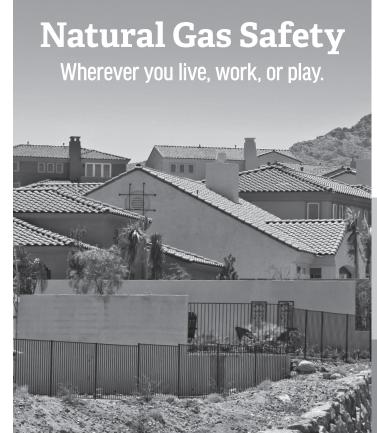
found or discovered under certain permits to investigate, explore or excavate historic or prehistoric sites, or seized by law enforcement officers as taken or collected on those sites without the required permit.

Section 19 requires the Museum Director to notify and consult with applicable Indian tribes regarding certain reports by a permit holder to investigate, explore or excavate historic or prehistoric sites of work done, material collected or other pertinent data relating to pre- or historic native Indian human remains or funerary objects.

Section 26.5 provides, despite any previous provisions to the contrary, the Office of Historic Preservation is not required to comply with certain requirements concerning notice to, consultation with, or returning items to an Indian tribe if the Office provides notice to, consultation with or returns the items to the Indian tribe that is done in accordance with the repatriation process of federal law.

**Section 33** revises the procedure required upon the discovery of an Indian burial site on private

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## **NATURAL GAS LINES**

can be buried anywhere, even in areas where homes don't use natural gas. So it's important that EVERYONE knows how to recognize and respond to a natural gas leak, wherever they are.

A LEAK MAY BE PRESENT IF YOU:



a distinct sulfur-like odor, similar to rotten eggs, even if it's faint or momentary.



a hissing or roaring coming fr the ground or above-ground



dirt or water blowing into the air, unexplained dead or dying grass or plants, or standing water continuously

## IF YOU SUSPECT A LEAK

- Exit the area or building immediately. Tell others to evacuate and leave doors open
- From a safe place, call 911 and Southwest Gas at 877-860-6020, day or night, whether you're a customer or not. A Southwest Gas representative will be there as soon as possible.
- Don't smoke or use matches or lighters.
- Don't turn on or off electrical switches, thermostats, or appliance controls
  or do anything that could cause a spark.
  - Don't start or stop an engine, or use automated (garage) doors.

For more information about natural gas safety

or call **877-860-6020** 



**Legislative Bills** continued from page 9

or public lands, and provides that such procedure does not apply, under certain circumstances, to a permit issued under **Section 6** or while a person is engaged in a lawful activity.

Sections 34 and 37 increases the penalties for: (1) the willful removal, mutilation, defacement, injury or destruction of a native Indian cairn (a mound built as a memorial or landmark) or a grave to \$2000 for the first offense and \$4,500 for the second or subsequent offenses; and (2) the knowing and willful removal, mutilation, excavation, defacement, injury or destruction of a historic or prehistoric site or the trafficking of cultural property obtained from state land without a permit to \$1,000 for the first offense and \$3,500 for the second and subsequent offenses. Section 34 further provides that the penalty applies to a person who removes such items without any required permit.

Sections 8 and 38 expands the membership of both the Board of Museums and History and the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation to include a member appointed by the Governor after giving consideration to any recommendation of an enrolled member of a Nevada Indian tribe which is submitted by the Nevada Indian Commission after consulting with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., or its successor organization.

## **Tribal Identification Cards**

This bill (BDR 18-78) provides for the acceptance of a tribal identification card in certain circumstances. This authorizes the use of a tribal identification card issued by a tribal government for the purpose of identification if the card meets certain requirements. **Section 10** prohibits a business that accepts a driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles from refusing to accept a tribal identification card unless the business believes that federal law or regulation requires a different form of identification. The bill also revises various provisions of the existing law to provide for the use of a tribal identification card as proof of identity.

## **State Marijuana Law and Indian Tribes**

Senate Bill No. 375 authorizes the Governor

or his/her designee to enter into agreements with tribal governments to facilitate cooperation in the implementation of state laws and tribal laws governing the use of marijuana.

The existing State law created a limited exemption from state prosecution of persons who use marijuana for medical purposes or who cultivate, produce or sell marijuana for medical use. Because the state does not have regulatory power over tribal governments, the tribes are not bound by State regulations regarding the use of medical marijuana and may, subject to federal law, choose to create their own laws regarding the use to medical marijuana on tribal lands.

A federal memo, known as the Cole Memo, outlined eight priorities for federal law enforcement relating to marijuana and indicated that the Justice Department will not devote law enforcement resources to prosecute persons or businesses who comply with state or local laws relating to marijuana so long as those laws do not contradict with federal law.

Potential conflicts between state and tribal laws (using the Cole Memo guidelines) could possibly threatened public health and safety in addition to creating uncertainty for businesses operating in Nevada so it became necessary to issue this bill of particulars.

The bill allows the Governor or his/her designee to enter into one or more agreements with tribal governments to coordinate cross-jurisdictional administration of state laws and tribal government laws relating to the use of marijuana.

This includes criminal and civil law enforcement; regulations regarding possession, delivery, production, processing or use of all marijuana products; medical or pharmaceutical research; administration of laws relating to taxation; any immunity, preemption or conflict of laws relating to marijuana; use of mediation or other nonjudicial processes of disputes between tribal governments and the state.

The agreement must provide for the preservation of public health and safety; ensure security of medical marijuana establishments and/or corresponding facilities on tribal lands, and establish provisions regulating marijuana businesses that pass between tribal and non-tribal lands in the state.



On a related issue

# U.S. Attorney General wants to prosecute medical marijuana providers

Nevada has agreed to allow "recreational use" of marijuana and designated stores will be selling the drug beginning in July. However, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions is asking congress to undo the federal marijuana protections that have been in place since 2014.

The protections, known as the Rohrabacher-Farr Amendment, prohibits the Justice
Department from using federal funds to prevent certain states "from implementing their own
State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession or cultivation of medical marijuana."
The Amendment doesn't appear to include recreational use but that doesn't mean states are restricted to medical use only.

U.S. Attorney Sessions argues that the Amendment would "inhibit (the Justice Department's) authority to enforce the Controlled Substances Act. He said that it would be unwise for Congress to restrict the Department's use of funds to prosecute "in the midst of an historic drug epidemic and potentially long-term uptick in violent crimes. The Department must be in a position to use all laws available to combat the transnational drug organizations and dangerous drug traffickers who threaten American lives."

The drug epidemic Sessions refers to involves the deadly opiate drugs, not marijuana. Research has shown that opiate deaths and overdoses actually decreased in states with medical marijuana laws on the books. Researchers say that cracking down on medical marijuana use could make the opiate epidemic worse.

Even during President Obama's presidential term, the Justice Department made attempts to undermine the Amendment. It circulated misleading information among Congress to influence debate over the measure and the Department's attempt to enforce the Amendment in a ways the "defies language and logic," "tortures the plain meaning of the statute" and is "at odds with fundamental notions of the rule of law," stated in a ruling issued by a federal judge.

The Amendment has significant bipartisan support in Congress and a national poll in April found that 94% of the public supports the Amendment and nearly three-quarters of voters said they disapprove of the government enforcing federal marijuana laws in states that have legalized marijuana use—either medically or recreationally.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher who co-authored the Amendment said, "Mr. Sessions stands to thwart an overwhelming majority of Americans and even, sadly, against veterans and other suffering Americans who we now know conclusively are helped dramatically by medical marijuana."

U.S. Attorney Sessions also wants to roll back Obama's sanctions on prohibiting jail terms for minor drug offenses. He has substantial investments in private prison systems that would profit immensely if more people are imprisoned for violating Federal drug laws.

# Pyramid Lake Members Among the First Honorees at Reno's 150th Birthday Celebration

The City of Reno has kicked off its 150th birthday celebrations on May 9. The city was officially established on that day in 1868. As part of their Reno 150, they initiated a Reno People Project to honor individuals who have contributed to Reno's history.

Katie Christy Frazier (1890-1991) and Captain Truckee (1780-1860) were among the first round of 15 individuals who were honored at the first celebratory event held at the City Plaza in downtown Reno.

Other nominees include:

Dolores Feemster (1930–current);
Bertha Mullins (–current);
Kathleen Sandoval (1965–current);
Beatrice "Bea" Thayer (1927–current);
Fred Anderson (1906–2003);
Jacob Davis (1831–1908);
Frederick DeLongchamps (1882–1969);
Robert Lardin Fulton (1847–1920);
John Glen Little (1940–2012);
Clarence Mackay (1874–1938);
Roy Powers (1922–2012);
Senator William Raggio (1926–2012);
Alice Lucretia Smith (1902–1990)

The Reno 150 Kickoff Event that is part of the State of Nevada's Historic Preservation and Archaeology Awareness Month in May included:

- Several speakers, including City of Reno elected officials, Reno City Manager Sabra Newby and members of several local historical organizations and groups;
  - A 149th birthday cake;
- A photo booth with the backdrop of a painting titled "Reno Twenty Years Ago" by C.B. McClellan. The 1882 painting depicts early Reno and includes Myron Lake and Chief Winnemucca standing together in front of the Lake House and a Truckee River toll bridge;
- Entertainment by the Reno Municipal Band and Reno-Sparks Indian Colony;
- Snapshots of Reno history, including the Reno Rodeo's Chuck Wagon, a vehicle from Hot August Nights, a balloon from The Great Reno Balloon Race and showgirls wearing MGM Costumes;
- Mascots from Truckee Meadows Community College; University of Nevada, Reno Aces baseball and the Reno 1868 FC soccer team.

Future planned Reno 150 events are:

- Veteran's Day Parade on November 11;
- The Annual Tree Lighting in December;
- Sesquicentennial Celebration (150th birthday) in downtown Reno on May 9, 2018.

The City of Reno is encouraging businesses, community groups, nonprofits and other entities to host an official Reno 150 event of their own.

Remember who you are. You will need to forget what society has tried to teach you to be... culture matters.

Be proud.



Photo courtesty of Kathleen Frazier



Living during the turn of the century and known as the Jewel of Pyramid Lake, Katie Christy Frazier's life was bless with family, culture and teachings. Katie was born on July 4, 1890 in an Indian encampment near present day Doyle, California. Her parents and relatives worked as ranch hands for the Christy family in this area. Katie lived in the city of Reno in the late 1890's and in the early 1900's at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

Katie was raised in the native Paiute culture where she learned to clean and fillet trout and cui-ui on the shores of Pyramid Lake. Her skilled craftsmanship provided several Paiute baby cradleboards, moccasins, regalia and quilts. She was a premiere teacher of the Paiute arts and language.

Katie lived to see five generations in her family. Katie had 9 children (4 died as infants or toddlers), 31 grandchildren, 73 great grandchildren, 95 second great grandchildren, over 55 and counting of third great grandchildren. Several of these generations carry on Katie's Paiute art and teachings today.

Katie Frazier was the first woman inducted into the Stewart Indian School Hall of Fame for Basketball. She was featured in many books including Survival Arts of the Primitive Paiutes and Handbook of North American Indians: Volume 11–Great Basin. Katie was the main subject in an award-winning documentary, That Was Happy Life: A Paiute Woman Remembers. Proceeds of this video go to the Katie Frazier Native American Alumni Chapter Scholarship for Nevada Indian students at the University of Nevada in Reno.

Katie's other recognitions included National Indian Educator of the Year 1985 by the State of Nevada; the Governor's Award for Excellence in Folk Arts 1986; and Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year 1989.

Katie's great sense of humor and young age of 90 years old kept her in Washoe County schools teaching and sharing the culture and language of the Paiute peoples. When she celebrated her 100th birthday both Nevada Senator Richard Bryan and President George Bush had sent engraved cards of congratulations. Katie died at the age of 101 in August of 1991.

The Truckee River was named in honor of this Northern Paiute leader, Captain Truckee, in recognition of his accomplishments. The Truckee River begins at Lake Tahoe and flows 121 miles

## Captain Truckee

Photo courtesy of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society



northeast and into Pyramid Lake.

Captain Truckee is the father of Chief Winnemucca and the grandfather to Sarah Winnemucca and Natchez all of whom are significant historical figures of Nevada. Captain Truckee was well known for his friendly nature and for his denouncement of fighting between the Paiutes and the white settlers. He advocated for peaceful relations. Captain Truckee and his people would camp along the river well before Reno was a city. His contributions to the City of Reno and Nevada are great and innumerable.

Chief Truckee sent the emigrants, like the Murphy-Stevens-Townsend Party, along the pass that is now called the Truckee Trail. The Truckee Trail is part of the California Trail that goes directly through the Truckee Meadows in what is now Reno. Without Captain Truckee, the Murphy-Stevens-Townsend Party would not have successfully crossed the Sierras to California in 1844. They were the first to cross the Sierra Mountains in covered wagons. This was four years before the Gold Rush. After his second encounter with John C. Fremont, Captain Truckee was given a "talking rag", which was tangible support of his friendly nature towards white settlers.

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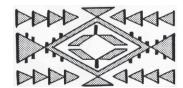
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## **Goings on at Little Warriors Learning Center**

Summer means sun, water, and fun! Now that school is out for summer vacation Little Warriors is busier than ever. Our classrooms are brimming with the sounds of children busy with blocks and coloring pages. As always there is time during the day for practicing skills whether it be naming shapes and colors or addition facts.



This summer we are honored to have been given the opportunity to offer the USDA Summer Meals program at two sites. We are serving lunch weekdays at Pyramid Lake High School from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, and at the Brown Building in Wadsworth from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Both sites are open to all children to age 18 years (24 years of age for disabled adults) and of course the lunch is FREE!!

Our staff has been busy taking care of our children and attending additional trainings. Our Director completed a 40-hour Leadership Training in Early Childhood Education offered through the Nevada Department of Early Learning and Development.

Four of our classroom child care providers completed a seven-month course from the Zero To Three organization in Infant/Toddler Critical Competencies which was also made possible with collaboration with the Office of Early Learning and Development within the Nevada Department of Education.

To broaden our language and literacy components we participated in a Catching Dreams Native American Story Teller Series training which helped us develop a focus for using our Native stories in the classrooms.

In addition to the academic trainings, three more staff members obtained national certification in Child Passenger Safety by taking the week-long class. There was also a Safe Native American Passenger training held by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Transportation Planning Department and three other staff members were

able to attend the one day training.

Chelsie Eben had a fantastic opportunity to attend the Healthy Kids! Healthy Futures! Conference in Santa Fe, NM where she was energized to offer better healthy habits to our children. Currently, Chelsie is attending a week-long Yoga class for the Special Child Teacher training in addition to attending evening college courses, whew!! We are very grateful to have such dedicated teachers.

#### A Note from the LWLC Staff ~

**TOTAL SINCE 1998** 

Don't forget we will be having water play during the hot weather. Please send extra clothes and sunscreen (requires medication form).

And don't forget to NEVER leave a child in a hot car!

**Child Vehicular Heatstroke** 

by the Numbers

100% of heatstroke deaths of

children in cars are preventable

**CIRCUMSTANCES** 

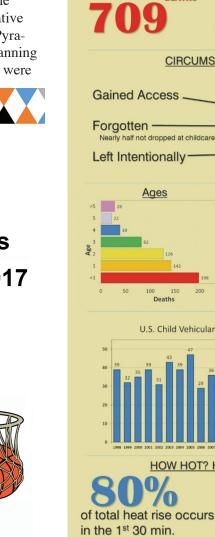
U.S. Child Vehicular Heatstroke Deaths

AVERAGE PER YEAR

almost 2 per week

Forgetting Can Happen to Anyone

Interior temperatures can be 50° higher than outside



Max temps



## CAMP NOBODY LEFT ON THE BENCH

**Basketball Camp for Boys & Girls** Saturday July 8, Sunday July 9, 2017 10 am to 2 pm - Ages 5-15 **Pyramid Lake High School** \$10 per child

For more information contact: Anthony Berreman 775-217-6643 Rosalinda Berreman 775/217-4960

Basketball **Fundamentals** & Drills



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Make arrangements with your childcare provider to call if child is absent

Noheatstroke.org

Always keep vehicle locked and keys out of reach.

CALL 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a vehicle.

## **CONTRACTS AND GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

The Contracts and Grants office has been very busy with grant and contract preparation and submission activities in June. The Tribe was notified that it was awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Native Youth and Culture Fund (NYCF) made possible through generous support from the Kalliopeia Foundation. The grant period is for a year beginning June 1, 2017 and ending May 31, 2018. Congratulations to Janet Davis, Tribal Recreation Coordinator, who submitted the grant application for her program. This is the second year in a row that the Tribe received the award and it will be put to good use. See story on page 8.

## **Grant Submissions Update**

These are some of the grants awarded and funding requests recently submitted and on behalf of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe totaling \$1,762,921. We hope to hear good news on these applications later this year.

**Transit Program** requests \$426,844 from the Nevada Department of Transportation for operating expenses of the tribal transit program for the fiscal year 2018.

Health Clinic received \$25,000 for the Elder Fall Prevention Program to reduce elder falls through a public health approach that focuses on education, exercise, medication review, home assessments and modifications.

**Tribal Business Office** requests \$237,077 for a Social Economic Development Strategies project to help the tribe strengthen its organizational and human capacity in order to foster successful economic development programs and increase business and training for tribal members.

Cultural Program requests \$200,000 for Kooyooe Tukuda Language Project. A Paiute language restoration program to facilitate and encourage the teaching of the Paiute language, cultural knowledge and skills from one generation to the next.

**The Daycare Program** requests \$605,000 to build a new facility for the Daycare and Head Start programs in Wadsworth.

**Environmental Program** needs \$247,000 to establish programs that address the assessment, clean up and redevelopment of the Brownfield sites and others identified as contaminated sites.

**Victim Services** received a \$22,000 grant for family violence and prevention services for 2018.

## **Summer Youth Program**

The Contracts and Grants department is truly appreciative of all the hard work the HR department has put into the Summer Youth Program. Work experience is a critical component to preparing youth for transition into adulthood. Potential benefits for youth who participate in work experiences include:

1) Gaining career readiness skills includ-

ing the "soft skills" that employers look for in entry level workers;

- 2) Increasing one's knowledge of specific occupational skills and workplace settings;
- 3) Establishing a work history and connections with employers that can aid in future job searches; and
- 4) Developing an understanding of different occupations in order to make informed career choices.

While some work experiences lead to permanent, competitive employment, even short-term work experiences can be valuable as a way for young people to develop skills, contacts, and awareness about career options.

**HELLO.** My name is Taelyne Phillips and I am a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. I come before you to talk about a wonderful opportunity that I, and many others, were given this summer.

Much like years prior and undoubtedly

many years to come, the PLPT offers a Summer Youth Program. If you are unfamiliar with what this is, it is a program that has the youth of this community's best interest at heart. It grants us with the chance to gain job experience through the Tribe, make our own means, and is a completely positive reinforcement.

This summer I was fortunate enough to be placed in the Contracts and Grants Department. I am picking up very useful skills through this job, such as: how to file documents in an orderly and chronological fashion, how to format and direct mass e-mails, and learning all the intricate work that goes into the profession.

I am very thankful to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for giving me, and the rest of the youth workers an opportunity as wonderful as this and for allowing us to gain knowledge and experience.

## **Elder Fall Prevention**



## **DIET AND EXERCISE**

## For a Healthier Tomorrow

Set short-term goals to achieve and maintain a healthy diet and exercise routine. A healthier you, prevents falls and injuries.

Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables.



Pick whole grains and lean sources of protein and dairy products.



Practice all 4 types of exercise, endurance, strength, balance, flexibility.

Choose foods that are low in added sugars, saturated Fats and sodium.



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Sodium 20mg	1%
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Sugars 0g	
Protein 1g	
Vitamin A 0% • Vitan	nin C 0%
Calcium 0% • Iron	0%

## Making America Great Again...

Dear Readers,

Some of you may not think the following articles are not suitable for a tribal newspaper but they are, especially the coverage on the health care issue. One can only guess how many Indian people currently receive medical care under Medicaid and how many programs currently being funded by various agencies that support tribal projects that are slated for drastic reductions in funds and/or completely eliminated.

Included in this section is the Trump's proposed budget for the departments and the agencies that will be phased-out or completely eliminated. Tribal governments and program directors should be aware of what has happened so far (closing the Environmental Protection Agency's justice department, eliminating Meals on Wheels and the After School programs), and what is planned for this next year.



It is impossible to keep up with all news that is coming out of Washington unless you're glued to a 24-hour news station. The foolishness of Trump's tweets notwithstanding, the rest of the administration's plans are bad—the kind that makes you wonder, "Who are these guys?"

The senator from Minnesota, Al Franken said it best in his new book, *Giant of the Senate*, when describing Congress of the past decade as being "awash in nincompoopery. And *that* was before Trump."

Now that Trump is the president and surrounded by millionaires and billionaires and trusted family members, citizens are beginning to realize that his election leaves alot to be desired. And many are questioning how such a misguided person was elected. Former president Lyndon Johnson said it best. "If you can convince the lowest white man he's better than the best colored man, he won't notice you're picking his pocket. Hell, give him someone to look down on and he'll empty his pockets for you." Unfortunately that pretty much describes the Trump supporters.

There's no denying that the congressional Republicans hated President Obama so much that they voted against every piece of legislation he proposed—even if they supported it. The audacity of that colored man living in their "white house", getting himself elected as President and all. So when that real estate developer was elected President, he didn't waste time in issuing Executive Orders to erase that colored man's accomplishments. And those congressional Republicans were dancing in the aisles.

In his first three weeks, Trump signed a burst of orders and issued memos to undo many of President Obama's policies. Within hours after being sworn in on January 20, Trump signed the Executive Order Minimizing the Economic Burden of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that ordered the Secretary of Health & Human Services and other agency heads to "waive, defer, grant exemptions from, or delay the implementation" of former President Obama's landmark legislation that became known as Obamacare. The intent was to "seek prompt repeal" of Obamacare, claiming it was a financial burden on the government, businesses and individuals. Regardless of its flaws, millions of Americans were directly benefitting from Obamacare.



Trump signed over 50 executive orders and memos to dismantle Obama's achievements: gas at \$2 a gallon; a low unemployment rate; environmental protections; a reduced military force in the middle east; a balanced budget, and respect from international leaders (except Putin).

In keeping with that destructive pursuit Trump withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership that Obama negotiated with 11 other pacific nations; pulled out of the Paris Accord dealing with climate change, and insulted the leaders of Mexico and Canada as well as every other major country (except Putin).

On January 24, Trump signed two separate executive orders dealing specifically with the Dakota Access Pipeline and Keystone XL Pipeline. The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) order calls for a speedy review and approval of the remaining construction and operation of the pipeline by the Army for Civil Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers thereby creating "thousands"

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## MCTIM SERVICES PROGRAM

"We provide supportive services to help those who want to stop the violence and are determined to reach their goal."

## Assistance is available for:

- Victims of Domestic Violence
- Victims of Sexual Violence
- Secondary Victims of Sexual Violence
- Victims of Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse
- All Victims of Crime

The process is to come and do an intake to assess the type of victimization and your needs based on the outcome and the type of victimization you have experienced. The services we provide will be contingent on the grant requirements that we may be currently under. We have advocates here that provide a safe and confidential environment to assist you in your options that best fit your needs.

101 Big Bend Ranch Road
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We may be able to provide services based on your type of victimization:

- · Emergency Shelter
- Emergency Clothing
- Emergency Food
- Transportation (limited)
- Peer Counseling
- Referrals for other resources
- Assistance in filing Victim of Crimes Compensation Claims
- Court Advocacy/Accompaniment
- Assistance with Temporary Protection Orders/ Restraining Orders



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As the temperature rise in our area this time of year, so does the number of Transit riders. When people venture out and ride the Transit buses, they can be assured that they are riding in a safe, clean, and courteous environment.

We strive to provide outstanding service to our passengers and want to get them to their destinations safely. Our Transit operators do have the right to refuse service.

Please keep in mind that the Transit bus system is operated with grant funds so we transport everyone including non-tribal members.

We often asked questions about our system and schedules and here is some information that will be helpful to our customers.

How does a passenger get from Reno to Sutcliffe? A rider can catch the Reno bus at one of five locations in the Reno/Sparks area. At the Wadsworth Community Center passengers can transfer to the Local.

Please note that the yellow on the schedule shows the transfer times and locations where the both bus routes meet at the Wadsworth Community Center for transfers.

The Wadsworth Community Center is located near the intersection of Highway 447 and 7th Street.

You do not have to pay twice to transfer from one bus to another. If a passenger is going to Reno from Nixon, or Reno to Nixon/Sutcliffe, this ride is considered a one-way trip.

The Transit does not accept money for passes. Monthly passes are available at the Tribe's Finance Office or you can use your debit/credit card by calling the Finance Office at (775) 574-1000. There are discounted monthly passes for the elders, students (ages 14-17), and disabled passengers for \$22.50 a month.

The schedule is printed for your convenience. Please note that it is the responsibility of the passenger(s) to arrive 5-10 minutes before the bus arrival. If the bus is delayed the Transit Office will notify by email or check the Transit's website.

Come and enjoy the ride with us.

upon thousands of jobs". It is suspected that the DAPL order was due to the large gathering of Indian protesters. The Keystone XL order invites TransCanda (the Canadian energy company building the pipeline) to re-submit its application for a presidential permit to construct the pipeline. To date, Nebraska refuses to allow Keystone to cross into their state.

Expediting Environmental Reviews and Approvals for High-Priority Infrastructure Projects is an executive order, also signed on January 24, to streamline environmental reviews and hasten approvals of infrastructure projects that "have been routinely and excessively delayed by agency processes and procedures". Using the badly needed repair and rebuilding of bridges and highways as an excuse, this order will effectively curtail any environmental impact studies associated with any construction projects.

Probably Trump's most distasteful actions in-

## **Transit Schedule**

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7:15 AM	Walmart	
	Wadsworth Community Building	
	Nixon - Health Clinic	Reno-Sparks Indian Colony-Admin
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	Nixon - Gym	
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volve Mexicans and Muslims. Deporting Mexican people (like the high school student arrested at his graduation ceremony) as criminals and denying Muslims entry to the country because their religion is being used for terrorist activity. Under the guise of "national security", Trump is turning this country into a police state with plans to hire 10,000 more immigration officers, 5,000 more

border patrol agents, and empower state and local police officers to act as immigration officers. Plus continuing the construction of the wall on the Mexico-US border and place sanctions on any country that refuses to accept the return of their deported citizens that most likely will be all of South America.

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# Trump promises 'freedom' for tribes seeking to exploit their resources

President Donald Trump blamed the federal government for hindering prosperity in Indian Country in his first official event with tribal leaders.

In remarks at the White House on Wednesday, Trump said tribes stand to gain financially by developing their natural resources. His administration will make it "easier" for them to do just that, he promised.

"All you want is the freedom to use them, and that's been the problem. It's been very difficult, hasn't it?" the president said with Kevin Frost from the Southern Ute Tribe at his side. "It will be a lot easier now under the Trump administration."

While Trump didn't offer specifics about his plans, tribes have long complained about lengthy waits for permits, leases and other approvals for projects in their communities. Some of them lose out on million of dollars in economic opportunities due to lack of expertise at agencies like the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

But efforts to improve the situation have largely failed. While Congress has tried to make it easier for tribes to develop their resources, the solutions that have come from Washington have not been embraced in Indian Country because they end up making matters more complicated.

That's why leaders some want dramatic and even controversial changes. Frost, who serves on the Southern Ute council, is calling for the elimination of federal reviews altogether for projects on tribal land

"The public comment process slows down the environmental assessment process and requires federal resources to respond to public comments," Frost told fellow tribal leaders at the mid-year session of the National Congress of American Indians earlier this month.

"This also interferes with the tribe's rights and ability as a sovereign to make land use decisions based on a tribe's determination of what is best for their people," Frost added.

Frost said he's already told the Trump team about his ideas, which could apply to energy as well as infrastructure development. The president in fact echoed similar concerns at the roundtable on Wednesday.

"These infringements on tribal sovereignty are deeply unfair to Native Americans and Native American communities who are being denied access to the energy and wealth that they have on their own lands," Trump said.

Republican allies in Congress also have been listening. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, in one of its first actions this year, approved S.245, Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act Amendments, in hopes of making incremental reforms sought by tribes.

But bigger items like a tribal exemption from the National Environmental Policy Act are near political impossibilities. Democrats, environmental groups and tribal activists will oppose changes that limit their ability to comment on developments on reservations.

And top officials at the Department of the Interior remain non-committal on less controversial changes to their policies and procedures. Secre-



Donald Trump with tribal leaders at energy roundtable. Note war bonnets on back table... Indians appear to be outnumbered at the "roundtable."

tary Ryan Zinke has refused to say whether he will try to streamline the land-into-trust process, which is notorious for years- and even decadeslong waits.

"I don't have all the answers," Zinke told tribal leaders during his first appearance before NCAI on June 13.

Jim Cason, the Associate Deputy Secretary at the department, also remained tight-lipped when asked repeatedly about the issue during the NCAI meeting. He refused to say whether the new administration is committed to helping tribes restore their homelands, lands that they lost due to negative federal policies.

"We want to know the process is timely," said Ron Allen, the longtime chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and the treasurer of NCAI,

"The perception is that it's going to get bottlenecked" with the new administration, he added.

Zinke did not participate in the roundtable on Wednesday, which also included state and local leaders. Secretary Rick Perry of the Department of Energy was there and sat next to Chairman Mark Fox of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation. Perry's agency does not play as much of a role in reviewing tribal projects as Interior.

Administrator Scott Pruitt of the Environmental Protection Agency attended and sat next to Frost. The EPA plays more of a significant role in Indian Country than the Energy Department by reviewing treatment as state applications and overseeing other tribal projects.

There wasn't enough space at the table for all of the tribal leaders during the meeting. Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation and Chairman Herman Honanie of the Hopi Tribe were among those who could be seen sitting on chairs behind the others.

Despite the roundtable's focus on energy, President Trump veered from the subject to talk about controversial efforts to reform the nation's health care system. He spent about half of his time on the Republican "Better Care" bill, which would reduce revenues to the Indian Health Service and to facilities in Indian Country that depend on Medicaid and Medicare.

"So we have a plan that, if we get it approved... it's very tough," Trump said. "Every state is different, every senator is different."

Republican leaders have withdrawn from plans to put their version of H.R.1628, the American Health Care Act, to a final vote this week due to opposition from members of their own party.

The White House said the following tribal leaders participated in the energy roundtable: Chairman Alvin "AJ" Not Afraid, Crow Tribe; Chairman Luke Duncan, Ute Tribe; Councilman Kevin Frost, Southern Ute Tribe; Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation; Speaker LoRenzo Bates, Navajo Nation Council; Chairman Herman Honanie, Hopi Tribe; Chairman Mark Fox, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; Chief Gary Batton, Choctaw Nation; Chairman Jo Anne Battise, Alabama Coushatta Tribe; and Chairman Aaron Payment, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

From Indian Country Today, June 28, 2017

Note: Trump said he wants to "unlock the vast treasures of resources" in Indian country, naming coal specifically and the "untapped resources of wealth" with more mining, lifting environmental



protections and more radioactive dumping as in Yucca Mountain. He wants to "usher in a golden age of American energy dominance."

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## PLPT is hiring for various Positions throughout the tribe!

Recent job postings can be found online at

www.plpthumanresources.org

or in the main lobby area of the Tribal Administration building.

Apply online or pick up an application at the Human Resources office located at the Tribal Administration building.

For Questions please call 775-574-1000 ext.1132 Ask for Delina or email at hrrecruiter@plpt.nsn.us

## **Food Bank Schedule**

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.

## **Food Distribution Dates**

July 5 October 2 November 6 August 10 September 11 December 4

Distribution times are 9:30 am to 1:30 pm depending on road and weather conditions.

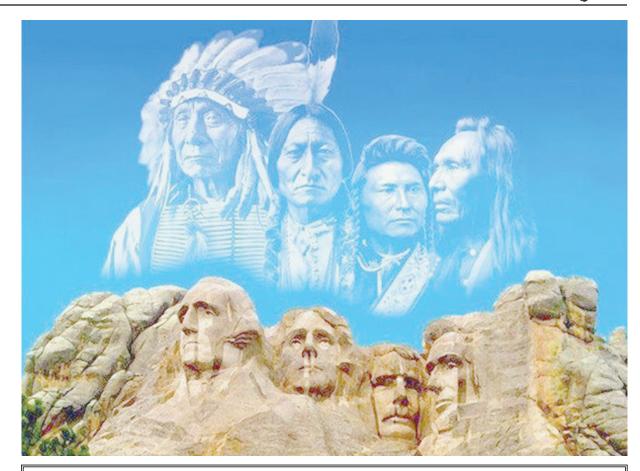
If you miss, call the Reno Warehouse at 775-353-3368 to schedule a time when your food can be picked up and delivered (homebound elders only).

## Welcome Back Andrew

We are happy to have Andrew return to the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic following graduation from the University of North Dakota Physician Assistant Program, where he achieved a 3.95 grade point average. He received training in Emergency, Pediatrics and Family Practice Medicine.

As you know, Andrew has also been our chiropractor in the past, and he will assist us in the future in that capacity should the need arise. He also helps us here at the clinic with our radiologic (x-ray) needs.

Andrew is a native Nevadan and says, "I am so very happy to be able to serve this great community in yet more ways!" Please join us in welcoming back the now Andrew Bader, PA-C/D.C.



## Safety Tips For Using Computers & Cell Phones

Computers and cell phones are useful to gather information and stay in touch with family and friends. But cell phones and computers can also be used to harass you, follow you, and abuse you. Reading the following safety tips will help you use your computer and/or cell phone more safely.

Nothing can make your computer and cell phone totally safe. In some cases, it may be best to stop using any social media, like













and to limit the use of your cell phone. It is especially important to think about these things if you are involved in a civil or criminal case.

## Use a Safer Phone or Computer

If someone who harmed you had access to your computer or cell phone, it may not be safe to use. There are programs available called Spyware. Spyware can be downloaded onto your computer or cell phone in just a few minutes. Spyware allows the person to track everything you are doing on your cell phone or computer.

**TIP:** If you think your phone or computer has spyware, keep using it for simple things that other people already know about you. But for searches or emails that involve your safety or situation, use a safer phone or computer. Ask an advocate about where to find a safer phone or computer.

TIP: Make your password and security questions harder to guess: replace characters for letters (@, for a / \$ for s). Use a mix of numbers and letters.

## Change Passwords and Security Questions

It is easy to use names or dates that are easy for you to remember for passwords and security questions. But the person who harmed you may also know those names or dates. If so, this person could get into your bank, credit card and social media accounts.

## Set and Check Privacy Settings

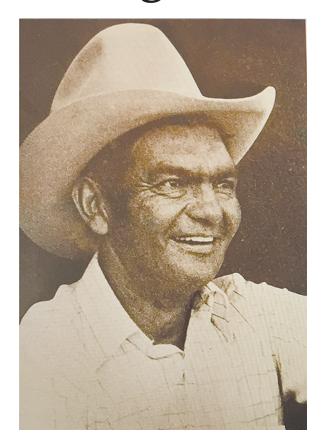
Are you friends on Facebook or another social media site with someone who harmed you? What about your children, friends, and family? If so, that person may have access to your information.

TIP: Set, check, and recheck the privacy settings on your social networking pages to be sure your settings are up to date. Ask an advocate to show you how to do this.

## **Pyramid Lake Victim Services Program**

Phone: 775-575-9444 • Fax 775-575-9446

## **Passages**



## Gordon Lee "Gordie" Frazier Sept. 10, 1930 – June 8, 2017

Gordie Frazier passed away at his home in Nixon on June 8, 2017. Born 86 years ago at Stewart to Harrison and Katie Frazier, he was a lifetime resident of Pyramid Lake. He graduated from Fernley High School in 1948 and was retired from the Nevada State Department of Transportation.

He married Marjorie Murphy on July 20, 1950 and they had 6 children; 23 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He is survived by his wife Marjorie; sister Gladys Frazier Hicks; sons Richard (Vernelda), Wadsworth; Norman, Nixon; Jerry (Corrine), Calgary, Canada; daughters Marcia (Curtis) Brady, Fallon; Kathleen, Nixon; and Dawna (Gary Sr.) Brown, Yerington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Ione Hicks Allen, Edith Hicks, Leah Hicks Manning and Naomi Frazier; brothers Delbert Hicks, Dexter Frazier and Ralph Frazier, and two great-great granddaughters Hope Eagletail Frazier and Cambrey Mashburn.

Services were held on June 16 at the Nixon Gym and burial at the Nixon Cemetery.

## Thank You

The family of Gordon Frazier would like to thank the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, staff and the departments who provided help and support during this difficult time for our family. We appreciate all the hard work it took to make the service a very memorable one.

A special thank you to the Health Clinic personnel for handling all the food duties and to all the community members who took time to prepare the food. It was very much appreciated.

Dad was very proud of where he was from and the people here so it was very fitting that the Tribe was able to provide the setting for the perfect send-off for him. We will truly miss his daily presence in and around our community. We all have some big boots to fill.



## Alvin Joe Pete January 29, 1934 – April 3, 2017

Known either as Joe Pete or Alvin Pete, he was born on January 29, 1934 to Chico Pete (Fort Bidwell) and Marjory Natches-Pete (Pyramid Lake) at their home in Little Nixon. Pyramid Lake's Agency Farm Agent-in-Charge, B.E. Bryance, was on hand to witnessed the birth. Alvin had two siblings in 1934 but Pyramid Lake Tribal Enrollment record lists only one brother, Leland Earl Pete.

One elder remembers listening to stories of his grandfather going to Little Nixon to gamble at Chico Pete's place and four days later his grandpa came home with no hat. Another elder said she and her sister would ride their horses to Little Nixon to visit Joe and his brother.

Alvin enlisted in the United States Army in 1952 at the age of 18 and remained stateside where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, Sharpshooter Marksman badge, and the Carbine Bar, a weapons qualification bar. He reenlisted but after a few days he went AWOL and served detainment time. He received his military discharge in 1960.

However, the Department of Veteran Affairs could not find Alvin's military service record. It presumed to have been destroyed along with thousands of other



military records in a 1973 fire at the Veteran Affairs complex on the east coast. Fortunately, after many years his record was located.

Alvin lived in Reno most of his adult life and worked for All Right Parking until he suffered a debilitating stroke in 1990. He was placed in a local nursing home for care that was provided by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and then Pyramid Lake. Conditions at that nursing home prompted Pyramid Lake's Elder Care Coordinator to make arrangements for Alvin's transfer to Homestead Assisted Living in Fallon for a better environment and improved care.

A claim was initiated with the Veteran's



## Lee Brightman

One of the most vocal and certainly one of the largest (at 6 foot 6) supporters of Pyramid Lake's struggle for water rights, Lee Brightman passed away on May 18, 2017 at age 87 at the Kaiser Pemanente Medical Center in Walnut Creek, Calif. He had been living in a nursing home after suffering a debilitating stroke in 2011.

Brightman was a Sioux/Creek born on the Cheyenne River reservation in 1930, a running back for Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State University) and a Marine during the Korean War. He earned his master's degree at UC Berkeley and was very prominent in Bay Area Indian activism during the '60s and '70s. He founded the United Native Americans and its newspaper *Warpath*. He also established the *very first* Native American studies program in the country at Berkeley with Dr. Jack Forbes.

He participated in the occupation of Alcatraz in 1969, the Mt. Rushmore Takeover in 1970, and walked in the 1978 Longest Walk.

A professor at Contra Costa College, he "wasn't just teaching history. He was a living piece of it." Known for his salty language during his lectures, a former student said, "When you signed up for one of his classes, you knew you were in for an earful."

Lee Brightman was one of the very first Indian activists to speak out and generate support for Indian civil rights. He is survived by his son Quanah.

Affairs office for financial assistance for Alvin's care that involved endless paperwork and follow-up reporting. The Department of Veteran Affairs accepted Alvin's claim and provided sufficient funds for his care at the Fallon facility.

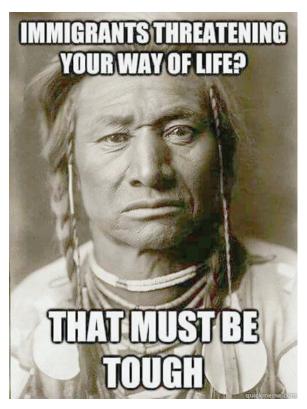
While at the Fallon hospice, Alvin received a Commendation Certificate for his military service from the Fred W. Anderson Post 16 Department of Nevada.

Joe became ill in December but began to show improvement with medical treatment. But on April 3 in the evening, he raised himself off the bed and waved goodbye to his doctor, then laid back down and closed his eyes.

Internment was held on April 19 at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley. Making America (continued from page 14)

On Friday, June 30, the House of Representatives approved a No Sanctuary for Criminals Act that would strip federal funding from cities that grant sanctuary to immigrants. Most seeking sanctuary are South American people who could be deported regardless of how long they've been in this country. They have families, jobs, pay taxes (unlike Trump), and are otherwise pretty good citizens. Many have already been deported without any just cause other than "it's the law" and are denied any hearing on their situation.

Recently the Supreme Court handed down a decision that allows Trump's ban to stay. It allows the 120-day ban on issuing visas and allows those with close family members to enter the country. The Secretary of State made a list of those people who *are not considered close family members* and therefore denied entry to: grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers- and sisters-in-laws. Fiancés were later taken off that list.



In addition to a federal hiring freeze other somewhat unsavory plans Trumps want to do is throw out federal regulations that prevent discriminating hiring practices by federal contractors; eliminate banking regulations that protect consumers; review all tax regulations established in 2016 and 2017 that put an "undue financial burden" on (mainly wealthy) taxpayers; reorganize the executive branch and eliminate "unnecessary" federal agencies and agency programs dealing with climate change and environmental protections; reducing the federal role in education; and reviewing all federal monument designations including national parks (Great Basin National Park is on the list) that could be opened for energy exploitation.

To date, there are approximately 2,000 federal jobs still vacant. Only 8 of the 11 U.S. Attorneys are waiting Senate confirmation. There are no Ambassadors in Germany, Poland and France that Trump is scheduled to visit soon nor are there any other Ambassador positions filled except Newt Grinrich's third wife has been selected (but not confirmed) to fill the Ambassador position at the Vatican. There have been less than 50 people nominated to fill almost 700 staff positions in the Departments of State, Defense, or the National Security Council. All

need Senate confirmation. Trump has announced that he has no intention to fill many of the vacanies because he considers them unnecessary

Not to be outdone The Secretary of Interior has been shuffling his employees "hither and yon" including the top echelon BIA personnel.

#### And the hits just keep on coming...

Further unraveling environmental protections like the Clean Water Rule that protects a number of bodies of water Trump has ordered the EPA to eliminate or revise the Rule thereby allowing coal companies to dump coal ash in nearby rivers. He reversed the ban on off-shore oil and gas exploration and leasing in the Arctic saying, "We are unleashing American energy and clearing the way for thousands and thousands of high-paying American energy jobs."

Trump ordered a review of the Clean Power Plan of 2014 aimed at reducing carbon pollution. He asks agencies to review any regulations that could "potentially burden the development or use" of oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear energy resources and report to the Office of Management and Budget that will take action to eliminate those regulations.

Oh yeah, he has lifted the ban on the use of pesticides.

Unfortunately, his first budget cuts are aimed at Meals on Wheels, Public Broadcasting, the After School Program for children, energy assistance for the elderly, self-help housing, and a number of food programs. Also on the chopping block are funds for Amtrak that will cause 22 cities to lose train service.

Several thousand government employees have lost their jobs, primarily attorneys and scientists, and there are no intentions of replacing them. Apparently there are a number of empty offices and desks and chairs stacked in the hallways.

Perhaps one of the most alarming news that has recently come to light is Trump's Presidential Advisory Committee on Election Integrity that is to investigate voter fraud. Trump truly believes that the popular vote won by Hillary Clinton was due to voter fraud. The committee director sent letters to 50 states asking for personal data information on their voters: full name, address, phone number, birth date, party affiliation, voting history, last four digits of the voters social security number and any criminal history. Most of the states have refused to give up such information. Many suspect such information will be used to intimidate voters or invalidate their registration.

So far, these are just some of the highly questionable actions taken by Trump. And if he continues, things are going to get worser and worser-er.



## **Indian Health Care Threatened**

Before Trump left to spend the 4th of July weekend at one of his golfing resorts, he told Congress to *cancel* Obamacare immediately and *replace* it later. Apparently he didn't give a thought to the effect it will have on the medical establishment providing care to millions of people. Not quite six months into his presidency that request reveals the short-sightedness he continues to demonstrate almost daily.

On June 22, a select group of senate Republicans released their version of a national health care plan to replace the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and the *queeta* hit the fan. That morning, over 50 wheel-chair bound citizens staged a sit-in at the offices of the chief architect of the bill, Mitch McConnell (R-KY). They were arrested after being removed from their wheelchairs and dragged out by the police. They were protesting the cuts Medicaid.

McConnell's legislation, American Health Care Act of 2017, has been labeled "cruel" and "intellectually bankrupt" by his peers and that it takes a "meat ax" to Medicaid. Nevada's Senator Dean Heller was the first oppose the bill (aside from 4 conservatives) and was subsequently threatened with an advertising campaign by the Republican's PAC to get him defeated in his bid for reelection.

But something strange happened instead. An insurance company that participated in Nevada's insurance exchange pulled out leaving mostly rural Nevadans without coverage. No viable explanation was given. Same thing happened in Ohio. Could that be a back door maneuver to obstruct Obamacare? The insurance industry has already spent \$4 billion to kill Obamacare so who's to say...

This is what Medicaid does as best described by Rachel Maddow. She said Medicaid is the country's largest insurance company and that approximately 10,000 babies are born everyday in the U.S. and 49% receive care under Medicaid (about 1 in 10 babies). It also covers 30% of the adults with disabilities; 60% of children with disabilities; 39% of adults and children, 76% of all poor children, and 64% of all nursing home care. Approximately 75 million Americans are using Medicaid and it is predicted that 32 million would lose their insurance coverage.

The Republican's senate bill (like their house bill) strips \$834 billion from Medicaid "to pay for the \$664 billion in tax cuts to the wealthy". The Republicans plan to eliminate the Medicaid expansion in 2021 and eliminated by 2024. The plan was prepared under a heavy veil of secrecy by misguided Robin Hoods who have no shame when stealing from the poor to give to the rich.

What's all that got to do with Indians when we've have the Indian Health Service (IHS)? About 20% of the Medicaid budget goes to the Indian hospitals and clinics and it pays for services not covered by IHS. The IHS budget barely covers the maintenance of its hospitals and clinics with very little left for patient care. Medicaid became, quite literally, a lifesaver for Indian people (see related editorial). It was explained that an Indian patient would first be taken care of by Medicaid, then Medicare (if 65 or older and/or eligible), and then IHS. If you

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live off reservation, you would be taken care of by Medicaid plus the insurance you would be required to have under Obamacare (if you can afford it).

Currently Medicaid pays for medical costs not covered by insurance or the IHS and it comes to the Indians by way of IHS or the state. The Republican's plan would destroy the current administrative structure established by the federal government and would set up the distribution of Medicaid funds as block grants to the states that will implement its own rules. And in states with a large Indian population, this would not be good. Or even those with a small Indian population.

And the Indians? Under state law, we would become (as we are in the Interior Department) the proverbial low man on the totem pole. We have been slowly integrated into the mainstream and will surely suffer along with all the other people if the Republican's health care(?) plan becomes law.

## **Her Story on Health Care**

The New York Times included in their editorial If We Lose Our Health Care comments from a member of the Colville Conferated Tribes. It was published on June 24. Her article is titled: A Black Hole for American Indians.

As an American Indian, I have access to an amazing health plan that has a zero deductible, no maximum and zero co-pays. It's reasonably affordable; although the cost has escalated over the few years I've had it.

American Indians have a right to receive medical care under the treaties our ancestors made in exchange for land. Asking American Indians to purchase an insurance plan, however good it is, is asking them to pay the government to live up to its treaty obligations. Plus, the Indian Health Service has never been adequately funded, so the standard of care is less than that for federal prisoners.

The plan for American Indians and Alaska Natives was made possible by the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act (IHIA) under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Nowhere in the new bill is the IHIA mentioned, so it is like a big black hole for American Indians, and that can't be good. I've gone most of my life without health insurance as a self-employed artist and writer. My insurance under the ACA has allowed me to attend to lingering but minor health issues I've had for years. The ACA saved my sister's life in December after she suffered a brain aneurysm, providing access to excellent medical help. At 59, I'm at the age where even though I'm in excellent health now, anything can happen.

Dina Gilio-Whitaker

Ms. Whitaker is a co-author of "All the Real Indians Died Off" published in 2016.



## **Trump's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018**

The President submitted this budget proposal for 2018 that would completely eliminate 66 **federal programs**, for a savings of \$26.7 billion. Some programs would receive funding for 2018 as part of a phasing-out plan and those listed below will be eliminated. Let's hope that your program is not on this list.

## Agriculture Department — \$855 Million

McGovern-Dole International Food for Education

Rural Business-Cooperative Service Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program

Single Family Housing Direct Loans

## **Commerce Department — \$633 Million**

**Economic Development Administration** Manufacturing Extension Partnership Minority Business Development Agency National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Grants and Education

#### **Education Department** — \$4.976 Billion

21st Century Community Learning

Comprehensive Literacy Development Grants

Federal Supplemental Educational **Opportunity Grants** 

Impact Aid Payments for Federal Property International Education

Strengthening Institutions

Student Support and Academic

**Enrichment Grants** 

Supporting Effective Instruction State

Teacher Quality Partnership

## **Energy Department** — \$398 Million

Advanced Research Projects Agency-

Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program and Title 17 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program

Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility

## **Health and Human Services** — \$4.834 Billion

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Community Services Block Grant Health Professions and Nursing Training **Programs** 

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

## **Homeland Security — \$235 Million**

Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Analysis

Transportation Security Administration Law Enforcement Grants

#### Housing and Urban Development — **\$4.123 Billion**

Choice Neighborhoods Community Development Block **HOME Investment Partnerships Program** Self-Help and Assisted Homeownership Opportunity Program Account

## **Interior Department — \$122 Million**

Abandoned Mine Land Grants Heritage Partnership Program National Wildlife Refuge Fund

## **Justice Department — \$210 Million**

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program **Labor Department — \$527 Million** 

Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker **Training** 

**OSHA** Training Grants

Senior Community Service Employment Program

#### State Department and USAID — \$4.256 Billion

Development Assistance

Earmarked Appropriations for Non-Profit Organizations

The Asia Foundation

**East-West Center** 

P.L. 480 Title II Food Aid

## State Department, USAID, and Treasury **Department** — \$1.59 Billion

Green Climate Fund and Global Climate Change Initiative

## Transportation Department — \$499 Million

National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER)

#### **Treasury Department** — \$43 Million

Global Agriculture and Food Security Program

## **Environmental Protection Agency —** \$493 Million

Energy Star and Voluntary Climate **Programs** 

Geographic Programs

## **National Aeronautics and Space**

Administration — \$269 Million

Five Earth Science Missions Office of Education

## Other Independent Agencies — \$2.683 Billion

Chemical Safety Board

Corporation for National and Community

Corporation for Public Broadcasting Institute of Museum and Library Services **International Development Foundations** 

African Development Foundation Inter-American Foundation

Legal Services Corporation

National Endowment for the Arts

National Endowment for the Humanities

Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Overseas Private Investment Corporation

**Regional Commissions** 

Appalachian Regional Commission Delta Regional Authority

Denali Commission

Northern Border Regional Commission U.S. Institute of Peace

U.S. Trade and Development Agency Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

## WHO IS THIS GUY?



Why he's Mik Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget.