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Haskell Graduates

Congratulations to **Randa M. Deluna**, Community Health Science; **Amos P. Wright**, Community Health Science, and **Alisha J. Numan**, Liberal Arts.

The PLHS Alumni received their Associates Degrees on November 30, 2017 from the Haskell Indian Nations University at Lawrence, Kansas.



Flora Greene, 100 years young, was selected to be the first to receive the new tribal enrollment card on December 15.

Tribal jobs program becomes permanent

The Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act, (H.R. 228) was signed into law recently although there was no statement or release from the White House.

The new law will strengthen and improve the 477 program that will combine employment, education and training-related grants into a single plan, with a single budget and a single reporting system.

“The 477 program is a proven example of promoting tribal self-determination as it provides flexibility in deciding how tribes want to spend the federal funds,” according to the Native American Financial Officers Association. “It allows tribes to combine formula-funded federal grants that come from varied sources related to economic development, employment and job training, higher education, skill development for youth and adults to succeed in the workforce, and welfare-to-work.”

Currently, tribes can draw on funds from Johnson-O’Malley, Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and other key programs at the Department of the Interior, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor. H.R.228 expands 477 to include nearly every other federal agency, including the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Justice.

“This historic passage occurred after eight years of tribal advocacy,” President Richard Peterson of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska noted in a press release as the bill was presented to Trump for his signature earlier this month.

Peterson’s tribe was the first to take advantage of the 477 program after it became law in 1992. Funds are used to help tribal citizens in southeast

Alaska find jobs and improve their skills and education levels.

Since 1992, 43 tribes have joined the program. Though that’s a small percentage of the 567 recognized Indian nations, supporters hope H.R.228 will draw in more participants because the new law makes 477 permanent, offering more stability in an era of dwindling or stagnant federal funds.

There were no hearings in the House or the Senate on H.R.228 this year but lawmakers had been working on the bill for the past few sessions. The bill was an easy sell in the 115th Congress as a result—it cleared both chambers with unanimous support.

Since there were no hearings, the Trump administration didn’t get an opportunity to state its views on jobs and employment, issue otherwise high on the president’s agenda.

But in his first Native American Heritage

Month proclamation, Trump promised to adopt policies to “enhance economic well-being of Native American communities” and he said that he would “always come to the aid of Native American people in times of crisis.”

A handful of other Indian bills are coming closer to passage through Capitol Hill so Trump will likely have more signing opportunities during the 115th Congress, which is wrapping up its first half this month. The second part runs from January through December of 2018.



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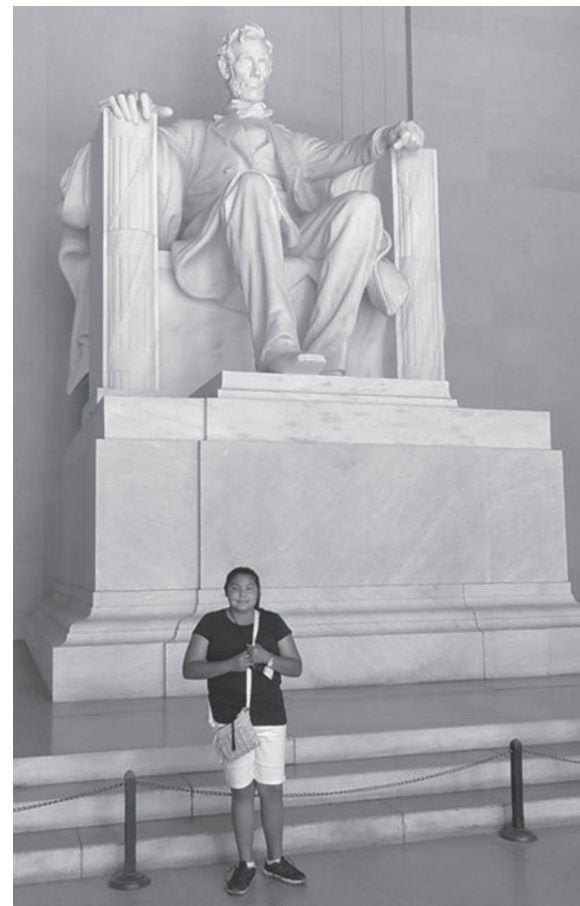
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Dejalayne's Trip to D.C.



Hello, my name is Dejalayne Rae Gopher. I am the daughter of Amanda Davis, the granddaughter of Alfred Davis, Jolyne Sander, and Clark Abel. This summer I was given the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC for the Jr. National Young Leadership Conference. I was able to visit the Capital and Harper's Ferry. My favorite place was the Vietnam Memorial. It was a very quiet place and there were thousands of names on the wall. We did a lot of activities and my favorite was when we pretended to work for the President of the United States. We also learned about leadership values and what makes a good leader, which will help me be a better leader in the future.

I want to thank my community and Tribe for all the support.

Thank you, Dejalayne Rae Gopher

Greetings! I would just like to take this time to thank everyone who helped support my daughter Dejalayne on her "DC or Bust" fundraising efforts. Whether you bought raffle tickets, baked goods, dinner plates, breakfast burritos, donated items, or gave words of encouragement-it was all appreciated. Without the support of our family, friends, community, Tribe, and members of the Tribal Council her trip would not have been possible. Thank you very much, from the bottom of our Hearts.

Editor's note: This story was inadvertently left out of the last issue. My sincere apologies.

"The fact that indigenous people seek recognition and not revenge should tell you exactly which culture is the 'civilized' one".
-Ava

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE
2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Table with 3 columns: Month, Date, Event. Includes January (New Year's Day, Tribal Council Meeting, Martin Luther King Holiday), February (Tribal Council Meeting, President's Day), and March (Tribal Council Meeting, Basketball Tournament, Daylight Savings, Pow-Wow, St. Patrick's Day, Basketball Tournament).

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Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitor Center News and Activities

How time flies!! We're already coming into the winter season and the year went by so fast!

The Museum has been extremely busy with professional development training that began in September. Billie Jean attended the American Indian Tourism Conference in Green Bay, Wisconsin; the Nevada Museums Association Conference in Elko; and the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums in Santa Ana, New Mexico.

There is always something new to learn, and the training provided the opportunity to meet many museum professionals from throughout the country and from overseas. Important subjects covered at the various conferences included: the mission of the museum drives the exhibits; museums are world-class destinations; the many unique and comical challenges within the museum world; connection to the collections must be passionate and knowledgeable about the subject, and sharing that commitment to the public. It takes a lot of work to get collections known, and exhibits are situational hands-on and should allow the public to get an authentic experience.

At the International Conference in Santa Ana, many workshops were attended and tours of local museums. Some of the workshops included: IMLS Native American Museum Services Grantee meeting; Tips for Successful Exhibit Planning and Development; Lessons Learned; Community Centered Digital Strategies; Collecting Oral Histories of Native American Veterans, Digitizing Crow Oral History; Developing an Oral History Center on a Shoestring Budget; Honoring Ancestral Women and Their Stories; Protecting Traditional Knowledge; and Hard Truths: Examining How Museums Present Traumatic Histories. Tours were made available at the Sky City Cultural Center and Museum, IAIA Museum of Contemporary Native Art, and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

We are a variety of visitors this last quarter that included the Pyramid Lake Jr. High School, Reno Home School, College of Atlantis, French Bloggers, I Can Do Anything Charter School, Alice Maxwell Elementary, Northern Nevada International Center, Kate Smith Elementary, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Van Gorder Elementary, National Indian Health Board, Nevada Museum of Art, UC Berkeley students, and Russian Rural Physicians. From September to November we had over 2,000 visitors at the museum. So far this year, we've had 7,420 visitors that surpass the number of visitors we had in 2016.

Our new IMLS 2-year grant started October 1, 2017. The goals of the grant are to sustain the tribal heritage, culture, and knowledge through strengthened activities with exhibits, educational services, and programming. Specifically, the

museum staff will collect oral history from tribal "Wisdom-Keepers" and develop cultural information into digital stories. The grant project is called "Ki Nasoomookwatu Learning Project." Watch for flyers announcing upcoming public meetings.

John Redhouse donated part of his book collection of 51 books to the Museum. All of the books are on the activist movement defending Native civil rights. Neal Cobb donated 20 books entitled "Divorce Seekers," a book about the Dude Ranches at Pyramid Lake and others near the reservation. Extra books are on sale in the Gift Shop. Anthony Shafton donated a book he wrote called "The Nevada They Knew."

On November 15th we held our annual "Rock Your Mocs" event. This is the 7th year of the event that is part of a worldwide Native American and Indigenous Peoples movement held during National Native American Heritage Month in November. We showed the Las Vegas PBS film, "Common Ground," had door prize drawings, presented the Pyramid Lake High School Dancers, and Round Dancing. Many people wore their favorite pair of moccasins to show their Native Pride. The Pyramid Lake Health Clinic provided lunch for all participants and we are very grateful for their support. We had a number of prize winners: Angey Dunn, Jacob Stump, Betsy Thomas, Debra Harry, Virginia Left Hand, Kierra, Janet Davis, Koomea Blindman, Loretta Garcia, Konch Blindman, Joe Mendes, Estella Pancho, Debbie Barlese, Don L, Nuba Cantsee, Carron Nugent, Darrin Padilla, Teresa Wright, Charlotte Harry, Betty Aleck, Pam Spotted Wolf, Charlene Dressler, Lydia, Boppy Blindman, Rissa, Alex O'Daye, Tsotigh Phillips, Jodessa Kochamp, and Carla Eben. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you for celebrating Native Heritage at the Museum! A special thanks to our elders who came to participate in the day's activities. The presence of our local community members is a wonderful blessing in the sharing of our culture.



The Numu Book Club began reading "As Long As the River Shall Run" by Martha C. Knack and Omer C. Stewart. It is an ethnohistory of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. Meetings are held every other week and the next meeting on December 12th. The members have a great time, sharing their favorite part, Golden Lines and Summaries. Darren Hicks, the Numu Book Club Leader, started an online forum for participating members. The Book Club is an educational way to learn about our Paiute history so feel free to join in person or on-line. Meetings are held at the Pyramid Lake Museum and participating members receive a book discount for the chosen book. The member book cost is \$25.00.

On December 9th the museum hosted a Tule Duck Decoy making class taught by Sandra Eagle. It was a small group and each participant made their own special tule duck. It was a fun day with lots of laughter and visiting. We are grateful to learn one of our traditional survival arts from our very patient and knowledgeable teacher, Sandra. We plan to learn how to make more tule items, such as the Duck Egg Baskets and small boats.

We are looking forward to hosting another Basket Weaving class in February during the Presidents Day holiday weekend. It's time to gather your materials for making the Tsokono'o, cradleboard hood. You will need at least 100 scraped willow rods and willow weaving thread. A Basket Weaving gathering will be held in Lovelock during the Martin Luther King holiday weekend in January for making the boat basket, a newborn's first cradle.

Arrangements are still being planned for a class about Native Plants in our area but it might be moved up to allow for actual harvesting.

Stop by and visit the Museum Gift Shop. We have 2018 calendars for sale featuring beautiful photos from our area. Find your special and unique gifts for everyone on your list!!

Happy New Year!! May your year be filled with Happiness, Good Health, and Prosperity!!

Saa a' Mu Poonedooa!
Billie Jean Guerrero, Director
Jackie Cawelti, Attendant

Transportation Department News

The end of the year is nearly here and we are steadily working on closing out some work for the year and gearing up for next years projects.

The Transportation Planning Department is working with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration) and ERFO (Emergency Road Funding Opportunities) to complete work on Surprise Valley Road at the north end of the lake.



Surprise Valley Road near the Willows after the flood.

In addition repair for the Sutcliffe Drive route is still in the process of being designed to certain specifications in order begin work in this area. This has been a long process and somewhat challenging however, the department continues to move forward in finding a resolution to this area's flood issues.

It has been decided that qualified areas of the Surprise Valley Road the Federal Government/ERFO team will be doing the repairs scheduled for this coming spring. This decision was made to keep the cost of repairs and engineering at a minimum to the tribe. The other areas of this road considered ineligible for reimbursement or maintenance repairs are being address by the Roads Department.

The Sutcliffe Drive repair at the Hardscrabble Creek next to Crosby's Lodge is almost shovel-ready. The question of whether this is a bridge repair or a culvert upgrade is still to be determined. The Department hopes to complete work in this area at the beginning of 2018, weather permitting. The flood damage is challenging but work continues to bring road back to normal. In the meantime, the road remains closed until further notice.

The Wadsworth Community Center has been an ongoing project for the Department that will be responsible for the expansion of the park-



Photograph taken from behind existing community center looking west.

ing lot when built. Seeking funds for the project continues while plans for the building and parking area continues and the design is 60 percent completed. This project has great potential and will be an exceptional benefit to the Wadsworth community as well as to the Tribe. It will be a great place to gather for the families and children of the three Pyramid Lake communities.

The Transportation Planning Department has been using the Tribes Strategic Transportation Safety Plan to address the transportation safety needs of our communities. The needs are great but planning and prioritizing area needs will help us move forward on improvements needed to make travel safe and effective for all community members as well as our visitors. Over the past year several changes have been made in this effort to implement the elements listed in the plan.

A Law and Order Committee's recommendation of two safety laws was approved by the Tribal Council and went into effect this year. The Child Passenger Safety Seat Law was

adopted as a primary law and families can be stopped if a Tribal Police Officer suspects a child isn't secured in a safety seat. The Safety Belt law as also adopted as a primary law this year and it requires the use of seat belts for all passengers in a vehicle. These two measures are listed in the Strategic Transportation Safety Plan and are to encourage tribal members to buckle up and secure their children in safety seats to make their travels as safe as possible.

The Transportation Safety Coordinator, Sherry Ely Mendes, has secured additional funding for the Child Safety Seat program that issues safety seats to families in need for no cost. New child safety seats as well as technical assistance on how to install them is given to each qualified family. There are currently 10 Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians on the reservation to assist with the installation and replacement of child safety seats. There will be holding CPS Checkpoints in the coming year to offer this safety service to the public and appointments are available. Call the office at (775) 574-1000 ext. 1107.

During the calendar year 2017 the Department took a survey on the roads currently listed in their inventory including the state routes SR445, SR446, and SR447 that cross the reservation. With the assistance of the State's Department of Transportation Traffic Safety team, a Road Safety Assessment (RSA) was conducted to determine the safety of these routes and the areas of improvement. This was a great exercise and in line with the Tribes Transportation Safety Plan. It revealed the need to focus on prioritizing areas of improvement and once that is completed, locating the necessary funding will be the next step in the process.

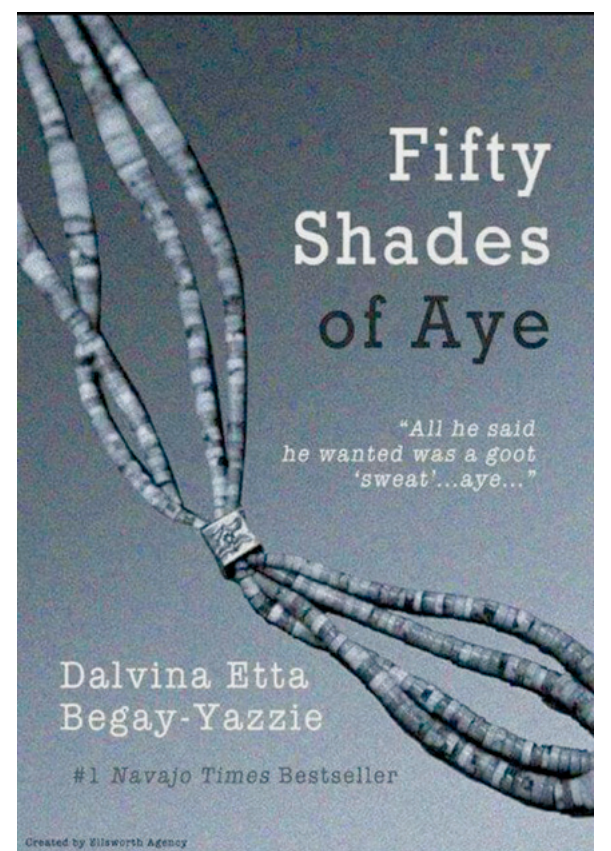
With the information gathered



Fitting a child for a new seat at the Pyramid Lake Tribal Clinic Check Station.

from the RSA on SR447 the Department will focus on the downtown corridor of the Wadsworth community and specifically the stretch of road from the junction to Brady Hill Road. This area has experienced a steady increase in traffic volume from trucks, recreational vehicles and the exceedingly high traffic use during the Burning Man Festival. Special notices is given to the Natchez School Zone that is situated directly on this route, as well as the New Community Center, the Head Start and Day Care centers.

The Transportation Safety Coordinator and the State of Nevada Department of Transportation has recently submitted a grant request to the Federal Highways Tribal Transportation Safety Program to place sidewalks and bike lanes in the Wadsworth area, improving the drainage issues in the area, and upgrading the school zone signs and crosswalks. Also proposed is to add lighting to the road approaches to improve night and day visibility. If the grant is approved plans for this project will begin immediately and construction will start in early 2019. The Department is looking forward to upgrading this area that is a long overdue improvement for a safe route for children and families who regularly attend school and community events.



Environmental Update

Since January 1, 2017 Pyramid Lake has received 1.50 million acre-feet of water. The lake has increased in elevation by 10 feet, given the evaporation over the summer. All of the work involved with the Department contributes to the fishery habitat restoration. Each component of the Department focuses on the benefits to the fishery and to the lake and river habitats.

The task of removing the non-native invasive plants: perennial pepperweed (tall white top); tamarisk; Russian Olive; Russian thistle; purple loosestrife; diffuse knapweed, and curly dock remains an important issue with control and eradication. The treatment areas include the Truckee River corridor, the lakeshores, certain range units, and certain easements and rights of way (road ways).

The effort to inform tribal land users of the treatment and control measures will contribute to controlling the infestation in many areas on the reservation. The Department will publish informational pamphlets in the future and will distribute to the tribal membership.

The Department continues to discover open dumps throughout the reservation. It is important that when these open dumps or satellite dumps



are discovered, they are reported to the Environmental Department. These sites will be assessed by mapping the location, identifying any addresses of the garbage owner(s), reported to the Pyramid Lake Police Department (PLPD), and cleaned up. Please contact the Environmental Department if open or satellite dumps are discovered or you can call the PLPD at (775) 574-0444.

The Department has initiated the Range Inventory and Assessment grant program. This purpose is to inventory the vegetation within the range units on the reservation, conduct an assessment to determine the health and condition of the range units, and begin to update and develop a range management plan.

It is the intent that the program will work with the Pyramid Lake Cooperative Cattlemen's Association. The 2018 wildland fires caused extensive damage to the range areas on the reservation. The damage was so severe that the BIA is planning

to modify the 10-year grazing permit. The Range Inventory program will be important to assist and serve the purposes for determining the condition of the range.

Our cultural resources exist in many forms. It is our responsibility to assure the protection of our sacred places and our sacred resources. It requires stewardship and the ability to report and provide information to the proper authorities. It may lead to the conviction of those that are guilty of vandalism, looting, and destroying these resources. We must be vigilant with identifying suspicious activity and report it to the PLPD. Please contact the PLPD at (775) 574-0444.

Lastly, the Tribal Response Program (Brownfields) continues to inventory unused and abandoned buildings in each of the Tribal communities. The inventory is the first step and next step is to conduct a hazardous materials assessment. If there are hazardous materials present (lead, asbestos, etc.) and a clean up may be initiated once funding is secure to cover the cleanup costs. If and when the cleanup is finished, the Tribe will decide the fate of the building for reuse, renovation, or redevelopment of the site. The Program is completing this process for the Urrutia property in Wadsworth.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (775) 574-0101 x17.

Thank you.

Mervin Wright Jr., Environmental Manager

BURN SEASON

October 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

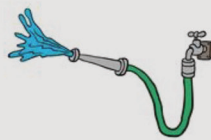
Residential permits for open burning are required for the burning of weeds, old lumber, and yard waste at all residences within the reservation.

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

Keep Your Burn Pile From Starting A Wildfire!



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



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



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

Notice:

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

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

Enrollment Update



Flora Greene was selected to be the first tribal member to receive the new Tribal Identification Card from Chairman Hawley on December 15, 2017.

The new Tribal ID Cards with an Expiration Date are now available for members 18 years and over. Nevada Senate Bill 399 passed this year al-

lows for any businesses that accepts the Nevada driver's license to accept our new Tribal ID card, this includes air travel.

The new card has a six-year expiration period and has a regular photo of the tribal member plus a security photo on the card. It has a custom laminate featuring the Stone Mother and the Tribal Seal for extra security.

The older ID cards are valid until December 2018. If you are 18 and over and do not wish to have a new ID card please replace your TM (no photo) card with a new laminated TM card.

For those ages 17 and under ID cards with or without photo are not be affected, as they are only temporary cards.

Information on the 18 and over ID cards and card request forms are available on the Tribal website and Facebook plus the Tribal offices.

The new ID card has been an ongoing project for as long as I have been in enrollment and perhaps longer. To the many people involved (past and present) in this team effort from the beginning to the final approved ID cards we give our heartfelt gratitude and thanks for helping the Tribe achieve this historical goal!

We welcome the following new members to the Tribe.

October: Lei'na'ala Athena Borbon Brown, Shaniya Marae Centeno, Lennox D'Andria, Adonis Zane Hernandez, Hayzley Elaine Hicks, Belle Rain O'Neil, Leesa Theresa Perez, Caleb Anthony David Woolley.

November: Jolie Makenzie Reynolds, Dewey Alley Scott, Anthony Isaiah Sienze-Madera, David Edward Tomlin, John Edward Tomlin.

December: Gilbert Gary Davis, Zylah Kane Duncan, Rhonda Celeste Myers Knight, Rylee Ann Rolando.

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

- Under 18 Card Replacement Request Form
- Expiration Date ID Card 18 and Over Request Form—New!
- 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

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

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. Enrollment now has a new direct fax number: 775-201-1941.

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

You can't make this stuff up...

"Modern air is a little too clean for optimum health."

—Robert Phalen, chairman
EPA science board

Phalen was an air pollution researcher who claimed that children's lungs need to breathe irritants so their bodies can learn to fight them.

ELDER FALL PREVENTION

January 2018
Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic
775-574-1018



Prevent Falls – Do The Penguin Walk!

- Bend slightly and walk flat footed.
- Point your feet out slightly like a penguin.
- Keep your center of gravity over you fee as much as possible.
- Plan where you are going to stop.
- Take shorter, shuffle like steps.
- Keep your arms at your sides, not in your pockets.
- Concentrate on keeping your balance.
- Go S-L-O-W-L-Y.

Winter tips

- ❖ Check your gutters, make sure they are clean and drain properly to avoid ice build-up.
- ❖ Clear your walk ways of ice and snow, ask for help if you cannot do it yourself.
- ❖ Take your time when walk outdoors, do not rush.
- ❖ Stay balanced, do not carry to much at one time.
- ❖ Wear winter shoes that have traction.
- ❖ Schedule outings during the warmest part of the day.

From the Business Office

One of the most exciting developments taking place for our Tribe is to see the actual formation and operationalization of Numu, Inc., our business corporation. This article will give some of the history and background about the corporation, and what it can do in the economic development realm.

Numu, Inc. is a type of structure commonly referred to as a Section 17 corporation. That is because it is a federally-chartered corporation. Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue a Federal Corporate Charter to an Indian Tribe under Section 17 thereof (25 U.S.C. § 477, as amended) for the purpose of providing Indian Tribes with the statutory means to charter Tribal businesses that preserve Tribal tax immunities, sovereignty and assets.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe began the initial efforts to create a Section 17 corporation several years ago, with the intent that such a corporation will ultimately benefit its members. The Numu Inc. Charter was approved by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council on April 17, 2015, pursuant to Resolution No. PL 24-15, and in accordance with Tribal law and submitted to the Interior Secretary for approval. The federal approval of the Charter was given on June 15, 2016. Finally, the Tribal Council ratified the Charter and installed a board of directors on October 20, 2017.

There are many benefits associated with Section 17 corporations. As a federally chartered entity, it enables the tribal business entity to waive sovereign immunity to facilitate business transactions without waiving immunity of the tribe itself. This is an important protection for the tribe, as limits the liability of the tribe to only the assets it allocates to the corporation. It shares the same privileges and immunities as the tribe does, including immunity from suit. Typically, Section 17 corporations can be used to operate construction companies, manufacturing, gaming, agricultural enterprises, and government contracting. They can also be utilized as a holding company for tribal subsidiaries.

Finally, the Numu, Inc. is wholly owned by the tribe and operated for the benefit of Tribal members. The Numu, Inc. carries a tremendous responsibility on behalf of the Tribe, and it will be exciting to see economic development strategies come to fruition in our communities.

About Numu, Inc.

It is an exciting time for Native American tribes for embarking on economic development initiatives. We have seen some great successes from the business ventures of various Nevada tribes. Possibly the most visible example is the Fox Peak convenience stores, located in Fernley and Fallon, and the Fox Peak Cinema in Fallon. These enterprises were created by the Fallon Tribal Development Corporation (FTDC), which is a separate and distinct business entity chartered under federal law, to engage in business and economic development activities on behalf of its owner, the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe.

Perhaps one of the best tribal success stories comes from the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe of only 56 members living on 10 acres of tribal land in downtown Las Vegas. They were recognized as a sovereign nation when their Tribal Constitu-

tion was approved in July 1970. In 1983 they obtained additional land after convincing Congress to add about 4000 acres adjacent to Mount Charleston. They opened a smoke shop in 1978 and they claim it is now the largest single retailer of cigarettes in the United States. They have three golf courses and a clubhouse at the Las Vegas Paiute Resort. In keeping with their growth philosophy, they just opened NuWu Cannabis Marketplace, the "Largest marijuana store on the planet" in Las Vegas. This type of success the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe has achieved is very rare and highly attributable to having a great location for business operations.

The Pyramid Tribal Council has decided to utilize some of the economic development money from the TROA settlement. To make the most efficient use of the money and keep politics out of the business, the Tribal Council decided to use the same type of approach that has worked for the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe and has created their own separate and distinct business entity, Numu, Inc.

Numu, Inc. is owned by the Tribe for the benefit of its members. The Tribe sought out applicants for the Board of Directors and the Board is composed of seven directors, one who is an ex officio member of the Tribal Council, and one is the Chairperson. To obtain the expertise needed for effective management of the Corporation, the Board may consist of up to three non-tribal members. The initial board selected includes the following individuals:

Virginia Cline, a tribal member and a logistics professional for J.C. Penny in Reno. She has been a Supervisor, Transportation Rates Supervisor, Service/Projects Manager, Transportation Project Specialist, and a former board member of the Urban Indians in Reno.

Jenell Fellows, a tribal member and currently is the Diabetes Program Coordinator. She has over 11 years of experience in nurse assisting and 4 years in Project and Grants Management. Jenell was elected to be the Vice Chairperson for the Board of Directors.

Brandon Cerocke, a tribal member and Vice President of sales and marketing for IQ Technology Solutions, a Native American owned firm. He has experience with strategic consulting and managed non-profit IT makeover campaigns to deliver products and services to non-profit businesses. He also has experience with strategic planning for 35 local businesses and performed quarterly business reviews for both non-profit and for-profit firms. His education includes degrees in Business Management and Computer Science. Brandon was elected to be the Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Gary Shaw, a tribal member and is currently a Program/Project Manager for the Renewable Generations department at NV Energy. He has been a Plant Outage Manager, Outage Project Manager, a maintenance Supervisor, Staff Environmental Engineer, and Power Plant Engineer. Tribal experience includes serving on the Tribal Council, the Water Resources Committee, the Law and Order Committee and the Wadsworth Community Development Center Volunteer Committee. Gary was elected to be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Cassandra Darrough, a tribal member and currently on the Tribal Council and will be serving as the ex officio member for the Board. Cassandra is currently employed with the Tribe's Fire Rescue Emergency Medical Services.

Shannon Keller O'Loughlin, is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and a lawyer. She is qualified to practice in several jurisdictions and has provided legal counsel to the Tribe in the past. She has experience with Federal Indian law and policy and has led economic development projects. She has expertise in providing counsel for developing legal infrastructure in support of Indian Nation governance, and has performed commercial negotiations and transactions on behalf of Indian governments. Shannon was elected to be the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Kip Ritchie, a member of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe and is currently employed with Greenfire Management Services and oversees their construction management firm. He also has experience with the Potawatomi Business Development Corporation of the Forest County Potawatomi Community. He has experience in strategic planning, operations, growth, and business development with the Corporation that he now brings to the table for Numu, Inc.

The first meeting of Numu, Inc. was on December 1, at the Tribal headquarters in Nixon that lasted for a full day. All board members including Vinton Hawley, Tribal Chairman; Deborah Harry, Business Officer, and Bob Klimko, Business Consultant attended the meeting. They had a very aggressive schedule, and immediately went to work. The meeting began with brief introductions, and immediately began drafting a Mission and Vision Statement. Everyone was a very active participant, so they were quickly able to move to strategic planning that began with an analysis of the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) of the Tribe's business possibilities. They reviewed the seven categories of business opportunities were spelled out in the Tribe's Economic Development Plan. These included Recreation and Fishing, Good Governance and Education, Tribal Enterprises, Industrial and Commercial Development, Tribal Entrepreneurship, Agriculture and Ranching, and Energy. They took each of those categories and had an exercise to imagine all possibilities for the types of business opportunities that may exist for that category.

They then performed an Affinity Analysis to further categorize each opportunity and voted on which sub-categories to concentrate on. At a future meeting they will perform a Business Canvass on each sub-category, which will be described in a future article. In the afternoon, Brian Bonenfant from the Center for Regional Studies at UNR gave a presentation entitled "Regional Economic Climate: Opportunities and Challenges."

The items planned for discussion at the next full meeting include: Finalizing the Mission and Vision Statements; Commenting on, and adopting the proposed Bylaws; Perform a Business Canvass Model on the selected business opportunities; and developing a schedule and plan for the most desirable business options forward.

The board is also planning on holding community outreach sessions in each of the three communities to answer questions and inform the public about Numu, Inc.

Tribal Response Program: Brief Updates

Community members can now access the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Tribal Response Program website at plptbrownfields.org.

On this website, you can:

- Find important information regarding brownfield and hazardous sites that are located on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation;
- Download the PLPT Brownfield/Hazardous Site Notification Form to report a brownfield or hazardous site that is located on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation;
- Contact the Tribal Response Program directly with any brownfield and hazardous site-related questions or concerns;
- Provide input into the prioritization of brownfield sites (typically, this occurs annually);
- Find information related to hazardous waste and substances.

Please be advised that any of the content on the Tribal Response Program website is subject to change at any time.

As a side note, the Tribal Reponse Program

and the Wetland Program had a successful set of public meetings in late July. Many thanks to Emily Gibson, Neil Bertrando, and Jeremiah Sampson for their collaboration and every community member who attended.

Please be on the lookout for any future meetings.

Ruben-Ramos-Avina
Tribal Reponse Program Coordinator
775-574-0101 Ext. 10

*The Great Spirit
gave you two ears
and only one
mouth, so you can
talk half as much
as you listen.
—Iroquois*

Coeur d'Alene native announces bid for Idaho Governor



Paulette Jordan, 38, a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, has announced her intention to run for governor of Idaho rather than seek a third term in the Idaho House of Representatives.

She is serving her second term in the House of Representatives representing District 5. She previously served on the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council from 2009 to 2012.

"Service is an inherent value in my family, from my ancestors on down to my sons, and they will carry that tradition forward in their lives. I'm proud to be part of Idaho's family," Jordan said.

"When you are raised by Idaho, it's a matter of giving back. Taking on the governorship would be the best way for me to impact people's lives ... to serve and give back," she said.

Rep. Jordan is a member of the State Affairs Committee; the Idaho House Resources and Conservation Committee; the Energy, Environment & Technology Committee and serves as an appointed Idaho Representative to the Energy and Environment Committee of the Council of State Governments for the Western Region.

Fellow democratic governor contender A.J. Balukoff, recently issued a statement welcoming her to the race as well as giving her a birthday wish.

"Voters deserve a robust primary where issues affecting all hard-working Idahoans get discussed and debated. Idaho needs a positive vision to jump-start prosperity in our state after years of falling behind in education, living in a low-wage economy and losing the ability to compete with the rest of the region. I look forward to hearing Representative Jordan's ideas, and I wish her a Happy Birthday."

She attended the University of Washington, and received specialized certificates from the University of Idaho and the Harvard John F. Kennedy school of government.

"When I asked myself how I could serve Idaho even better, the governor's office was my answer," said Jordan. "Idaho is a state I fall in love with over and over. This is the place that fostered me and this is the place I was raised to serve."

She will be the first native woman to run for governor of any state.

PYRAMID LAKE PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICT

REMINDER RATE CHANGE

On October 6, 2017, the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council approved the revised fee schedule.

On **January 1, 2018** the Garbage Services rate for residential customers will **increase** from \$10.00 per month to \$15.00 per month and for commercial customers the new rate will be \$20.00 per month.

The Water Services monthly rate has not changed.

If you are currently paying \$20.00 per month for water and garbage services your new rate as of January 1st will be \$25.00 per month.

If you only pay for garbage services your new rate will be \$15.00 per month.

If you have any questions please contact the Public Utilities District at 574-0101 ex 16.



Recreation News: Keeping the Kids Fit

Holiday Greetings and a Happy New Year Wish from the Tribal Recreation Program! We look forward to another great year in 2018.

The months of November and December have been very busy at our Recreation Department. We participated in the NB3Fit activity, had classes on beading and skirt making, held Youth Coaches Meetings, started our Youth basketball practices, provided adult Volleyball games, and assisted with the Numaga Thanksgiving Dinner, the Tribal Food Bank and Mobile Pantry.

NB3Fit at Natchez Elementary School

In the week of November 5-11, more than 10,000 young people from 110 different tribes participated in a group exercise program for an hour during the week. It was sponsored by the Notah Begay Foundation. The NB3Fit program aims to reverse the epidemic of type 2 Diabetes among Indian children throughout Indian Country plus approximately 50 percent of Native youth are facing a lifetime of obesity and struggling with health problems. Creating

NB3Fit Week during Native American Heritage Month is one of many steps in changing these statistics.

The Recreation Program organized a one-mile run/walk for all of the students at Natchez Elementary School. Nearly 185 kids went outside to run with their classmates and cheer on their friends. It was a great day to be out exercising. Thanks to Markie Wilder, Community in School, and Raving Consultants for their help.

According to the Notah Begay Foundation: 91 Native communities participated in NB3Fit Week, 20 states across the country were represented, and over 100 events were scheduled.

Notah Begay III is a professional golfer and scored an impossible 65 during a tournament game. He was a roommate of Tiger Woods during the time they attended Stanford University in California.

Youth Basketball

Happy to report we had 11 coaches volunteering their time to coach our Youth

basketball teams. A coaches meeting was held in early November to schedule time at the gym and go over rules in taking care of the gym during practice times. Teams were encouraged share practice times per age group to get more practice time in. If you stopped by any time in the evening during the week you would find kids practicing basketball, coaches encouraging and coaching their players. Many parents came by to watch or help out with incidental chores as much as they can. Basketball is always a fun time here at Pyramid Lake!

Skirt Making

It was nice to see everyone making skirts with ribbons to commemorate Native American Heritage Month in November. We plan on doing this activity again perhaps in February. Watch for dates and times, we have plenty of material and ribbons.

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Natchez Elementary School Calendar 2018

JANUARY

- 8 School Resumes
- 9 Families United for Natchez (FUN) Meeting 6pm
- 10 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program
- 12 Birthday Celebration Treat Day
- 15 Martin Luther King Day-No School
- 16 Mustang Mug-9:45 am
- 17 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program
- 22-25 Kindergarten Winter Map Testing
- 26 Student of the Month/Respectful/Football Fan Day/Treat Day
- 31 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program

FEBRUARY

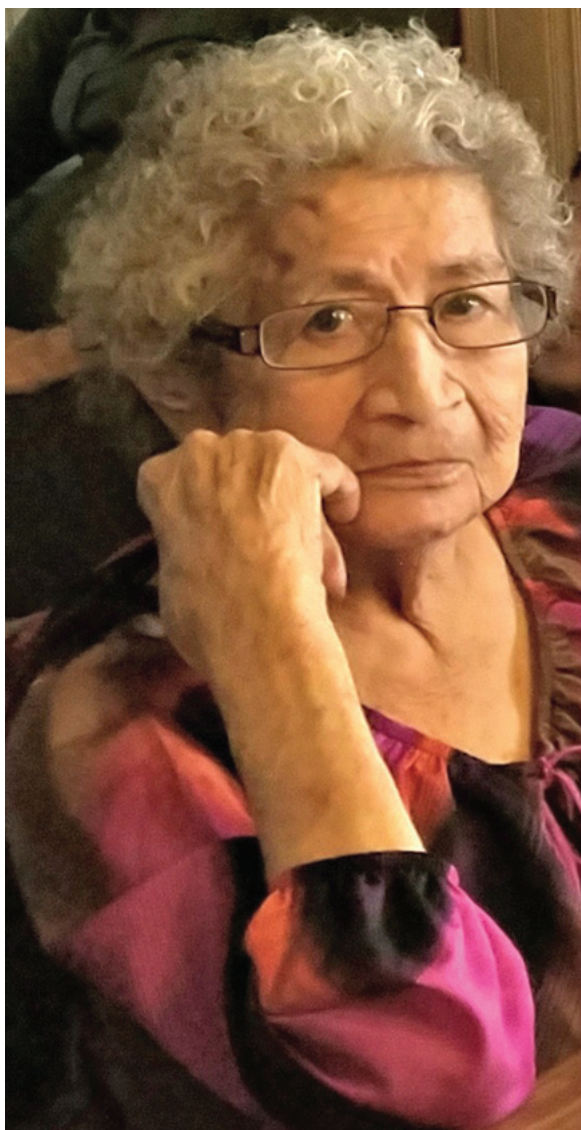
- 6 Families United for Natchez (FUN) Meeting 6:00 pm
- 7 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program
- 9 Birthday Celebration Treat Day/ Mid Quarter Awards
- 13 Mustang Mug 9:45 am/ Valentines Fun Event 6:00 pm
- 14 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program
- 19 President's Day No School
- 21 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program
- 23 Student of the Month/Respectful/Disney Day/Treat Day

- 28 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program

MARCH

- 7 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program
- 9 Birthday Celebration/Treat Day
- 13 Mustang Mug 9:45 am/Science Night 6:00 pm
- 14 Early Release 1:45 pm No After School Program
- 19-23 Student Led Conference Week Dismissal at 12:20 pm NO ASP/ Nevada Reading week
- 22 American Indian Education Summit
- 23 American Indian Education Summit/Student of the Month/ Mindful/ Treat day/ End of Quarter Awards
- 26 SPRING BREAK! Returning April 9th

Passages



In Loving Memory

Glorine "Minnie" Guerrero

May 23, 1935 – November 2, 2017

Thank you to all those who supported the family in our time of need. We appreciate the encouraging words, and acts of kindness in the loss of our mother. We are comforted to know that she was an inspiration to many people on the reservation. She will be greatly missed.

Billie Jean, Ronald, John, and Bobby Guerrero and families.

*May the stars carry your
sadness away,*

*May the flowers fill your
heart with beauty,*

*May hope forever wipe
away your tears,*

And, above all,

*May silence make you
strong.*

—Chief Dan George



Dennis Banks

American Indian Movement co-founder, activist, author and teacher Dennis Banks died at 80 years of age from pneumonia he had contacted following open-heart surgery on October 29, 2017.

Dennis, an Ojibwa/Anishinabe from Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota, was known as one of the co-founders of the American Indian Movement (AIM) with George Mitchell and Clyde Bellecourt.

Joined by fellow AIM activist Russell Means, they participated in the Wounded Knee occupation during which federal agents fought against Native occupiers for 71 days that resulted in the deaths of two tribal members and seriously wounding a federal agent.

They were charged in 1974 for their participation in the occupation but the presiding federal court judge dismissed the charges on the grounds of federal misconduct.

On April 12, 2012, Dennis received a Living Legends Award in Washington D.C. for his "contributions as a co-founder of the American Indian Movement and his commitment to the well being of the American Indian community."

As a teacher, Dennis Banks taught at D-Q University in Davis, Calif. in the 80's but was later incarcerated on charges stemming from the infamous "Custer riot" in 1973. After serving an 18-month term, he worked as a drug and alcohol counselor at Pine Ridge Reservation and continued his activism fighting for Native gravesite protections and repatriation, and legislation to protect these sites.

Dennis also participated in The Longest Walk, a traditional and spiritual journey from San Francisco to Washington DC. Aspects of the longest walk are still celebrated annually.

In addition to his activism, Dennis appeared in movies such as War Party (1988), The Last of the Mohicans (1992), Thunderheart (1992), and Older Than America (2008). As a musician he released Still Strong (1993) and teamed up with Peter Gabriel on Les Musiques du Monde and with Golden Globe and Grammy Award-winning artist Kitaro on the CD Let Mother Earth Speak.



Armellio Milton Barlese

"Julio", 56, passed away on December 17, 2017 following a long illness. He was born on March 3, 1961 and he was a lifelong resident of Pyramid Lake.

Julio was one of five students who were the first to graduate in 1981 from Nixon High School that was housed in the building now used by the Water Resources Dept.

When Julio married Donna, she bought a formal wedding gown but they decided for a simple ceremony so Donna wore a red dress. Later he wanted her to wear the wedding gown so they married again in a more formal ceremony.

He loved the lake and would take Chris and Misty with him to the lake. When he became ill, he continued to travel with Donna and Jacob.

Julio is survived by wife, Donna, children Claudia Pete, Misty, Christopher, Dustin, Derrick; stepchildren Donetta and Mark; grandchildren Jacob and Jayden; mother Janice and brothers David and Dion, and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father Milton, sister Ann, brother Billy and niece Lauren.

Services were held on December 22 at the Nixon Gym, officiated by his uncle Marty Barlese, and eulogy offered by Kimber Brown. Burial was at the Nixon Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and everyone who offered their support and kind words of comfort and prayer.



In August 2016, he was the vice presidential nominee on the Peace and Freedom Party, a socialist political party in California.

In a 2013 interview with *Indian Country Today*, Dennis said, "There's always going to be a need for change whether it's the American Indian Movement or Idle No More. Whether it's now or 10 years from now, we're always going to need those people to go out and confront the issues and take a stand even if we all become doctors and lawyers and senators and congressmen, even if we all become millionaires. There will still be a need to tell America that there are some very important contracts that were made in the 1700s and 1800s that deal with our land."

Dennis was buried in his home reservation at Leech Lake with traditional services.

Native American Testimony: *Premonitions and Phophecies*

HE WILL USE ANY MEANS TO GET WHAT HE WANTS

Dan Katchongva—his Hopi surname means White Cloud Above Horizon—was a revered spiritual leader from Hotevilla, Arizona. When he repeated this prophecy in 1955, during testimony at a Washington congressional hearing, he was in his eighties. Hopi often mention the Bahana, the Hopi's lost white brother, who vowed to return to the Hopi to establish peace and spread wisdom. Some Hopi say they wait for him still.

IN ANCIENT TIMES it was prophesied by our forefathers that this land would be occupied by the Indian people and then from somewhere a White Man would come. He will come either with a strong faith and righteous religion which the Great Spirit has also given to him, or he will come after he has abandoned that great Life Plan and fallen to a faith of his own personal ideas which he invented before coming here. It was known that the White Man is an intelligent person, an inventor of many words, a man who knows how to influence people because of his sweet way of talking and that he will use many of these things upon us when he comes. We knew that this land beneath us was composed of many things that we might want to use later such as mineral resources. We knew that this is the wealthiest part of this continent, because it is here the Great Spirit lives. We knew that the White Man will search for the things that look good to him, that he will use many good ideas in order to obtain his heart's desire, and we knew that if he had strayed from the Great Spirit he would use *any* means to get what he wants. These things we were warned to watch, and we today know that those prophecies were true because we can see how many new and selfish ideas and plans are being put before us. We know that if we accept these things we will lose our land and give up our very lives.

WHITE RABBIT GOT LOTSA EVERYTHING

In 1939, Lucy Young, a member of the Wintu tribe of northern California, was nearly blind from cataracts and over ninety years old at the time of her story that she recalls probably took place in the 1840s.

MY GRANDPA, before white people came, had a dream. He was so old he was all doubled up. Knees to chin, and eyes like indigo. Grown son carry him in great basket on his back, every place.

My grandpa say: "White Rabbit"—he mean white people—"gonta devour our grass, our seed, our living. We won't have nothing more, this world. Big elk with straight horn come when white man bring it." I think he means cattle. "Nother animal, bigger than deer, but round feet, got hair on his neck." This one, horse, I guess.

My aunt say: "Oh, Father, you out your head, don't say that way."

He say: "Now, Daughter, I not crazy. You young people gonna see this."

People come long way, listen to him dream. He dream, then say this way, every morning.

They leave li'l children play by him. He watch good. Have big stick, wave round, scare snake

away. He had good teeth. All old people had good teeth.

One time they travel, they come to big pile of brush. My grandpa stop, and look at it. He say: "This, good wood. When I die, burn my body to ashes on top of ground. Here gonta be big canoe, run around, carry white people's things. Those White Rabbit got lotsa everything."

"How canoe gonta run round on dry ground all round here?" we askum. "Don't know," he say. "Just run that way." He mean wagon, I guess.

I never grow much. They call me li'l Shorty," but I know pretty near everything that time. My grandpa put his head on my head, smooove my hair, and hold his hand there.

"Long time you gonta live, my child," he say. "You live long time in this world."

Well, I live long enough. I guess 'bout ninety-five next summer, if I living till then.

My grandpa never live to see white people, just dreaming every night 'bout them. People come long way, listen [to] him dream.

My grandpa move down by big spring. One day he couldn't get up. He say: "I gonta leave you today. I used to be good hunter, kill bear, elk, deer, feed my children. Can't feed my children no more. Like old root, just ready for growing now. Pretty soon dead. Speak no more."

All seem like dream to me. Long, long ago. Night-time he die, and in morning, all tied up in deerskin with grass rope. Sit up knees to chin, They tie him up too soon. He roll over, and come back. Scare everybody. He ask for water, and ask for packstrap to basket always carry him in. He ask for li'l basket he always use for cup. He drink lots.

"I starve for water, and want my strap," he say. "That's why I come back."

Then he die. Our people dig big hole, put stick across. Put brush. Put body in. Put more brush. Burn all to ashes. They put basket and strap, too, with him, when he go where people go at last.

EASY LIFE OF THE GRAY-EYED

The old Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico stands atop a steep rocky mesa 357 feet high where James Paytiamo spent his childhood there and the existence of the white man was an established fact. What the old Acoma caciques, or headmen, seem to foretell here are the destructive influences white culture will have on the traditional Acoma way of life.

I CAN JUST REMEMBER the old men of my village. Old age was simply a delightful time, when the old men sat on the sunny doorsteps, playing in the sun with the children, until they fell asleep. At last they failed to wake up.

These old, old men used to prophesy about the coming of the white man. They would go about tapping with their canes on the adobe floor of the house, and call to us children:

"Listen! Listen! The gray-eyed people are coming nearer and nearer. They are building an iron road. They are coming nearer every day. There will be a time when you will mix with these people. That is when the Gray Eyes are going to get you to drink black, hot water, which you will drink whenever you eat. Then your teeth will become soft. They will get you to smoke at

a young age, so that your eyes will run tears on windy days, and your eyesight will be poor. Your joints will crack when you want to move slowly and softly.

You will sleep on soft beds and will not like to rise early. When you begin to wear heavy clothes and sleep under heavy covers, then you will grow lazy. Then there will be no more singing heard in the valleys as you walk.

When you begin to eat with iron sticks, your tones will grow louder. You will speak louder and overtalk your parents. You will grow disobedient. Then when you mix with these gray-eyed people, you will learn their ways, you will break up homes, and murder and steal."

Such things have come true, and I compare my generation with the old generation. We are not good as they were; neither are we healthy as they were.

How did these old men know what was coming? That is what I would like to know.

THE SPIDER'S WEB

Black Elk, an Oglala Sioux holy man, had seen his tribe transformed from buffalo-hunting lords of the Great Plains to hungry, impoverished prisoners, pent up on thirteen government reservations. At the age of nine, Black Elk had gone into a trance and experienced a wondrous vision in which the Six Grandfathers—West, East, North, South, Earth, and Sky—granted him unusual spiritual powers. Thereafter he was dedicated "to bringing to life the flowering tree of his people" by revitalizing the seven sacred rights of the Oglala. Black Elk remembers the ominous dream of an earlier Sioux medicine man.

A LONG TIME AGO my father told me what his father told him, that there was once a Lakota [Sioux] holy man, called Drinks Water, who dreamed what was to be; and this was long before the coming of the Wasichus [white men]. He dreamed that the four-leggeds were going back into the earth and that a strange race had woven a spider's web all around the Lakotas. And he said: "When this happens, you shall live in square gray houses, in a barren land, and beside those square gray houses you shall starve."

They say he went back to Mother Earth soon after he saw this vision, and it was sorrow that killed him. You can look around you now and see that he meant these dirt-roofed houses we are living in, and that all the rest was true. Sometimes dreams are wiser than waking.



Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School

Happy Holidays





Mr. Bridge-water's Environmental Science class and Ms. Neil senior History class attended a one day youth summit at UNRs Desert Research Institute.

The summit was part of the "Native Waters on Arid Lands" regional conference held at the Nugget in Sparks. The students listened to climate change issues affecting Native Lands

and it peoples from people as far away as Navajo Tech. University.

In addition, four students were invited to attend two days the actual scientific conference. They listened to current research being done on climate change issues that affect native lands and were able to interact with adults that are on the cutting edge of this issue.

We all came away with a better understanding of the impact of climate change and were able to observe how members of different tribes face the same problems and what they have done that has been successful.



Graduating Class of 1901 Stewart Indian School

Stewart Indian School's Baseball Team
Date unknown



Interior's Top Ten Priorities

In the last issue of *Numuwaetu Nawahana*, the new Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke was introduced. There was some doubt as to whether he would truly be the guardian of the country's public lands or would he endorse Trump's idiocy.

On December 4th Secretary Zinke was on hand to witness Donald Trump as he thoughtlessly reduced two national monuments: Bears Ears by 85 percent and the Grand Staircase-Escalante by over 50 percent (see page 15). Two of the most beautiful places in Southwest Utah will now be open so that the Republican's corporate masters can drill, mine, frack, bulldoze, pollute, and basically destroy the land.

Trump knows nothing but concrete and asphalt, whereas Zinke might have had his equilibrium shifted by the corporate-minded gnomes lurking in the high echelon offices of the Interior Department.

Ecowatch published Interior's "Top 10 Priorities", their 2018-2022 Strategic Plan with some native-oriented editing.



1. Create a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt. Not. Interior wants to strip protections from more than 11 million acres of public lands; 218 acres of marine environment; dismantle wildlife refuges, and undermine laws protecting endangered animals.

2. Sustainably develop our energy and natural resources. Not. Interior cancels the

2016 moratorium on new coal leases; the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced a new round of coal leasing in Wyoming's Powder River Basin; announced offshore oil and gas leases in a 77 million-acre region of the Gulf of Mexico still recovering from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster; and recommended the opening of
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PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

Supplemental Food Resources Calendar for 2018

Commodity Foods Nixon Gym 8:30 -1:30 pm	Tribal Food Pantry Nixon Gym 11:30-1:30 pm	Mobile Pantry Old Wads. Comm. Bldg. 8:00-9:00 Nixon Gym 10:00-10:45
January 8	January 16	January 23
February 5	February 20	February 27
March 5	March 20	March 27
April 2	April 17	April 24
May 7	May 15	May 22
June 4	June 19	June 26
July 9	July 17	July 24
August 13	August 21	August 28
September 10	September 18	September 25
October 8, 2018	October 16	October 23
November 1	November 20	November 27
December 3	December 18	December 25

Applications will be available on site. Bring your own bags.

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
Food and Nutrition Division



FOOD BANK
OF NORTHERN NEVADA

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the Pacific Natural Monument to commercial fishing.

3. Restore trust and be a good neighbor. Not. Closed-door dealings; refused to release the national monuments report; suspicious relationships with Political Action Committees; and the special attention to corporate energy interests.

4. Ensure [that] tribal sovereignty means something. Not. Actions speak louder than words and starting with the BIA budget cuts (see last issue) not exactly ensuring meaningful tribal sovereignty; making changes in the *Cobell* settlement agreement *then* pretending to consult the tribes; ignoring the tribes living on both sides of the proposed U.S.-Mexican border wall, and eliminating discretionary grants deemed unnecessary for reclaiming abandoned mining sites many located on Indian lands, especially the dangerous uranium mining sites—to start.

5. Increase revenues to support the department and national interests. Highly questionable. Zinke is seeking to cut Interior's budget: 11 percent from the National Park Service; 13 percent from BLM, U.S. Fish & Wildlife; Bureau of Reclamation; U.S. Geological Survey, and nearly half from the Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation. To make up for the budget cuts, he's pushing for drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge while cancelling a rule that would require energy companies to pay the fair market value for oil, gas, and coal they extract from public lands and that would create a shortfall of about \$75 million in revenue. However, to make up for that loss he wants to triple the entrance fees to the national parks. Better yet, the Zinke announced the government's plan to "have more public-private partnerships" running the National Park Service (NPS) after Trump cut \$360 million from NPS's budget. Privatizing



A National Geographic photo

the national parks seems agreeable to Zinke who once said, "I don't want to be in the business of running campgrounds."

6. Protect our people and the border. Not. Although Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection has jurisdiction over the infamous border wall, Zinke's Interior should be concerned about the devastating effect it would have on the wildlife and habitat, including endangered species, several national wildlife refuges and tribes living on both sides of the border.

7. Strike a regulatory balance. Not. As directed by Trump's "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth" the Interior Department has issued a report identifying policies that are potentially "burdensome" on the domestic energy production of natural resources. Targeted are protections for wildlife and habitat; scientific consultation to protect endangered spe-

cies; protected designation for public land and waters; public planning and appeals processes; and legislative and administrative requirements for permitting, exploring, siting, developing and transporting fossil fuels.

8. Modernize our infrastructure. Not. Despite the requested \$1.6 billion cut in Interior's budget, the National Park Service has a \$12 million maintenance backlog and the National Wildlife Refuge System has a \$2.7 million backlog. If federal projects like roads and bridges ever get built they may not withstand the impacts of climate change. Trump cancelled that order so such projects might be built faster but may not withstand the next big storm.

9. Reorganize the department for the next 100 years. Doubtful. More than 50 senior staff members have been "involuntarily reassigned" to positions for which they have no expertise or experience. One scientist was move to an accounting position after he mentioned the dangers that climate change poses to Native communities in Alaska. Zinke wants "an estimated reduction of roughly 4,000" full-time employees and is planning on transferring hundreds more by moving the headquarters of three agencies from Washington, DC to Denver.

10. Achieve our goals and lead our team forward. Not. After comparing his staff to pirates and says that "30 percent of the crew that's not loyal to the flag", it's questionable if Zinke's goal for moving the department forward can be achieved. A recently resigned employee said that morale at Interior is "in the toilet" and employees are constantly "looking over their shoulder". It appears that in keeping with Trump's agenda, employees are going to have to adapt a totally different attitude towards their jobs as stewards of America's natural resources.



Indian Givers Strike

National Monuments Under Attack

Nevada's Gold Butte National Monument was 1-year-old on December 28 and the *Indian Givers* are proposing to reduce it—just like Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah. Why? Could it be Gold Butte has some secret minerals under all those acres of sandstone? Maybe it's because they don't like the Southern Paiutes wanting to preserve their ancient homeland that was made possible by President Obama.

Even Nevada's Attorney General Adam Laxalt didn't want the monument. He and several Republican congressmen opposed its designation and want it revoked by Congress.

Laxalt has decided to run for Governor of Nevada in 2018.

The only reasonable explanation is the Republican's unreasonable hatred for President Obama. Their unstable leader spent the entire year undoing whatever Obama did—beginning with the Dakota pipeline where multiple tribal groups peacefully demonstrated their opposition only to get beaten up—literally.

Just four months in office, Trump signed an executive order directing Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to examine any national monument created as of January 1, 1996 and has at least 100,000



Photo by Christian K. Lee/AP

acres. Zinke selected 27, including Katahdin that is 87,500 acres and was donated by the St. Clair family foundation and is currently managed by the Forest Service.

Located in southeastern Nevada, the Gold Butte monument contains nearly 300,000 acres of desert that has ancient Indian petroglyphs and dwellings dating back 12,000 years and are culturally sacred to the local Paiutes. Over the years many of their cultural sites have been vandalized as well as other historic sites including the ghost town of Gold Butte.

The Paiutes, local conservation groups, Nevada and Clark County lawmakers, Congresswoman Dina Titus and former Senator Harry Reid campaigned for the area's protection under the Antiquities Act.

With the monument designation, the area is now closed to industrial development. In 1998, Clark County bought out the area's grazing permits, retired them and no new permits will be issued. The monument will permit development and maintenance of existing water rights and transportation infrastructure, but prohibits future claims.

There are multiple federal jurisdictions within the monument boundary: the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which manages it, the National Park Service (NPS), and the Bureau of Reclamation (BuRec) so there is the possibility that Gold Butte will be used for land and mineral exchange—a method where one agency will exchange sections of land with another agency to consolidate jurisdiction over a specific area.

The Gold Butte National Monument lies right next to the Arizona border in Clark County and creates a continuous swatch of protected land

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and wildlife corridor essentially connecting the national recreation area of Lake Mead and Grand Canyon's Parashant Monument

The monument status will provide protection to numerous wildlife species, including desert tortoise, desert bighorn sheep, the banded Gila monster, great horned owls and a great variety of reptiles, birds and mammals. It will eliminate uncontrolled off-road vehicle use that tears up easily damaged soils and the desert tortoise habitat. It will also prevent irresponsible vehicle use; vandalism, theft of Indian artifacts and littering that have been destroying the landscape, rock art and other archaeological sites.

Bears Ears National Monument

Uranium. That is the real reason those *Indian Givers* took back 85 percent of Bears Ears on December 4, 2017.

It wasn't about correcting the "massive federal land grab" as claimed the Great White Fibber. Or that (uranium) mining and drilling played no role in the largest elimination of protected land in U.S. history as repeatedly denied by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Utah Republicans. Curiously the Interior Secretary was twice quoted as saying, "Public lands are for public use and not for special interests."

Ecowatch calls that "doublespeak", Ten Bears called it "speaking with two tongues" and all Indians call it "speaking with forked tongue."

Eight days later on December 12, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit upheld a 20-year ban on new uranium mining around the Grand Canyon. However, Energy Fuels Nuclear will be allowed to operate the Canyon Mine because it predates the ban. *Tribal Peoples Survival* (Summer 1988) reported that Energy Fuels Nuclear owns 45,000 mining claims on state and federal lands on both the North and South Rims of the Grand Canyon and "sees a maximum of 50 mines in the area in the next 30 or 40 years."

The Havasupai who live at the bottom of Grand Canyon supports the ban and a tribal representative was on hand to testify at a Dec. 12 hearing of the House Natural Resources subcommittee during which the Republicans warned against putting federal lands off-limits to new (uranium) mining.

Carletta Tilousi spoke of the air and water contamination plus the health risks associated with the uranium mining; some mines located 15 miles from their land. The subcommittee chairman Paul Gosar (R-AZ) accused Tilousi of using "scare tactics" about the dangers of uranium mining and said, "You're not entitled to your own facts." Say what??

The *Tribal Peoples Survival* (April 1979) reported that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission wrote that "Uranium mining and milling are the most significant sources of radiation exposure to the public from the entire nuclear fuel cycle, far surpassing nuclear reactors or high-level waste disposal."

The *Southwest Indian Environmental Monitor* (1983) reported, "Removing uranium from its place in nature is like opening up a Pandora's Box of latent cancer cells. In fact, the dangers from exposure are so great that Dr. David Dreesen of the Los Alamos National Scientific Laboratory suggested, 'Perhaps the solution to the radon problem is to zone the land

in uranium mining and milling districts so as to forbid human habitation'."

For 75 years uranium mining has affected nearly every tribe and pueblo in the Southwest ever since the Bureau of Indian Affairs reported carnotite (a mineral containing both uranium and vanadium) in Monument Valley and the Carrizo Mountains on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. In a short span of 26 years (1942 to 1968) millions of tons of uranium were mined and tribes were victims of radioactive contamination to their air, lands, water, and food sources.

The *Southwest Indigenous Uranium Forum* (1993) reported that Navajo had over 1,000 abandoned open-pit and underground uranium mines, over 600 contaminated homes, a pandemic of cancer and leukemia clusters and birth defects, mine wastes and mill tailings were openly stored there, several hundred former miners had died or were dying of radiation-caused diseases, and a disposal pond at Church Rock breached its dam and released 1,100 tons of radioactive waste and 93 million gallons of mine effluent into the Rio Puerco.

From White Mesa Ute in the north to Mescalero Apache in the south and all Southwest tribes east and west, none were left untouched. Clean up of most of the uranium mining mess has been practically non-existent because the 1872 General Mining Act allows mining companies to avoid cleaning up after themselves. Legislative bills were introduced to amend the Act to include reclamation but they were defeated by the mining lobby. Currently there are more than 500 uranium mines designated as SuperFund sites.

"You know what uranium is, right? It's this thing called nuclear weapons, and other things, like lots of things are done with uranium, including bad things."

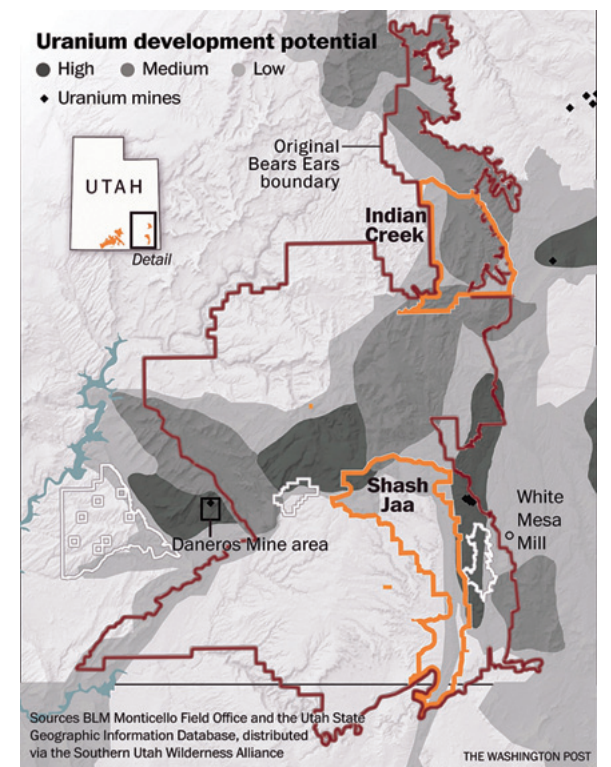
—Donald Trump, 2017

Utah refers to the Bears Ears area as the *San Juan Energy Zone* and they want to open it to mining regardless if Bears Ears is sacred to the Navajo, Hopi, Ute Mountain Utes, Unitah and Ouray, and Pueblo of Zuni. They have fought for Bears Ears for over 80 years. They use the land for their spiritual and cultural needs and it contains thousands of ancient sites and artifacts of their ancestors. It was a refuge for the Navajos who escaped the deadly 400-mile Long Walk to Bosque Redondo in eastern New Mexico.

But Energy Fuels Resources (USA) Inc. hired lobbyists from the Faegre Baker Daniels firm, led by lobbyist Andrew Wheeler to work on the Bears Ears issue and other federal policies affecting the company. The company and the Department of the Interior (DOI) were instrumental in reducing Bears Ears for easier access to the uranium deposits, the nearby processing mill and revitalizing a now-dormant uranium mine, all located within and next to the monument's current boundary.

The lobbying firm's vice president of operations William Goranson, Wheeler, two other lobbyists, and DOI advisers Downey Magallanes, deputy chief of staff who also supervised the monument review, and Vincent De Vito an energy policy counselor met at a July 17 meeting to discuss Bears Ears.

Earlier DOI's Chief Operating Officer Mark



Chalmers wrote on May 25 that President Obama's creation of Bears Ears "could affect existing and future mill operations." He also noted "There are also many other known uranium and vanadium deposits located within the (boundaries) that could provide valuable energy and mineral resources in the future."

The Natural Resources Defense Council said Trump's action is illegal because there is no federal law that gives Trump the power to undo monument designations of previous presidents. But there are other ways to cripple the federal laws designed to protect the environment.

For instance, Secretary Zinke is advocating for energy development but is proposing to eliminate discretionary grants to reclaim abandoned mine sites. Hopi tribal chairman Herman Honanie said the government should clean up and reclaim existing contaminated sites of polluted soil, washes, aquifers, and drinking water before it promotes renewed uranium mining especially in the Grand Canyon area.

"This is not about energy. There is no mine within Bears Ears." said Interior Secretary Zinke. It is about energy exploitation and uranium mines in Bear Ears. It's about the White Mesa processing mill and the dormant Daneros uranium mine. And it is also about radioactive pollution mining companies don't have to clean up.

"Without question, our public lands are America's treasures." A quote attributed to Secretary Zinke on DOI's official website. However, one should not listen to what they say but watch what they do.

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has "an estimated several billion tons of coal and large oil deposits" contained within its boundaries, according to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. Grand Staircase was reduced by over 50 percent on December 4 by Donald Trump following the recommendation of the Interior Secretary.

Former President Clinton established the monument in 1966 that later included a land exchange between Utah and the federal government, ratified by Congress, and incorporated a \$14 million buyout of 17 leases held by the controversial coal mining company, Andalex Resources Inc.*

When large parts of the country are embracing

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Thousands gather in Salt Lake City to protest the reduction of the Bears Ears National Monument.

Photo by Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

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“clean energy sources” like solar and wind, the Trump administration is trying to revitalize the fossil fuel industry. Grand Staircase has been described as a “Dinosaur Shangri-la” because it is full of dinosaur fossils many that can be located on a plateau that contains one of the country’s largest known coal reserves.

Changing the way the two national monuments in Utah are managed, as well as their size, has already produced a number of lawsuits. “No other administration has gone this far,” said Kristen Brengel, vice president of government affairs for the National Parks Conservation Association. “This law (Antiquities Act) was intended to protect places from development, not promote damage to natural and cultural resources.”

A memorandum labeled, “Final Report Summarizing Findings of the Review of Designa-

tions Under the Antiquities Act” claims that both Republican and Democratic presidents went too far in limiting commercial activities in protected areas. The Act gives a president wide latitude to protect public lands and waters but the memo claims that certain monuments were designed to prevent economic development rather than protect specific objects(?).

“Throughout the review, the Secretary has seen examples of objects not clearly defined in the proclamation,” according to the report. “Examples of such objects are geographic areas, ‘viewsheds’ and ‘ecosystems’.”

*Andalax Resources Inc. was bought by Utah American Energy Inc., a subsidiary of Murray Energy Corporation that is one of the nation’s largest coal mining companies.

Andrew Wheeler, a coal lobbyist, has been

nominated by Trump to be deputy administrator in the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the number two position in the agency. Wheeler works at the Faegre Baker Daniels law firm and his clients include Murray Energy.

Wheeler, reviled by environmentalist but praised by the coal industry, is known to have the know-how to dismantle Obama-era fossil fuel regulations and “resetting our energy and environmental policies” at the EPA said Thomas Pyle, president of the Institute for Energy Research which promotes fossil fuels and opposes climate change.

Wheeler opposed the Obama administration’s efforts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants; criticized Obama’s agreement with China to jointly cut carbon pollution; and heralded Murray Energy’s opposition to the Paris Accord on Climate Change. Trump agreed and withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Accord making the U.S. the only country in the entire world that isn’t a member.



Making America Great Again

Dear Readers,

What a year 2017 has been. Have you turned on the news, only to hear– “Today, President Trump has...” and think, “Ahh, Geez, what’s he done now?”

There has never been a president who 1) doesn’t know what he doesn’t know, 2) doesn’t care to know what he doesn’t know, 3) refuses to admit he doesn’t know what he doesn’t know, and 4) refuses to listen to anyone telling him what he should know. And that makes him dangerous.

This past year, Trump has revoked nearly every positive measure President Obama had established on health care, worker safety, environmental protections, food programs for children and the elderly, education opportunities, even the program that offers dogs to the Wounded Warriors Program.

Trump has boasted he will create millions of jobs with his agenda and he has –for the legal profession. Almost everything he’s done and undone has resulted in a lawsuit.

Recently the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) revoked Obama’s **Net Neutrality Rule** that allowed equal access to the Internet by small companies offering internet services (en-Touch, Hughes Net, etc.) or movie services like Netflix. Verizon, Comcast and AT&T lobbied for the change and the Commissioner, Ajit Pai, was happy to oblige his former employer Verizon where he was an attorney for the company. The

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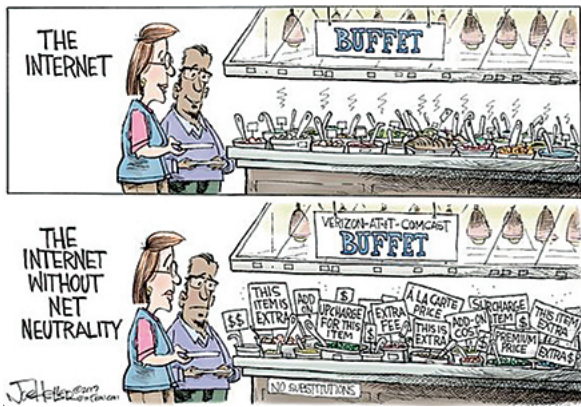


Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

U.S. Park Service Photo

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small companies could be shut out and the large companies will be able to dominate the Internet. It's been speculated that the large internet providers will be able to block certain cable channels or slowdown service then charge to speed it up. Over 20 states have filed lawsuits but Nevada is not listed as one of them. A relatively small amount of fraud was cited as the reason for cancelling the Net Neutrality rule. Those who will be most affected will be the rural communities and isolated Indian reservations. With the exception of Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada can be described as mostly rural.



The above cartoon accurately depicts what the country understands will happen if the Net Neutrality cancellation is approved.

Censorship has become another Trump goal. It has started by banning certain words and phrases used by federal agencies in their reports. The words are: vulnerable, entitlement, diversity, transgender, fetus (?), evidence-based, and science-based. Also, the Affordable Care Act must be called Obamacare in an apparent effort to create a negative view of the health care act. Trump says the Constitution's First Amendment (protecting free speech and freedom of the press) "is disgusting" and he wants to open up "the libel laws" to restrict what journalists can write about him plus curtail the "fake news" published in leading newspapers and reported on news broadcasts. It seems that the *National Enquirer* and Fox News are his standard.

At least **five lawsuits were filed** before the ink dried on Trump's order to reduce Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments. He doesn't know that there are no laws that allows him to do that and the Interior Department couldn't tell him because they don't have a solicitor yet. Recently 118 law professors and a number of conservation organizations concluded that the president does not have authority to downsize or revoke national monuments. Trump's effort to scale back these monuments oversteps his authority and is unlikely to stand.

But not knowing the law will not stop him. Just recently he said "I have the absolute right to do what I want to do with the Justice Department." He may not know there is a reason for three separate branches of government: Executive, Legislative, and Justice. The key word being *separate* and one branch should not interfere with the other.

Two days into his administration Trump gleefully approved the **Dakota Pipeline** despite the numerous tribal groups opposing it. The treatment The People encountered violated basic human decency and those militarized storm troopers clearly enjoyed abusing them. Trump protecting a Canadian oil company's interest over the native people's sacred land and water can be

considered a traitorous act. Even though Trump said the pipeline is "good for the environment", it sprung a leak on November 16 and spilled over 200,000 gallons of oil onto the South Dakota landscape.

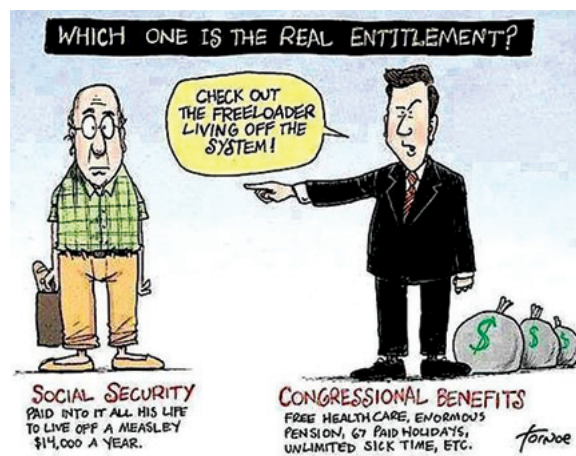
The **Republican's shameless tax reform plan** that is designed to enrich the already rich will hurt many people who are not in a \$150,000-plus income bracket. People earning \$8,000 to \$75,000 will pay the most taxes.

This tax bill was written by lobbyists so very few congressmen knew what was in the bill, didn't have time to read the 500-plus-page document, and voted for it anyway. The bill was crafted in November, voted on in December and will take effect in January—even the IRS will be hard-pressed to write the regulations for it to inform the millions of payroll accountants.

Now teachers can't deduct what they pay for school supplies. It eliminates deductions for personal losses from wildfires (think California and all the western states), earthquakes, and other natural disasters. And no more deductions for medical costs or long-term medical care.

Also Medicare took a major \$25 billion a year hit that will continue until it no longer exists.

When the economy tanks and the national debt becomes too much Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other social programs will be reduced or eliminated so that money can be paid into the national debt.



Twice the Republicans have looted the Social Security fund (FICA taxes paid but not used) to put into the national debt. For some unexplained reason Republican leaders Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell think Social Security and Medicare are entitlements. It is not and people who have paid into Social Security expect that money when they retire and Medicare to help supplement their health care insurance.

For health care Indian people have the Indian Health Service but that only has enough money to pay for operating their hospitals and clinics and not enough for medical care. Medicare and Medicaid supplement the Indian Health Service to a large extent. If those two supplemental programs are taken away, the Indian Health Service would be hard-pressed to provide medical care and Indian people will die, needlessly.

Trump began his administration by firing all the U.S. federal attorneys throughout the country which basically crippled the federal legal system. Tribal governments rely on the federal judicial system for protection. Trump has been extremely slow filling the federal attorney positions and those who have been appointed are conservative and would likely put God before the law.

He has appointed people to Cabinet positions who oppose the ideals of the very departments they are charged with running.



For the **Environmental Protection Agency** Trump selected Scott Pruitt who, as Oklahoma's attorney general, has sued EPA a number of times over EPA's environmental laws. Trump promised to do away with EPA and Pruitt has managed to follow through because so far over 700 employees have left the EPA, 200 were scientists. In addition, Trump has recommended for the number two job in EPA a former coal lobbyist (see Bears Ears story on pages 16-17). Secretary Pruitt has contemplated cutting off EPA reimbursement funds to the Justice Department's Environmental and Natural Resources Division that handles litigation for EPA's SuperFund program. And for EPA's SuperFund Clean Up Task Force, Pruitt hired his former banker, Albert Kelly, for that job. Kelly is no longer a banker because he's been banned from ever holding a job in the banking industry again.

Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke thinks energy exploiters can co-exist alongside Indian people wishing to preserve their sacred grounds. It's quite understandable to think that would work but history has shown the exact opposite will happen again. He criticized the Obama-era ban on uranium mining around the Grand Canyon area that was implemented after area tribes and environmentalists raised concerns that uranium mining would pollute the Colorado River. He said the ban inhibited "much needed growth and jobs." He has filled the top positions at Interior with former employees of energy companies who may be hard-pressed to be protectors of this country's natural resources.

Department of Energy Secretary Rick Perry suggested fossil fuels could somehow prevent sexual assaults at an energy event in D.C. "But also from the standpoint of sexual assault, when the lights are on, when you have light that shines, the righteousness, if you will, on those types of acts. So from the standpoint of how you really affect people's lives, fossil fuels is going to play in role in that. I happen to think it's going to play a positive role." Sierra Club's director called on Perry to resign for trying to "exploit this struggle (sexual assaults) to justify further dangerous fossil fuel development. Perry also wants to increase the use of coal, oil, and gas even though many states are moving towards implementing solar and wind energy systems.

Department of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who reportedly has no experience in this country's educational system except for the private schools she attended, got her position due in large part because her family was a large contributor to Trump's campaign. She advocates for the school voucher system and wants to privatize the public school system. She rescinded the regulations for disabled students and took them off

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the Education's official website. She will no longer cancel debts of students defrauded by fake universities that gave them fake degrees—like the now-defunct Trump University. She owns a large debt collection company that collects on student loans. During her confirmation, she testified that she was in favor of guns in schools, “like in Wyoming where they might run into grizzly bears.”

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions doesn't believe in the Constitution's provision separating church and state. He has come under fire from Trump, who selected him for the position, for recusing himself from Mueller's investigation on Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. He was a senator from Alabama and actively campaigned for Trump.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, formerly a CEO of Exxon, has been constantly undermined by Trump when trying to make diplomatic nice with North Korea. Tillerson, not quite the diplomatic type, has been so frustrated by Trump that at one point he called him a moron. Many career professionals have left his State Department and hundreds of positions have not been filled.

Tribal leaders met with Trump in June to discuss the development of their energy resources and the cumbersome regulations they encounter. Trump said, “But now it's me. The government's different now. Obama's gone; and we're doing things differently now.” He continued, “Chief, chief, what are they going to do? Once you get it out of the ground are they going to make you put it back in there? I mean, once it's out of the ground it can't go back in there.

You've just got to do it. I'm telling you, chief, you've just got to do it.”

Clearly “it” refers to *breaking the law* and “they” refers to officials responsible for upholding the law. That wasn't covered in the story from *Indian Country Today* reprinted in the 2nd quarter issue. Incidentally, politicians always call Indian men “chief” regardless of who they are or when they don't care to remember their names.

Who can forget Trump's Pochontas remark? Using an Indian woman's name to insult a woman Senator who is a thorn in his massive backside. He just couldn't resist using that insult when he was suppose to be honoring the Navajo Code Talkers and then using that Indian killer Andrew Jackson's portrait as a backdrop.

Earlier Trump asked General Kelly, “*How good were these code talkers?*” Kelly replied, “You have no idea.” The gentleman in the wheelchair was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and chances are Trump probably doesn't know about that either.

More than 400 Navajo Marines participated in using their language to transmit coded messages that the Japanese were unable to break during World War II. The Code Talkers are recipients of Congressional gold medals.

Now comes stage two: 2018. Having delivered our government to their privileged friends and benefactors, Trump, House Speaker Ryan and Senate Leader McConnell will make sure



Navajo Code Talkers: Fleming Begaye, Thomas Begay and Peter MacDonald.

that Washington does even less for the vast majority of Americans. Ryan speaks eagerly of wanting to “reform” Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and programs for those with low incomes. Rarely has the idea of “reform” been so degraded.

Indian people will suffer along with other folks when lose their current level of health care, educational opportunities, and have their basic lifestyle turned upside down. The problem is that it will take longer for Indian people to recover.

This country is being torn apart from within because Trump is being used by Russia's Putin and big money. And a gutless Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, who have remained eerily silent. Republicans vote Republican whether it's good for the country or not.

And so did Nevada's Dean Heller. Isn't he up for re-election?



TRUMPISMS

Sometimes you see a little feature called, *You can't make this stuff up* that has totally off-the-wall comments. Well, Donald Trump could fill a whole page with *stuff*. When he's not golfing on his “working vacations” he's trying to erase Obama's accomplishments because he'll never be as smart, as educated, or as cool as Obama. He has a gold toilet but he doesn't have cool.

He brags about himself all the time, trying to convince others or himself. “I have so many words. I have the best words.” Okay then. “I have the best memory... I went to an Ivy League college. I'm very intelligent. I was a nice student... One of the great memories of all time... Ask anyone about Donald Trump.”

During a recent interview with the *New York Times* Trump revealed a few of his thoughts.

The Mueller investigation: “It makes the coun-

try look very bad and it puts the country in a very bad position. So the sooner it's worked out, the better it is for the country.” He adds, “I have absolute right to do what I want with the Justice Department”. He does but he'll be impeached almost immediately if he tries to interfere with the Justice Department and the investigation.

He disputes reports that he doesn't have a detailed understanding of legislation, especially the recently passed tax reform bill. “I know the details of taxes better than anybody. Better than the greatest C.P.A. I know the details of health care better than most, better than most.” Later he added that he knows more about “the big bills” debated in the Congress “more than any president that's ever been in office.”

“I don't want to get into loyalty, but I will tell you that, I will say this: (former U.S. Attorney General) Holder protected President Obama. Totally protected him.” Then he added, “When you look at the things that they did, and Holder protected the president. And I have great respect for that, I'll be honest.”

About the media, Trump said, “Another reason that I'm going to win another four years is because newspapers, television, all forms of media will tank if I'm not there because without me, their ratings are going down the tubes.” Then invoked one of his preferred insults, “Without me, The *New York Times* will indeed be not the failing *New York Times*, but the failed *New York Times*. So they basically have to let me win. And eventually, probably six months before the election, they'll be loving me because they're saying, ‘Please, please, don't lose Donald Trump’. O.K.”

“While the Fake News loves to talk about my so-called low approval rating, at *Fox and Friends*

[they] just showed that my rating on Dec. 28, 2017, was approximately the same as President Obama on Dec. 28, 2009, which was 47%... and this despite massive negative Trump coverage and Russia hoax!”

“Why is the United States Post Office, which is losing many billions of dollars a year, while charging Amazon and others so little to deliver their packages, making Amazon richer and the Post Office dumber and poorer? Should be charging much more!”

“The Democrats have been told, and fully understand, that there can be no DACA without the desperately needed wall at the Southern Border and an end to the horrible Chain Migration and ridiculous Lottery System of Immigration etc. We must protect our Country at all cost!”

A Good Catholic Joke

The Pope and Trump are on the same stage in Yankee Stadium in front of a huge crowd. The Pope leans towards Trump and said, “Do you know that with one little wave of my hand I can make every person in this crowd go wild with joy? This joy will not be a momentary display, but will go deep into their hearts and they'll forever speak of this day and rejoice!” Trump replied, “I seriously doubt that! With one little wave of your hand... Show me!” So the Pope backhanded him and knocked him off the stage! AND THE CROWD ROARED AND CHEERED WILDLY and there was happiness throughout the land!

Artist shows unique photo weavings

Tedra Begay, a Navajo artist, uses her photographs and weaving skills to create her art of textured images. Born and raised in Albuquerque, Tedra (pronounced “Teedra”) spent her summers at Seba Dalkai, Arizona where she learned traditional weaving from her grandmother.

She took photography courses at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe and one day, she sliced up a photograph, then pieced it back together using her weaving skills. The result is a combination of a puzzle with the raised surfaces of Navajo textiles.

Her “Apache Crown Dancer” is a double exposure photograph transferred onto aluminum. She slices her photos into quarter-inch strips and then weaves them back together.

After graduating from IAIA in 2005, she took time off and to decide what she wanted to do. She began doing designs with her weaving, then began experimenting with her photographs and “it came about.” She is planning photography trips to Canyon de Chelly and Monument Valley and hopes to do her art full time. Currently she is working in the library at the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

Her parents now live in Gilbert, Arizona and she will be taking her father to visit the Grand



Artist with “Harmony”

Photos by Marla Brose

Canyon for a long holiday weekend. She still visits her grandmother and “She’s just awed at what I can do. She loves it.”

Tedra took second place in the digital photography category at the Santa Fe Indian Market in 2013. In 2015 she placed second in photography at the Heard Museum Guild Indian Art Fair. This year she participated again in the Indian Market, selling her photo weavings and also displayed her artwork at the New Mexico State Fair.



“Apache Crown Dancer”

You can’t make this stuff up...

“If we sold a few non-income generating properties, like Yosemite, the Grand Canyon, and Yellowstone, we could wipe out the federal debt and overturn Obamacare. That’s what experts call Economics 101.”

**— Michelle Bachman
Fox News, 10/6/13**

PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL HEALTH CLINIC PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY (January 2017)

Thank you for completing this Patient Satisfaction Survey, your time and comments are appreciated.

Questions	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
1 How satisfied are you with the services provided to you and your family at the Clinic?					
2 How would you rate the cleanliness of the Clinic?					
3 How satisfied are you with the friendliness of the Clinic staff?					
4 How satisfied are you that patient confidentiality is protected?					
5 How would you rate the Clinic’s appointment system?					
6 How would you rate your ability to come to the Clinic as a walk-in?					
7 How would you rate the quality of care you received at your last visit?					
8 How satisfied are you with the patient educations you receive about your medical condition(s) and medication?					
9 If you received a referral to an outside Provider, how satisfied are you with the Clinic’s follow-up?					
10 If you had a Patient Complaint, how would you rate the Clinic’s resolution to your complaint?					
11 What one improvement you would like to see at the Health Clinic.	<p>Please return Patient Survey to Carla Molina at the Clinic.</p>				