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Harris Ranch with Parshall Flume Guage

Water is flowing more efficiently and faster after the irrigation ditches were lined with concrete. It took A&K Earthmovers only a few months to complete the construction. Advantages include side access roads and head gates.



Dave Mauwee Ranch



Terry Wright Ranch



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## Supreme Court Upholds Treaty Rights In Wyoming Hunting Case

The U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed Native American treaty rights in a narrow ruling on Monday, May 20, 2019 in favor of a Crow tribal member who argued he was allowed to hunt out-of-season on traditional lands in Wyoming.

The case stems from a January 2014 incident when Clayvin Herrera went outside the boundaries of the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana and harvested several bull elk in northern Wyoming.



Hunting big game animals during the winter is prohibited under Wyoming state law. The state government penalized Herrera and fined him more than \$8,000.

But Herrera argued that he had the right to shoot those elk because of an 1868 treaty which allowed the Crow tribe to continue hunting on "unoccupied" lands outside the reservation boundaries in exchange for ceding most of its territory to the United States.

State trial courts rejected Herrera's argument and said the treaty language was invalidated once Wyoming was granted statehood in 1890 and took jurisdictional control of those lands.

But the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the original treaty rights in a 5-4 decision.



"Wyoming's admission into the Union did not abrogate the Crow Tribe's off-reservation treaty hunting right," wrote Justice Sonia Sotomayor in the majority opinion.

"There is no evidence in the treaty itself that Congress intended the hunting right to expire at statehood, or that the Crow Tribe would have understood it to do so. Nor does the historical record support such a reading of the treaty."

The ruling reaffirms tribal sovereignty in the United States, according to Monte Mills, co-director of the University of Montana's Margery Hunter Brown Indian Law Clinic.

"[This] may embolden tribes to pursue and assert these rights in other areas, but they are still going to be subject to review and interpretation."

Justice Neil Gorsuch, a conservative, sided with the liberal majority in the 5-4 decision. This is the second time this year that Gorsuch has championed treaty rights on the Supreme Court.

This case has tremendous implications for treaty tribes and those whose reservation was established prior to statehood. In Nevada, this has major implications for Indian rights.



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8th Annual Elder Abuse Conference

Carla Eben, director of the Numaga Senior Center and Karole McQueen, PLPT Law and Order Committee, were among the many representatives who attended the 8th annual "Taking A Stand Against Alder Abuse" Conference on May 15-18 at Fort Hall, Idaho. They left Nixon at 6:30 am and after driving almost 11 hours, they arrived at the Shoshone Bannock Tribe's Hotel and Casino.

The conference began on Thursday, May 16 with a morning ceremony that featured Posting



of the Colors, an Honor Song, and Opening Prayer. There were Welcome speeches from Ladd Edmo, Kevin Callahan, and Donna Thompson from the Sho-Ban Business Council, the current Miss Sho-Ban Jennie Whitehorse and the

host of the conference, Ms. Marcia Hall.

Director of the Title VI Programs for Indian Country, Cynthia LaCounte from Washington,



DC, gave a presentation on the importance of coming together to learn about elder abuse because it is a very real thing that happens to our elders on each of our reservations.

Elder Abuse can be any of the following:

- Physical: Pushing, hitting, pinching, kicking, forced feeding, and threats to do harm.
Emotional/Psychological: Yelling or screaming at the elder causing stress or worry, and talking disrespectful.
Sexual: This includes rape, unwanted touching, molestation, and sodomy.
Financial: Illegal or improper use of the elder's personal funds, forging checks, misusing ATM or credit/debit cards, cleaning out bank accounts, borrowing money and never repaying,

and stealing possessions or items of value.

Neglect: Refuse to pay the elder's bills, fails to provide food and water, medical supplies, clothing, locks them in a room or deliberately ignores the elder and his/her basic needs such as hygiene care.

Spiritual: Theft of cultural items, does not take elder to local cultural events, corrupts elder's personal values and cultural beliefs.

Abandonment: Drops off elder at events and leaves them alone to fend for themselves, failure to return to pick them up.

Self-Neglect: Ignores elder's threats to give up or take care of themselves, refusing medical treatment or to take prescribed medicines.

During the two-day conference, presentations were given by: Wilson Wewa, Jr. from the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Iola Hernandez from Fort



Hall's Health and Human Services; Robert Blancato from the National Elder Justice Coalition; Dr. Jacques Gray from the National Elder Justice Incentive; Louise Dixey from the Sho-Ban Language and Cultural Program;

Joseph Brings Plenty, Jr. on Historical Trauma; Shalynn Kellogg from the Tribal House Opportunity; and the Fort Hall Police Department on drug use on the Fort Hall Reservation.

There also was a trip to Lava Hot Springs with elders from Warm Springs and Duck Valley.

It was noted that many of the topics discussed at this conference needs to be addressed here at Pyramid Lake.

The conference ended on Friday with a Paiute-style Circle Dance at the Buffalo Lodge that evening.

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## From the Environmental Department

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has been organized since 1936 when adopted its tribal Constitution and By-Laws. In those official documents it is stated that when there are no tribal laws to oversee certain conditions then federal law will prevail.

Prior to “western civilization” contact, our tribe, as with all tribes, lived according to the unwritten tenets of traditional law that was based on knowing the difference between right and wrong especially on how we treat one another. More importantly was the knowledge and respect towards the natural environment, its seasonal cycles, and the ecosystem of the plants and animals that a tribe’s survival depended upon. This is what our ancestors knew to survive.

Today, our understanding of natural and traditional laws is not entirely realized. Containing our garbage and controlling its disposal seems to be lacking in our responsibility towards our natural environment. The illegal



open dumps occur not only at remote locations on our land, but also at the designated areas.

When garbage and unusable large items are carelessly tossed on the ground outside the designated areas, it does not comply with tribal laws or regulations—nor does it show traditional respect for the environment.

Please use the transfer station bins for all household garbage, furniture, and other large household waste. Yard waste, automotive waste, hazardous materials and household appliances can be arranged for pickup by Tribal Public Utilities District (PUD). Tribal PUD can be reached at (775) 574-0268 or the Tribal Environmental Office at (775) 574-0101.

The Tribal Irrigation O&M Program is responsible for scheduling and delivering irrigation waters to the ranches and farms. The program has limited financial resources for services and maintenance but with the new concrete lining of the irrigation ditches, obtained through several federal grants, the program will be better able to serve its customers. The operation and function of the new concrete ditch system is a tremendous improvement for the delivery time and it adds to the efficiency for irrigation water management in Nixon. The next area of ditch improvement will shift to the Wadsworth area with priority given to the Proctor and the Fellnagle ditches.

The Tribal Noxious Weeds Program continues to treat and control the area for noxious weeds. The focus of the program is to control the infestation of areas and to prevent the potential for seed distribution. The program also has limited financial resources and the extent of the noxious weed problem is always a huge endeavor to accomplish but it is an important objective of our program.



Streambank erosion continues to be a problem in the lower Truckee River. The permitting requirements has forced the development of engineering designs to address each streambank scheduled for repair and restoration. The impacts include water quality degradation, loss of aquatic habitats, the decrease in the proper function of the river, loss of croplands, and spawning bed suffocation. The Tribe continues to seek and obtain the necessary funding to support the protection of our streambanks and the restoration of our cold-water fishery.

The Tribal Range Inventory Program is working to complete the preliminary assessment functions for the Tribal grazing units. The immense area and limited staff make it a time-consuming effort in meeting the tasks. The 2005 Comprehensive Resource Management Plan is being reviewed for updating and to determine the best and most suitable method for arranging tribal resource management.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (775) 574-0101 x17. Thank you.

—Mervin Wright Jr., Environmental Manager

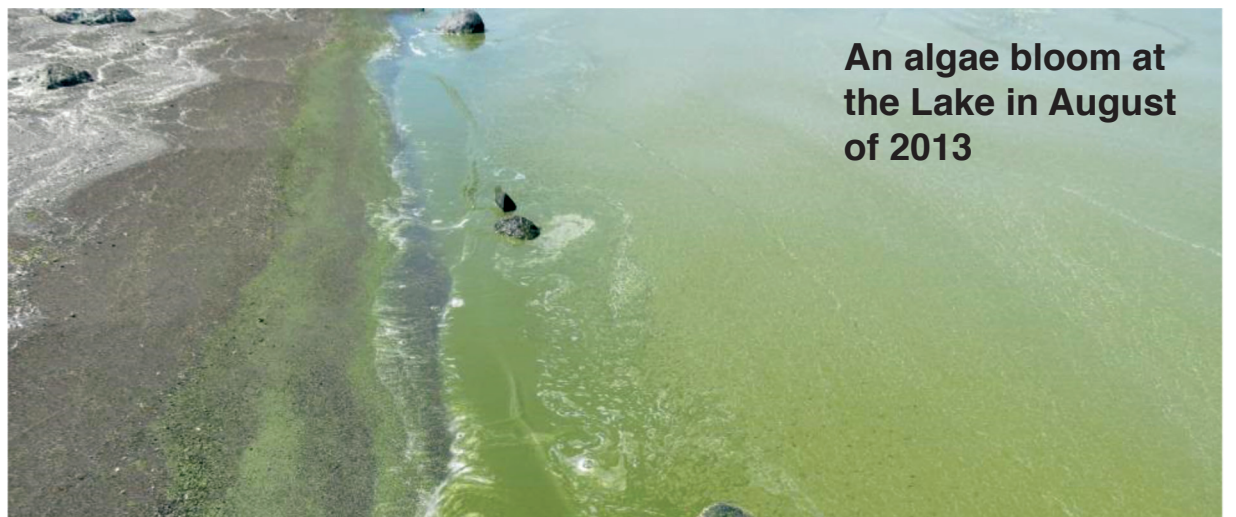
## Water Quality Program

Now that we are into the summer recreation season, the Water Quality Program (WQP) wants to advise everyone of the threat posed by Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs) at Pyramid Lake. HABs are large growths of naturally occurring blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, caused by excessive concentrations of nitrogen and phosphorous.

The algae appears as soupy water and as small dots, clumps or globs on the surface. HABs may contain Microcystin, a toxin that contributes to degradation of water quality, and affects the liver, nerves, skin, stomach and intestines of humans and animals alike. Typically, people experience symptoms similar to Swimmer’s Itch, like skin rash, itching, and also stomach pain.

This happens every year during the late summer/early fall, when the lake “turns over,” meaning that the sun-warmed, upper water layer and the lower, darker cold water layer mix together, increasing the concentration of nitrogen at the lake surface. The cycling of nutrients, combined with the increased sunlight and temperature during the summer, contribute to conditions favorable to HABs.

Remember, the Tribe is interested in the health and safety of everyone. The Tribe has developed standardized protocols for monitoring and assessing the substantial health risks to beachgoers and swimmers in the Lake. Upon



**An algae bloom at the Lake in August of 2013**

the reporting of a HAB event, the department responds and monitors the condition of the Lake’s waters.

The department then conducts Microcystin sampling to quantitatively determine the extent of the public threat, and then acts accordingly in cooperation with other Tribal agencies. Remember, timely reporting of HABs events helps to preserve public health!

Finally, the WQP is finalizing its Nonpoint Source (NPS) Assessment Report and NPS Management Plan this year, and will be holding public participation sessions to gather public input of ideas that can improve water quality on the reservation.

The NPS Assessment Report will be up on the Water Quality Program’s and the PLPT

websites for public review and comment in the coming weeks, and public notice for workshops may be published in the tribal newspaper, tribal e-newsletter and posted at prominent public places. The program will use that input towards development of projects that can help minimize water pollution. Also, the WQSS will attend meetings of stakeholder groups to listen and gather feedback prior to the publication of the Management Plan.

If there is need to report an HAB event, or if you have questions or concerns regarding HABs, or the NPS Assessment Report and NPS Management Plan, feel free to contact me at (775) 574-0101 extension 13, or email at: [abill@plplt.nsn.us](mailto:abill@plplt.nsn.us).

—Aaron Bill, Water Quality Specialist

# Environmental Department's Invasive Species Program

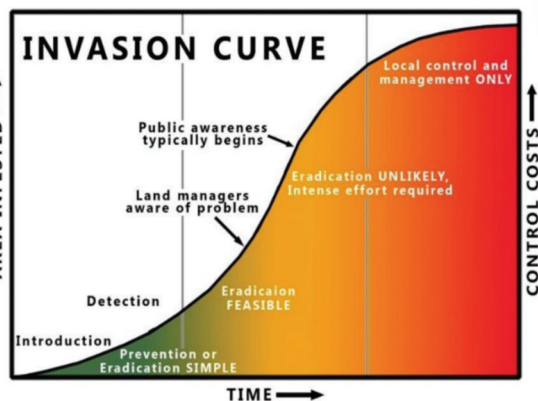
With the relentless expansion of aquatic invasive species (AIS) across the U.S. in recent years; many local, tribal, state, and federal agencies are coordinating to implement preventative measures to reduce the spread of these invasive species.

Aquatic invasive species refers to non-native freshwater, or marine organisms that pose a serious threat to the local environment, economy, recreation, and to human health and safety.

They are highly adaptable, prolific, and can tolerate a wide range of environmental conditions. This is why they are becoming more prevalent with increasing human activity and climate change.

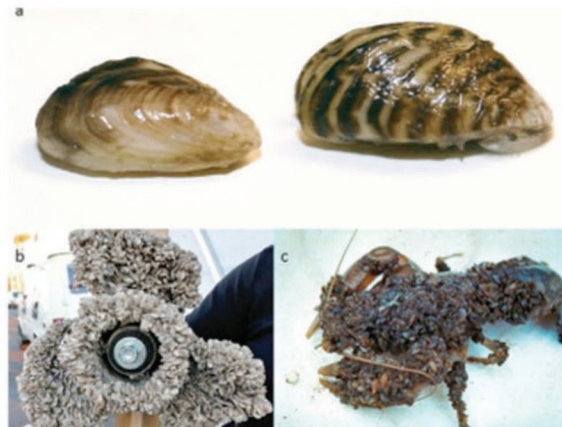
They often prey upon native species, or compete with them for resources, introduce parasites and pathogens, transform food web dynamics, and alter natural ecosystem functions. AIS can also reduce fish hatchery production, decrease water availability to residential and commercial users, choke irrigation canals, foul industrial and public water supply pipelines, and degrade water quality.

Once established, AIS are extremely difficult, if not impossible, and costly to control or eradicate. The graph below represents the narrow window of time between species introduction and detection (eradication feasible and less costly) to when infestation has become widespread and management practices are drastically less effective and more expensive to implement.



The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is dedicated to the preservation of its natural resources through the implementation of several programs aimed

## Zebra & Quagga Mussels



## New Zealand Mudsnail



at managing water quality/resources, fisheries, pollution, rangelands, and riparian ecosystems.

The Pyramid Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Program is designed to monitor, prevent, and control aquatic invasive species throughout

the lower Truckee River and Pyramid Lake in an effort to maintain a healthy ecosystem and support Tribal resources.

In addition, the AIS team is also implementing a watercraft inspection and decontamination program to prevent boats and other vessels from transporting aquatic invasive "hitchhikers" from other infested waters to Pyramid Lake. Free floating microscopic larvae (veligers) of the infamous zebra and quagga mussels can be easily transported by mud, debris, or water found on the outside of boats and trailers, as well as inside any watercraft compartments, live-wells, bilge areas, ballast tanks, or engine cooling systems.

Since mussel larvae cannot be seen with the naked eye, it is extremely important that all watercraft visiting the Reservation are thoroughly CLEAN, DRAINED, and COMPLETELY DRY prior to launching.

The infestation of quagga mussels throughout the Colorado River, including Lake Mead and Lake Powell, is a tragic example of the spread of a dangerous AIS by recreational watercraft.

The Tribe currently has a management plan for addressing the potential threat of zebra and quagga mussels to Pyramid Lake; however, other aquatic invasive species known to occur on the Reservation such as the American bull-frog, Signal crayfish, non-native fish species, Asian clams, Eurasian water-milfoil, and New Zealand mudsnail. They will also be included in a comprehensive Reservation-wide management plan. The Aquatic Invasive Species Program will compliment other programs within the Natural Resources Department and coordinate with regional agencies to establish a holistic approach to managing AIS throughout the Pyramid Lake watershed. Since the most effective strategy in AIS management is prevention, public outreach and AIS awareness will be a key component to the success of the program.

Educating the boating and recreational community on the potential dangers of transporting AIS to non-infested waters, as well as the necessary steps to prevent AIS introductions (i.e. watercraft inspections), will further aid the Pyramid Lake Aquatic Invasive Species Program in mitigating the western advancement of aquatic invasive species.

## Fisheries Update

Pyramid Lake Fisheries welcomes our new Executive Director, Dan Mosley. He replaces Albert John who recently retired after many years of service. Dan has extensive experience working with the Tribe, starting as a Game Warden in 1979. After leaving the area for a few years he returned to Pyramid Lake Fisheries as a Resource Technician in 1989. In 1998 he moved to the Environmental Department as an Environmental Specialist, where he worked diligently building the water quality program. After working as a consultant for several years, Dan has come back to Fisheries.

Fisheries just completed another successful spawning season. More than 7,000 Lahontan cut-throat trout (LCT) were checked in the Sutcliffe Spawn Channel. Over 500 pair of LCT were spawned and 838,000 eggs were incubated at



Numana Hatchery. We recently released about 68,000 LCT fry below Marble Bluff Dam, and the rest of the fry (about 400,000) will be reared at the Hatchery until they are 4-6 inches in length (around October). In

addition, approximately 1,000 LCT were counted at the Marble Bluff Fish Facility, and over 700 were passed over the dam to spawn in the lower Truckee River.

Interestingly many trout were trying to make a spawning run up small tributaries like Big Canyon Creek, Hardscrabble Creek, and Tom Anderson Creek. Even though the creeks were flowing well, the fish were unable to successfully spawn due to inadequate fish passage to the up-

per reaches of the creeks, and the stream temperatures were too cold for the eggs to survive.

The cui-ui spawn was successful as well, with more than 237,000 fish passed over Marble Bluff Dam. Cui-ui eggs were collected and incubated at the Big Bend Cui-ui Facility. Egg survival exceeded 95% and about 1 million cui-ui larvae were released into the River below Marble Bluff Dam.



The Invasive Species Inspection Station, located at the old Ranger Station site in Sutcliffe, is nearing completion. A roof will be completed this summer. The Tribe has hired an Invasive Species Specialist and three Environmental Technicians to run the inspection program. Details on when the Station will begin operation will be forthcoming.

## Enrollment Services Update

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

### For those Tribal Members who are turning 18 in 2019:

Minor distribution forms are submitted to the Trust Company four times a year, if you miss your deadline to submit your form it will be submitted the next quarter.

Please submit a photo ID with your distribution form.

The Economic Development Minors Trust Distribution Acceptance Form is available on the Tribal website, tribal office lobby or by calling the Enrollment Office.

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

Under 18 Card Replacement Request Form  
An Expiration Date ID Card for 18 And Over Request Form  
Document Request Form  
Enrolled Member Address Update Form  
Name Change Request Form

### Information that cannot be verified over the phone:

Enrollment Numbers  
Social Security Numbers  
Asking if an individual is enrolled or their address and phone number  
Address changes also cannot be made over the phone

### Form BIA- 4432

The Verification of Indian Preference Form 4432 is available from the Enrollment Office.

**New Tribal ID Cards** with expiration date are still being issued. If you do not wish to have a photo ID card the Tribal Membership card is still available. The Tribal Membership card is still the same design but is now laminated, and never expires.

Facts about the Tribal ID Cards with expiration dates: the laminate design of the Stone Mother and Tribal Seal on the front of the ID cards is registered and available only to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

The photo of the Stone Mother on the back of the ID cards was contributed by Tribal Member Melva Shaw-Hunter.

### Tribal ID Cards/Roll Numbers

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

### Address Updates

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

### Applications

For new enrollment are available at the Enrollment office or the Tribal Office lobby for pick up or you may call or email and an application will be mailed to you. At this time applications are not available online.

Applications must include the following to be processed:

Family Tree--Fill out as much information as possible

Original or Certified Birth Certificate--Photo copies are not acceptable.

Original or copy of the Social Security Card  
Proof of paternity is needed if applicant is filed using the father membership.

Incomplete applications or missing documentation will delay the application process.

### Approvals

*We welcome the following new members to the Tribe.*

### February

Melanie Kaur Buttar, Jacquelyn Jade Livingston, Lilah Jenae Geisel

### March

Jayce Albert Mauwee-Garcia

### April

Alejandro Lee Amescua, Quincy Mack Centeno, Teresa Lee Perry, Camille Lee Rosales.

### May

Terry Rose Boice, Antonio Edward Hartley, Mae Rose Hartley, Robert Gandall Martinez, Gaige Marie Meade, Kalub Keston Turner-Florez

All of these individuals have met the criteria for Regular Membership or Membership Only. Membership is based on the direct lineal descendants of Base Enrollees.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding membership issues, please contact Joanne Shaw at the Enrollment Office at 775.574.1000, Ext. 1115, or email: [plenrollment@plpt.nsn.us](mailto:plenrollment@plpt.nsn.us). Enrollment now has a new direct fax number 775-201-1941.

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## Pyramid Lake Museum and Visitors Center

Summer is here and the weather is getting hot! The museum has been receiving lots of visitors wanting to see the lake and surrounding area. They enjoy the exhibits that help them to understand our culture and history. They are usually surprised about the historical events endured by the Kooyoee Tukadu Numu.

We are working to create new displays on "Indian Cowboys and Cowgirls," "Language and Culture Revitalization," "Indian Pow-Wows," "Movies filmed at Pyramid Lake," and "Indian Veterans." If you have any photos that you would like to share, we can scan the pictures to make copies here at the museum, and the original photo is returned to the owner. Please contact the museum to let us know if you have pictures you want scanned.

Since we've been interviewing elders and community members it's been really interesting to hear about local community members or family members who played in Indian tournaments, participated in rodeos and parades, or had a role as an extra talent in one of the movies filmed on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. Your assistance with these displays in obtaining old photographs would be most helpful and appreciated.

We had a special visitor in the month of June. Anthony "Tony" Numkena (Hopi) came for a visit after 66 years. He played in the movie, *Destination Gobi* when he was 10 years old as the son of Kung Tu. Anthony wanted to see the site where the movie was filmed, north of Nixon, so Levi Frazier, Jr. escorted him to the area.

The visit prompted some good conversations with the locals who remembered all the people who were in the movies at Pyramid Lake. We commonly hear of the well-known movies *Greatest Story Ever Told*, *Destination Gobi*,



**Tony Numkena shown here with noted actor Richard Widmark during the filming of *Destination Gobi*.**

*The Misfits* and more. Some of the other movies were *The Wizard*, *Hunted Lady*, *Pink Cadillac*, and *Pink Jungle*. If you have more information, please stop by the museum and talk with me.

Interviews are still being held with tribal wisdom-keepers for our IMLS grant. The interviews are filmed by videographer Sam Santoro who also assisted with the Stewart Indian School documentary. I will be attending an IMLS Grantee Meeting in August to present a progress report on grant activities.

The museum was active in planning for the float entries in the Reno Rodeo Parade on June 22nd. This year is the 100th anniversary of an event that the Pyramid Lake Numu would frequently attend and participate. As we look at the old photos of the rodeo, parade, and horse races we can see that most of the old Numu loved to go Reno for all of the fun activities.



Some of our elders described how they would travel by horseback and horse-drawn wagons to the rodeo grounds, stopping along the way to camp in the area now called Spanish Springs. Once everyone got to the rodeo grounds they would set up camp and stay for the week or longer, then would make their way back home after the festivities. Travel took several days to get there and back.

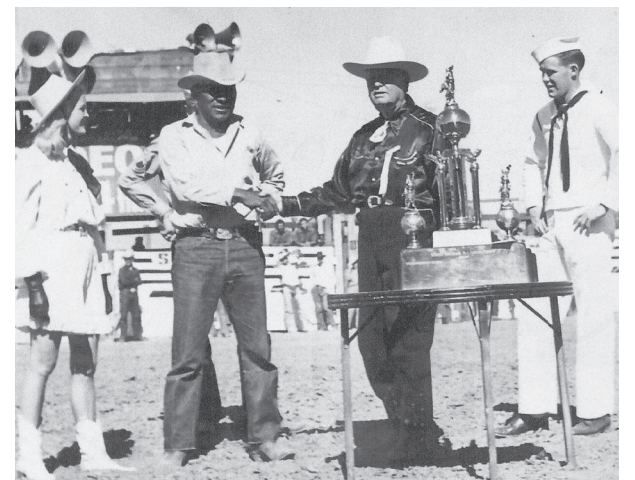
It must have been an awesome sight to see all of our relatives in full regalia riding horses or walking in the parade through downtown Reno, performing our special Numu dances, playing handgames, riding and racing horses in the rodeo's competitive events.

Kudos to Susie Albright for organizing the crew so we could celebrate the 100-year anniversary for the Reno Rodeo. The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe entered three floats in the parade to represent the historical significance



Our banner for the Reno Rodeo Parade representing the Tribe.

of our participation and support throughout the years. A special Thank You to all of the helpers from the communities, dancers, singers, Tribal departments, Rangers, and the Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee. It was fun and the floats drew a lot of cheers from the crowd along the route through downtown Reno.



We have famous cowboys, such as Levi Frazier, Sr. and Gordon "Gordie" Frazier who were well-known for their riding talents. Levi was the All Around Cowboy in 1946 at the Reno Rodeo and was awarded a huge trophy. He was described as "The Indian cowboy from Pyramid Lake was simply one of the best ropers of his day. He was a good calf roper and team roper who spent his life around horses and

cattle. He began competing in rodeos and earned his card from the Rodeo Cowboys Association. He was also a professional horse trainer working with race horses for Harry Drackert and Pick Hobson of Reno." (*Reno Rodeo, A History – The First 80 Years*)

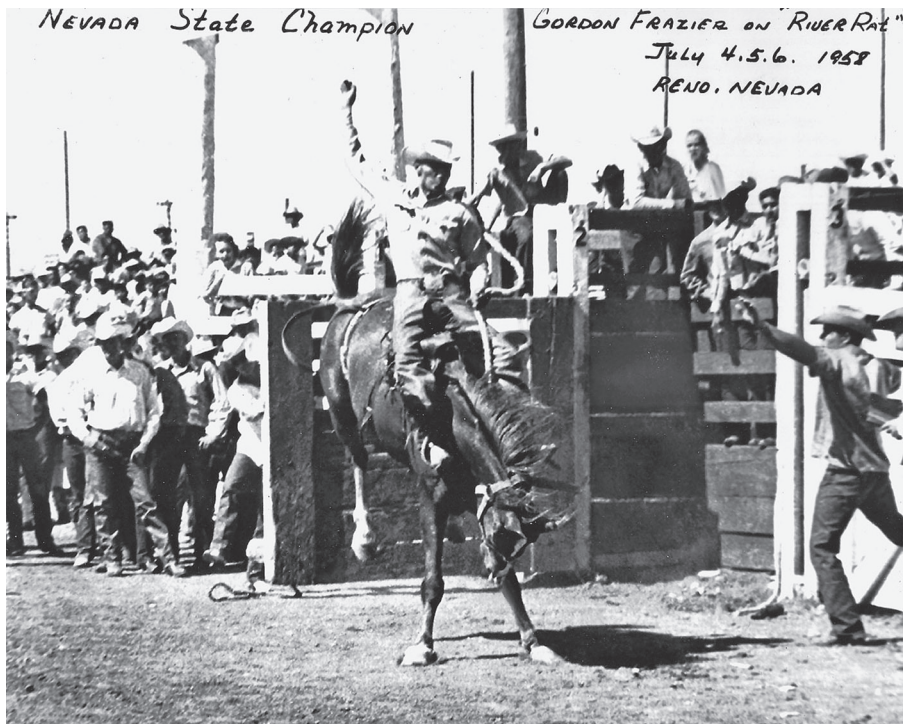
Gordie was the Champion Nevada Bronco Rider in 1958 at the Reno Rodeo. He also competed in team roping events and continued to ride horses up until his last days. The tradition of rodeo is prevalent for Pyramid Lake and we have many Champion Cowboys who still compete. It's a great honor for our local cowboys to represent the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

Stop by and visit the Museum Gift Shop where we always have new items!

Enjoy the beautiful summer weather and stay healthy and cool!

Saa a' Mu Poonedooa!

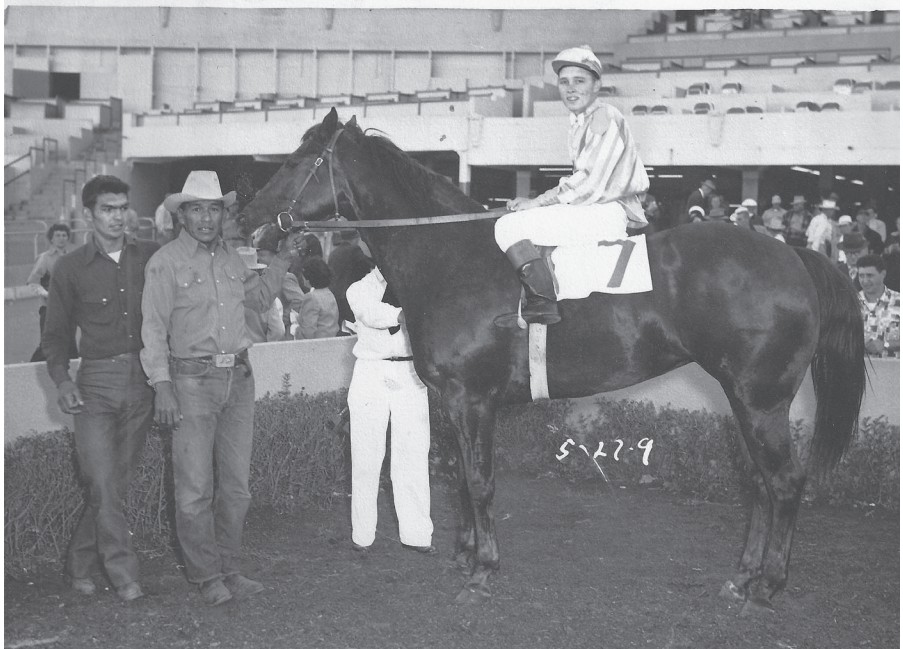
–Billie Jean Guerrero, Museum Director



NEVADA State Champion  
GORDON FRAZIER on "RIVER RAT"  
July 4, 5, 6, 1958  
RENO, NEVADA



\* THE PRINCESS \* B. Hawkinson, Up  
Winning the ninth at Bay Meadows May 27, 1952  
Bella Maria (2nd) 350 Yds-18:7 C. Walkup (3rd)  
R.B. Hobson, Owner Levi Frazier, Trainer



Photos courtesy of Levi Frazier, Jr.

## Transportation Update

### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Summer is here! That means that there will be kids out and about during the day time on bikes, skate boards, roller skates or just walking/running around the neighborhood. Please be vigilant in driving our roadways this summer and keep our kids safe from unintentional injuries.



Unfortunately, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for American Indian/Alaska Natives ages 1 to 44 and the third leading cause of death overall (CDC, 2017). We have been doing a great job keeping our kiddos safe so far so let's continue to stay focused on safety when driving our roadways.

In recognition of these statistics the Transportation Planning Department's Traffic Safety program wrote for and received funds to upgrade the school zone in Wadsworth on the West side of SR447 in front of Natchez School. For years this area has been a place of concern for pedestrian safety in this community

especially during peak tourism seasons at Pyramid Lake and during the entrance and exit of Burning Man Traffic.

The project which will be carried out in partnership with the State of Nevada Department of Transportation Safety Division will include a paved walking path from 5th street to 8th street along SR447 which will define for pedestrians and school children where it is safe to walk. Additionally, a total upgrade to the school zone lighting system will occur with three new cross walks along this route with overhead lighting for pedestrian visibility and flashing warning signs to oncoming traffic when someone is waiting to cross. New crosswalks will also be designed and placed on SR447 at these cross-walk zones. The project is near the 60% design phase and plans will be rolled out for public viewing and comments in July/August of this year. We are so excited to be able to do something that will help to ensure the safety of our children as well as other community members walking in this area.

### KIDS AND CARS

Due to school being out there will be more youngsters out and about in cars. Remember, cars can be a death trap for children who find themselves intentionally or unintentionally locked in a car for any amount of time.

There are several reasons kids may find themselves trapped in a hot car:

- Parents forgetting the child is in the car.
- Parents leaving the child in the car—"I was only going to be gone for a minute..."
- Children locking themselves in a car and not knowing how to get out.

On average, 38 children die from heat-related deaths after being trapped inside vehicles every year. Even the best of parents or caregivers can unknowingly leave a sleeping baby in a car, and the end result can be injury or even death. You can learn more by visiting the following websites:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ecd/interagency-projects/look-before-you-lock>

<https://www.kidxsandcars.org/>

<https://www.safekids.org/press-release/children-alone-vehicles-can-quickly-lead-tragedy>

***Never, not for a minute, leave a child unattended in a car.***

### CHILD SAFETY SEATS

The Transportation Safety Program continues to issue car seats to families now in our third year of this distribution program. We have distributed over two hundred seats and educating the public on the proper fit and installation of their car seats. Kids riding in cars for any distance without a safety seat or seatbelt (if about 4 feet 9 inches in height and are 8 through 12 years of age) is what we can change to keep kids safe. Our goal is that someday we can all children safe by educating the public on the importance of using a safety seat for their child every time, every ride. Seats are available by appointment at the Tribal Administration office or at a checkpoint event.

For more information about our program and how you may qualify for a free safety seat please call (775) 574-1000 ext. 1107.

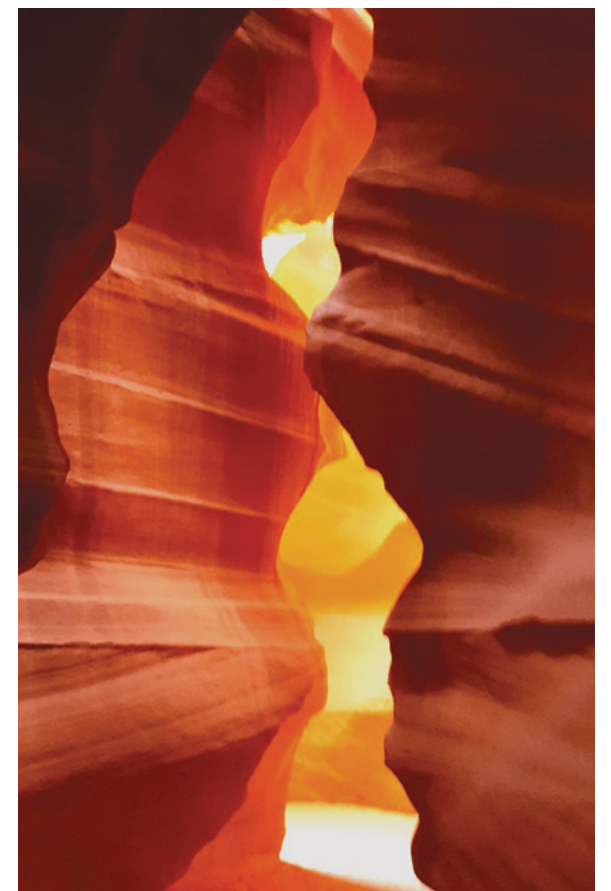
—Sherry Ely-Mendes

Transportation Safety Coordinator.



## Summer Safety Tips for Elders

- 1. Stay Hydrated:** Seniors are more susceptible to dehydration than younger people as they lose their ability to conserve water as they age, become less aware of their thirst and have difficulty adjusting to temperature changes. *Plan to take water with you when you are out and about.*
- 2. Keep Your Cool:** even small increases in temperatures can impact an elder coping with chronic medical conditions. *Stay where it is cool during the hottest part of the day.*
- 3. Stay In Touch:** talk with friends and family every day. *Let someone know when you go out.*
- 4. Know Who To Call:** keep a prepared list of emergency numbers nearby. *Call if you need help.*
- 5. Wear The Right Stuff:** dress for the weather. *Wear light colored, loose fitting clothes that are cooler and comfortable.*
- 6. Protect Your Eyes.** vision loss is common among elders, too much sun can irritate the eyes and cause further damage. *Sunglasses can protect the eyes from harmful UV rays and preserve vision.*
- 7. Use Sunscreen And Wear A Hat:** young and old should wear sunscreen. *Hats are also a great idea for sun protection.*
- 8. Exercise Smart:** enjoy the outdoors. *But, keep track of time in the sun, don't stay out too long, take water with you, and consider cooler times of the day for outside activities, exercise indoors if needed.*
- 9. Talk To Your Doctor:** know what medications are affected by higher temperatures and how to prevent aggravating your medical conditions.



**Candle and Its Flame inside Antelope Canyon located at the Navajo Tribal Park in Southern Utah.**

— Photo by Misty Breeze Barlese.



## Supplemental Food Information

The **Commodity Food** representative and truck will be at the Nixon Gym at 8:30 am to 1:30 p.m. Please make sure you are registered.

The **Tribal Food Bank** will be held at the Nixon Gym parking lot (weather permitting). We ask all recipients to be patient while the staff and volunteers setup the distribution tables and food items. This is a big task to prepare for the distribution, then take down the tables and clean up the site.

The **Mobile Pantry** delivery truck, from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, will be at the Wadsworth Community Center from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. The truck loads and proceeds to Nixon and will be ready to distribute items between 10:00 and 10:40 a.m.

*Please note the policy changes for the food bank distributions.*

1. Each household may pick up supplemental food for their individual household only. Remember the food is supplemental to help households.
2. Picking up food for several households at one time is no longer permitted. If a family member not living in your household or a friend is unable to attend, a phone call is required one day in advance to authorize for their food pick up. Written notes with a contact phone number is also acceptable.
3. We ask that you allow the elders to proceed first in line if they wish to do so.

The Tribe receives enough food for approximately 165 households. Food that is not collected from the Mobile Pantry goes on to Gerlach.

Please note the following schedule for the days that food from Commodity, Tribal Food and Mobile Pantry will be available.

We graciously ask everyone to avoid posting negative comments or complaints on social media about how service is provided. We take your complaints seriously but also we would welcome any suggestions for improvement.

—Pyramid Lake Human Services

## Supplemental Food Resources Calendar for 2019

### Commodity Foods

Nixon Gym 8:30 am – 1:30 pm	
March 11	August 12
April 8	September 9
May 6	October 7
June 3	November 4
July 8	December 9

### Tribal Food Pantry

Nixon Gym 10:30 – 11:30 am	
March 19	August 20
April 16	September 17
May 21	October 15
June 18	November 19
July 16	December 17

### Mobile Food Pantry

Wadsworth Community Building 8 – 9 am	
Nixon Gym 10 – 10:40 am	
March 26	August 27
April 23	September 24
May 28	October 22
June 25	November 26
July 23	December 24

## Burning Season is Over!



A very serious fire situation was prevented by the Pyramid Lake Fire Department when a fire erupted at a residence on Valley Road. Residents were burning weeds and left the area without thoroughly checking to see if the fire was completely out. Trash items and an RV were burned. Note the propane tank near the fire that could have caused major damage if it had caught fire.

The Fire Department recommends 30 feet around homes and sheds be cleared of dry weeds, sagebrush, and yard trash to prevent a careless fire.

**The burning season ended on May 31st and will begin on October 1st.** The dry vegetation can burn very easily and very fast. Be careful and mindful of your home's surroundings.



886 Cottonwood Lane  
off US HWY 95A  
Fernley, NV 89408

P: 775-980-8150  
E: info@kaiafitfernley.com  
W: www.kaiafitfernley.com  
APP: APP Store location:FERNLEY

The **Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic** is proud to announce classes for **women** are now available at the KaiaFIT-FERNLEY for **FREE**. These classes are open to all Pyramid Lake Tribal Members, their spouses, PLPT employees and to the patients of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Health Clinic. The PLTHC wants to encourage **women** to try and attend any of these classes. You will work at your own pace, meet new people and make new friends.

*There's no pressure!*

### Some reasons to exercise your body and brain.

- It Can Make You Feel Happier. ...
- It Can Help With Weight Loss. ...
- It Is Good for Your Muscles and Bones. ...
- It Can Increase Your Energy Levels. ...
- It Can Reduce Your Risk of Chronic Disease. ...
- It Can Help Skin Health. ...
- It Can Help Your Brain Health and Memory

**What is KAIA FIT?**  
**FITNESS. NUTRITION.**  
**RESULTS. COMMUNITY.**

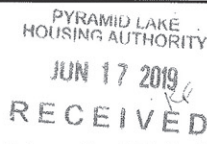
Kaia FIT's mission is to create strong bodies and powerful minds. We are a women's fitness program that specializes in delivering personalized training in a group atmosphere. By working together as a team, Kaia girls accomplish their fitness goals and realize their full potential, both physically and mentally. We recognize and respect the importance of simple exercises and movement, and teach healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.

The Kaia FIT program is designed to increase your fitness level and/or to get you excited about exercising and eating healthy. Finding camaraderie during these sessions is a vital component to everyone's success. The women beside you each day feel exactly what you are feeling and give you the motivation to keep you coming back to class.

KaiaFIT– FERNLEY CLASS SCHEDULE						
APP w/schedule available on the APP Store location: Fernley						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMMUNITY RUN 7:30 AM OPEN TO EVERYONE Location: Check APP	CROSS-TRAINING 5:00 AM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	TRX 5:00 AM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM	CROSS-TRAINING 5:00 AM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	YOGA-PILATES 7:00 AM BARRE 5:00 AM 9:00 AM	CROSS-TRAINING 5:00 AM 7:00 AM 9:00 AM	CROSS-TRAINING 7:00 AM
This is a <b>SUMMER</b> schedule, visit APP for further information on class times.						
Posted: 06/21/19						

# Housing Authority Report

1 IN THE PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE  
 2 PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION  
 3 WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA  
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 6 PYRAMID LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY ) Case No. PL.CV-CM-2019-0026  
 7 Applicant, )  
 8 vs. ) **ORDER FOR PUBLICATION**  
 9 KAREN L. WILLIAMS )  
 10 Respondent. )  
 11  
 12 On June 10, 2019, A Motion: Request to post public information ("Motion") was  
 13 filed with this Court by Kathleen Frazier, Executive Director for the Pyramid Lake  
 14 Housing Authority ("P.L.H.A." or "Applicant").  
 15 The Applicant moves the Court for permission to publish Summons in the  
 16 Pyramid Lake Tribal Newspaper ("Newspaper") as it is distributed to all housing tenants,  
 17 tribal employees and public. Additionally, publishing the summons in the Newsletter  
 18 would satisfy the requirement for notice as the Defendant has not been able to be  
 19 served by the Pyramid Lake Police Department since February 26, 2019.  
 20 Based upon statements made by moving party in the Motion, and for good cause  
 21 shown, therefore;  
 22 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Motion is Granted.  
 23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Summons for the Respondent shall be  
 24 published in the Pyramid Lake Tribal Newspaper for a period of three (3) consecutive  
 25 weeks, provided for in the Fed. R. Civ. P. 71.1(d)(3)(b)(i).  
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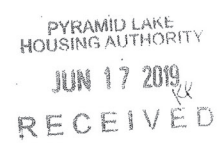


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 2 IN AND FOR THE PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION  
 3 NIXON, NEVADA  
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 7 Pyramid Lake Housing Authority, ) Case No.: PL.CV. CM-2019-0026  
 8 Plaintiff, ) COMPLAINT  
 9 vs. )  
 10 Karen L. Williams, NV 4-11 W10 )  
 11 Defendant )  
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 13 COMES NOW, Plaintiff above-named and alleges the following:  
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 15 I.  
 16 That Plaintiff is and at all times mentioned herein, a duly authorized  
 17 Housing Authority for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.  
 18 II.  
 19 That the Defendant, Karen L. Williams, is at all times mentioned  
 20 herein, a resident of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.  
 21 III.  
 22 That on or about January 3, 1997, Defendant entered into a Mutual Help  
 23 and Occupancy Agreement with Plaintiff for the premises located at 210  
 24 Sagebrush Street, in Wadsworth, Nevada, 89442, on Project NV 4-11, Unit W-10,  
 25 situated on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation.  
 26 IV.  
 27 That Defendant went into possession and occupation of the premises and  
 28 continues to occupy the same  
 29 V.  
 30 That Plaintiff has fully and completely performed all covenants and  
 31 conditions specified in said Agreement.  
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1 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that upon completion of time allotted for service, the  
 2 PLHA shall prove publication by submitting, to the Court, a certificate with attached  
 3 printed copy of published notice and mark on copy, the newspapers name and dates of  
 4 publication.  
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 6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the matter shall be set for a Civil Complaint  
 7 Hearing after a period of 20 days from the first day following the final day of the three  
 8 consecutive weeks of publication as provided for in the Pyramid Lake Law & Order  
 9 Code, Procedures to be Followed Upon Filing a Civil Complaint §3.03.302(f).  
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 12 DATE: 6/17/2019  
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*Bill Kockenmeister*  
 Hon. Bill Kockenmeister, Chief Judge



## Housing Development Report

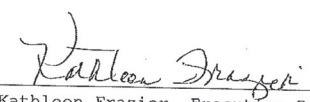
**Cooling System Maintenance:** Remember to clean out your swamp cooler, plug up any holes leaking water, change the fittings that are leaking as they can cause damage to your home and create a loss of water to the community system. If you have a window cooler, be sure to clean out each piece to insure proper operation.

**The BIA Housing Improvement Program:** The program is accepting applications until August 30, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. This application process requires all documents to be sent since the old applications have expired. So please update your information. The BIA Phoenix Area Office determines what tribes and fund amounts are distributed to an individual tribal members from the Pyramid Lake Tribe each year. The Phoenix Area Office will inform the Tribe sometime around June through September by letter on who gets funded and the amount. The Tribe and Housing Authority will then inform the individuals.

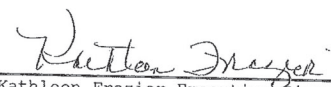
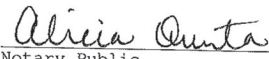
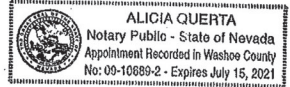
**NV 4-19 New Construction Project** is working to secure contractors for our upcoming project. We have sent out for bid requests for the various trades and vendors. We are in construction competition with all adjacent town/cities so we are experiencing trades that have not placed a bid on the project.

Be on the lookout for the new Central Air Project. We have not begun to accept the applications yet as our priority is the NV 4-19 Project. Bear with us but it will begin in July when we know it's already hot.

—Jackie Mix, Development Coordinator,  
 —Althea Dunn-Mix, Development Assistant

1 VI.  
 2 That Defendant has failed to tender monthly rental payments as agreed  
 3 upon by both parties, and as of this date, owes Two Hundred Nineteen Dollars  
 4 and Eighty Five Cents (\$219.85) resulting in a breach of said Agreement.  
 5 VII.  
 6 That Plaintiff has served the proper notices by said Agreement and the  
 7 policies of the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority, requesting of the Defendant  
 8 to bring current the outstanding obligations stated herein.  
 9 VIII.  
 10 That copy of all documents as required by the Policies and Procedures  
 11 Manual of the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority are attached hereby as Exhibit  
 12 "A".  
 13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant as follows:  
 14 1. For possession of the premises;  
 15 2. For damage of back payment in the amount of Two Hundred Nineteen  
 16 Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$219.85), and for additional  
 17 charges incurred after the filing date;  
 18 3. For costs of suit in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for filing  
 19 fee, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for service fee, totaling Forty-Five  
 20 Dollars (\$45.00);  
 21 4. For reimbursement of postage costs in the amount of Fifteen  
 22 Dollars (\$15.00).  
 23 5. For such other relief as the Court may deem just and proper in  
 24 the premises.  
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 26 DATED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.  
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 29 Kathleen Frazier, Executive Director  
 30 PYRAMID LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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 5 VERIFICATION  
 6 STATE OF NEVADA )  
 7 COUNTY OF WASHOE ) ss.  
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 9 Kathleen Frazier, under penalties of perjury, being first duly sworn,  
 10 deposes and says;  
 11 That she is the Executive Director of the Plaintiff in the above-entitled  
 12 action; that she has read the foregoing Complaint and knows the contents  
 13 thereof; that the same is true to her knowledge, except those matters  
 14 contained stated upon information and belief, and to those matters she  
 15 believes them to be true.  
 16 DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.  
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 19 Kathleen Frazier, Executive Director  
 20 PYRAMID LAKE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
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 22 SUBSCRIBED & SWORN to before  
 23 Me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 by Kathleen Frazier.  
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 26 Alicia Querta  
 27 Notary Public  
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### NV4-19 Groundbreaking Event a Success

NV4-19 Groundbreaking Event Success  
The Pyramid Lake Housing Authority would like to thank all those who came out to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new housing project held May 14, 2019 in Wadsworth.

Prayers and ground blessings were provided by Reynelda James; honor songs were performed by Toby Stump, and speeches were provided by PLHA Board of Commissioners Chair Ed Ely III and PLPT Chairman Anthony Sampson Sr.



Also, in attendance were several community members, PLHA Board of Commissioner Members, PLPT Tribal Council members, potential homebuyers, and a representative from Senator Catherine Cortez Masto's office.

The new housing project will consist of three new homes in Wadsworth and three new homes in Sutcliffe with construction beginning soon. PLHA would also like to thank Lorin, Josh, and Jeff for helping with set-up and tear down.

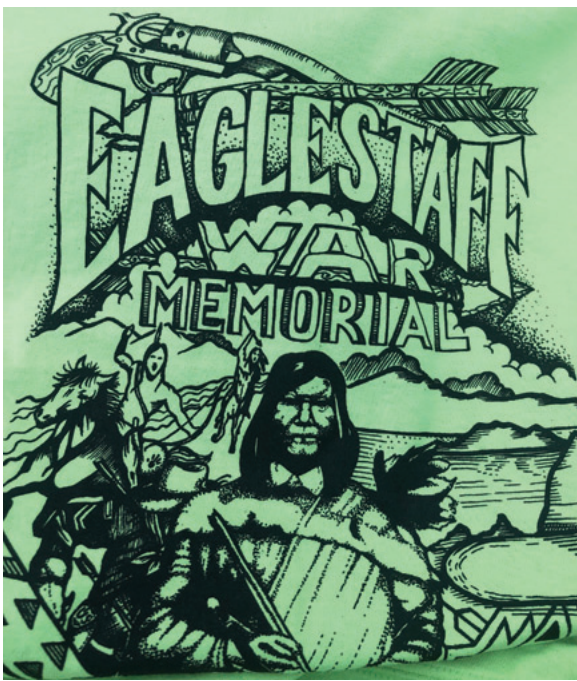
Anyone interested in applying for any of the homes contact the Housing Office for an application.



Warch for our new website coming soon!

### A Reminder of Homebuyer Responsibilities

- To make required monthly payments by check or money order due and payable on the 1st of each month and considered delinquent after the 10th.
- To participate and cooperate in all counseling activities
- To maintain the home and grounds by making all routine and non-routine repairs, and to refrain from damaging the home and grounds
- To use the home as principal residence for yourself and family members
- To cooperate fully with re-certifications and inspections
- To maintain all utilities for the home
- May not sublease the home without the express prior written approval of the Housing Authority
- Agree not to make any structural changes or additions to the home without prior written approval of the Housing Authority
- Agree not to use the home as a place of business without prior written approval of the Housing Authority
- Agree to be responsible for the conduct of family members and guests so as not to disturb the neighbor's peaceful enjoyment of their homes
- To promote a decent, safe and sanitary environment in the community
- Any infractions of the above may be grounds for eviction



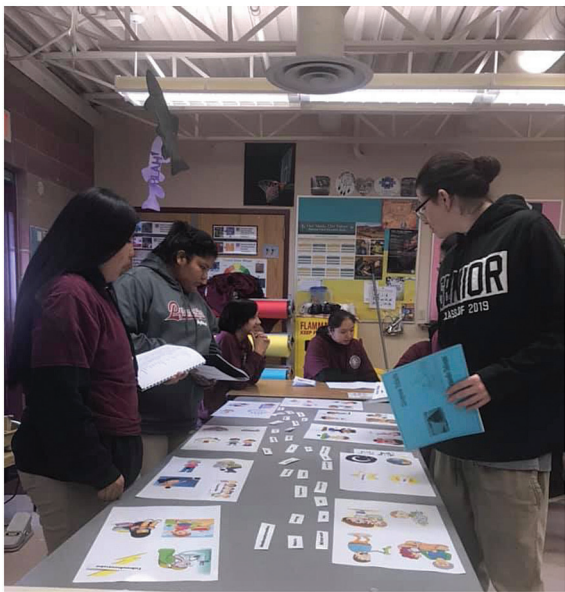
# The Eagle Staff War Memorial Run



A colorful advertisement for Kids Summer Camp. The text "KIDS SUMMER CAMP" is written in large, multi-colored letters. Above it, the dates "July 8-August 1, 2019" are displayed. To the right, it says "Inspiring &amp; Creative Activities". Below the main text, there are several callouts: "FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE", "FOR REGISTRATION, PLEASE CONTACT JANET @ 574-2409", "NIXON GYM", "TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED", "SNACK, LUNCH PROVIDED BY SFSP", "VARIOUS TRIBAL PROGRAMS INVOLVED", and "9:00-12:05 DAILY". The background features a grassy field and a wooden deck.



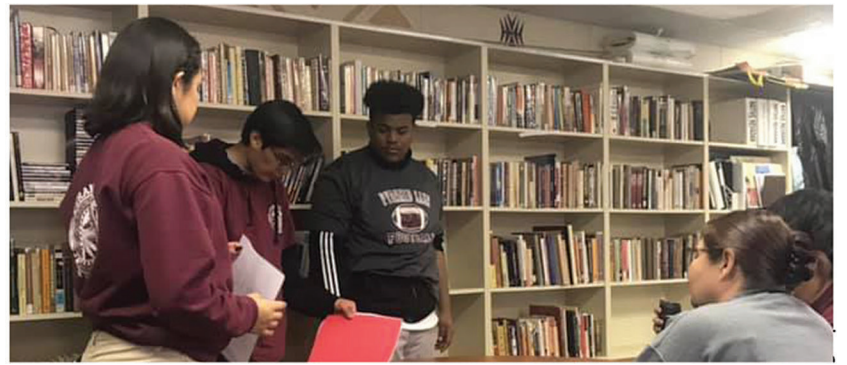
Raychael Harjo, a Seminole/Chickasaw 6'2" guard/forward out of Moore High School in Oklahoma, is visiting the Indiana University Hoosiers. From the Class of 2021, she has offers from D1 schools like Arkansas, Arkansas State, Tulsa, Missouri State, Oklahoma State and Indiana.



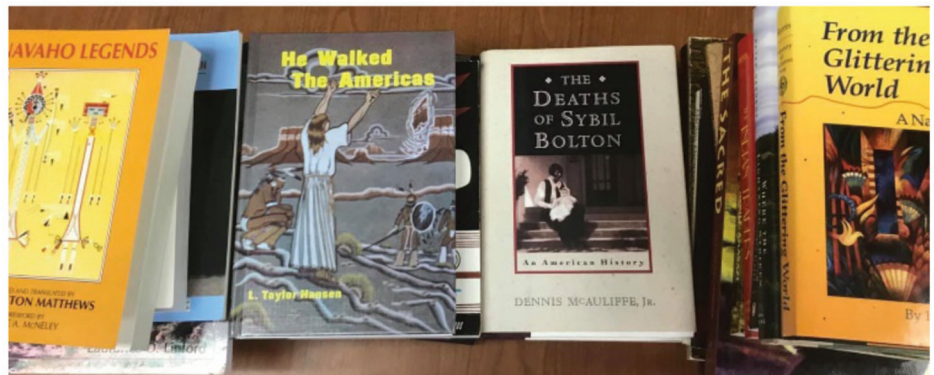
High School students working to match the Paiute word to the correct action. The Culture Program was invited into Mrs. Wright's Native Studies Class.

### CULTURE PROGRAM AND LIBRARY

The Culture Program/Library has been very busy going into the local schools teaching language and sharing cultural activities with our children, youth and adults.



High School students came to research Legends.



Here are some books that are available at the Library (Modular 102) next to the gym. We will gladly accept donations of Native American titled books and author's. The Library is now open from 8:00 AM -4:30 PM Monday – Thursday. Computers are available for use.



Gwendolyn "Bunny" Pancho engrossed herself in a game of Paiute Bingo during the Pyramid Lake War Memorial activities.



Paiute language learning during the spring break youth day camp. Children enjoy a game of Paiute BINGO.

The Culture Program is looking for an artist(s) to draw pictures to help illustrate language learning and storytelling. If you are interested, let me know. Don't forget to check out the *Kooyooe Tukadu Numu Yadooana* Youtube Channel. We also have language books, cd's and dvd's available at the Library. Stop and see us. – Heidi Barlese and Nicholas Cortez 775-574-2403.



Johnny Dunn, left picture, sharing his hide scraping techniques during the Hide Scraping Class. Adults and children tried their hand at hide scraping. It was a good day had by all.



# Passages



Many friends and family were saddened to learn of the passing of Rosalie, a lifelong resident of Pyramid Lake. Rosalie died in a Reno hospital on April 16 from a very devastating strain of pneumonia.

Rosalie worked many years at Abe and Sue's store in Nixon as a clerk but also took care of the small, "unofficial" post office. She attended just about every community activity held: basketball games (men, women and youngsters); community dinners and celebration events; graduations; and participated in the many activities at the Numaga Senior Center.

She leaves behind her children Lori, Ralph, Angey, Ish, and Iggy, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, scores of nephews and nieces, and her many friends as evidenced by the 40 people listed as her honorary pall bearers.

Services were held at the Nixon Gymnasium on April 23 followed by burial at the Nixon Cemetery.



**Edward Ely, Jr.**

**1930-2019**

Nixon - Edward Ely, Jr., 89, passed from this life into eternity on April 22, 2019. Ed was known as "Dad" to some, "Eli" by many and "Grandpa" or "Gramps" by many more.

Ed was born in Winnebago, Nebraska in 1930. He made his way out west in the mid 1950's where he attended Oakland City College and received his credentials as a Diesel Mechanic.

There he met his lifelong companion Dorothy. They were married and moved to "Little Nixon" Nevada, where he worked as a diesel mechanic while raising cattle and kids on their small ranch.

Regarded as a master mechanic throughout

Nevada and steeped in his native culture, he took great pride in passing his skills on to his kids, grandkids, and any kid who wanted to learn. He not only taught how to turn a wrench but also the traditional methods of drumming, singing, and dancing.

Fluently speaking his native-tongue of Winnebago and well-versed in his tribal culture, "Dad" told stories of growing up traditionally and being raised by his grandma Mary Greywolf. He loved to beat the drum with precision and sing with a skill scarcely matched. "Grampa," an authentic Indian cowboy storyteller now walks the streets of gold with his savior Jesus, undoubtedly singing and telling stories.

Ed is preceded in death by his son Wyatt Ely. He leaves behind his wife Dorothy Ely; sons and daughters Gloria Ely, Homer Ely, Sherry Ely-Mendes, Ed Ely III, and Linda Ely; grandchildren Duane Jr., Stephanie, Hope, Jesse, Fannie, Harley, Melissa, Tilo, Ruben, Sunny, Tony, Mary, and Hilana; as well as a multitude of great grandchildren.


Visitation was held at Walton's Ross, Burke & Knobel in Reno where many friends gathered to reminisce about their friendship and good times with Ed, and sing traditional songs. A private ceremony was held at a later date.



**Memorial Day at the Nixon Cemetery**



**JOHNNY LEE FRENCH**



**March 3, 1963 –  
March 31, 2019**

Graveside services were held at the Wadsworth Cemetery on April 20, 2019 followed by a dinner at the Wadsworth Community Center.



# Yesteryear in Photographs



Katie with school children. Recognize anyone? Date of photo unknown.



Louie Barlease      Frank John      Minnie Winnemucca      Lydia Barlease      Mamie John

# Gravesite vandalized



I would like to address a traumatic event that occurred this past Memorial Day at the Nixon Cemetery. Somebody took a sentimental item off of my Grandson's grave. By taking this cross from his grave, your actions affected a whole family, ruined the day and broke his

Grandmother's heart! It was placed there on February 28, 2019 to mark the 6th anniversary of his death at 31 years of age. The Arrows signified our Native heritage, Pyramid Lake Paiute and the Cross signified his passing home to Heaven.

When we read in the news that non-native people have robbed Native Indian graves we are appalled! Now Natives are stealing from graves? As NUMU we were taught different. The mementos that Native families leave on their loved ones graves after they have gone on, have special meaning and significance. It is unthinkable that someone can take off an item from a grave and think nothing of it! Bottom line, this is STEALING!

To the person who took it: What you did is pretty low! Did you need it? Every time you look at it, SHAME on you! If it is hung in your home, you invited in negative Karma!

If you notice the cross in someone's home ask about it! It came from the cemetery grave. Please have respect for all our relatives who died; don't add to the grief of families.

All Our Relations!

**Go figure.** If President Obama cured world hunger, the Republicans would blame him for overpopulation. If he brought about world peace, they would accuse him of destroying the military. If he had a BLT for lunch, they would try to ban bacon.

## Nevada Tribal Summit on Brain Health and Dementia

August 22, 2019

Nixon Gym

at 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

There will be four speakers from around the country to speak about dementia.

**Summer Food Service Program**  
 Pyramid Lake High School Cafeteria & Wadsworth Community Bldg.  
**Starts June 17, 2019**  
 Lunch served at PLHS from 11:30-1:00  
 Lunch served at Wads Comm Bldg from 12:00-1:30 pm  
 Call Janet at 574-2409 for more info.

## Joy Harjo becomes first Native American appointed U.S. Poet Laureate



Contributed by Vincent Schilling  
*Indian Country Today*

‘Being named poet laureate was exciting but

completely unexpected,’ says Harjo, the first Native American ‘official poet’ of the United States

The Library of Congress has appointed its newest U.S. Poet Laureate, award-winning book author, musician and poet Joy Harjo. Harjo, 68, as a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, will be the nation’s first Native American U.S. Poet Laureate when she succeeds Tracy K. Smith.

Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden made the announcement that Harjo would serve as the 23rd Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry and stated “Joy Harjo has championed the art of poetry—‘soul talk’ as she calls it—for over four decades,” said Hayden in a release.

“To her, poems are ‘carriers of dreams, knowledge and wisdom,’ and through them, she tells an American story of tradition and loss, reckoning and myth-making. Her work

powerfully connects us to the earth and the spiritual world with direct, inventive lyricism that helps us reimagine who we are.”

Harjo, who currently lives in her hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, said of the appointment, “What a tremendous honor it is to be named the U.S. Poet Laureate.”

“I share this honor with ancestors and teachers who inspired in me a love of poetry, who taught that words are powerful and can make change when understanding appears impossible, and how time and timelessness can live together within a poem.

I count among these ancestors and teachers my Muscogee (Creek) people, the librarians who opened so many doors for all of us, and the original poets of the indigenous tribal nations of these lands, who were joined by diverse peoples from nations all over the world to make this country and this country’s poetry.”

### A Map to the Next World

(for Desiray Kierra Chee)

In the last days of the fourth world I wished to make a map  
for those who would climb through the hole in the sky.

My only tools were the desires of humans as they emerged  
from the killing fields, from the bedrooms and the kitchens.

For the soul is a wanderer with many hands and feet.

The map must be of sand and can’t be read by ordinary light

It must carry fire to the next tribal town, for renewal of spirit.

In the legend are instructions on the language of the land,  
how it was we forgot to acknowledge the gift, as if we were  
not in it or of it.

Take note of the proliferation of supermarkets and malls, the  
altars of money. They best describe the detour from grace.

Keep track of the errors of our forgetfulness; the fog steals  
our children while we sleep.

Flowers of rage spring Lip in the depression.

Monsters are born there of nuclear anger.

Trees of ashes wave good-bye to good-bye and the map  
appears to disappear.

We no longer know the names of the birds here, how to speak  
to them by their personal names.

Once we knew everything in this lush promise.

What I am telling you is real and is printed in a warning on  
the map.

Our forgetfulness stalks us, walks the earth behind us,  
leaving a trail of paper diapers, needles and wasted blood.

An imperfect map will have to do, little one.

The place of entry is the sea of your mother’s blood, your  
father’s small death as he longs to know himself in another.

There is no exit.

The map can be interpreted through the wall of the  
intestine—a spiral on the road of knowledge.

You will travel through the membrane of death, smell  
cooking from the encampment where our relatives make a  
feast of fresh deer meat and corn soup, in the Milky Way.

They have never left us; we abandoned them for science.

And when you take your next breath as we enter the fifth  
world there will be no X, no guidebook with words you can  
carry.

You will have to navigate by your mother’s voice, renew the  
song she is singing.

Fresh courage glimmers from planets.

And lights the map printed with the blood of history, a map  
you will have to know by your intention, by the language of  
suns.

When you emerge note the tracks of the monster slayers  
where they entered the cities of artificial light and killed what  
was killing us.

You will see red cliffs. They are the heart, contain the ladder.

A white deer will come to greet you when the last human  
climbs from the destruction.

Remember the hole of shame marking the act of abandoning  
our tribal grounds.

We were never perfect.

Yet, the journey we make together is perfect on this earth  
who was once a star and made the same mistakes as humans.

We might make them again, she said.

Crucial to finding the way is this: there is no beginning or  
end.

You must make your own map.



## In recognition of the 143rd anniversary of the Little Bighorn victory

### CUSTER & TRUMP: An Unfinished Comparison



By Jack Utter and Violet Hunter's Eyes\*  
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George Custer was widely recognized as egotistical, arrogant, aggressive, rash, careless, courageous, and lacking in empathy for other people—including his rank-and-file troopers of the 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment.

Custer's last surviving regimental trooper from the Little Bighorn battle, which took place in the summer of 1876, was Charles Windolf. Trooper Windolf was with the Reno and Benteen battalions of the 7th that survived several miles south of where Custer and some 200 others were annihilated. Windolf died 74 years later in 1950. His daughter, in a 1992 documentary interview, remarked that her father often described Custer as uncaring, overbearing, "all for himself," and concerned only with what *he* was going to do. She quotes her father memorably declaring of Custer that "He didn't care anything about the men, even if we didn't have anything to eat."<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Trump's detractors who are concerned about a seriously perceived lack of empathy are legion. They include but are not limited to millions of U.S. Puerto Rican survivors of Hurricane Maria, other Americans appalled about the rise of White nationalism and neo-Nazism in America, people of color in myriad walks of life, migrant families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border, most members of the 572 federally recognized Indian tribes (whose treaty-related and inherent indigenous rights are under assault by Mr. Trump et al.), enlightened residents of the earth who are alarmed at Mr. Trump's acceleration of environmental damage to an already profoundly sickened planet, countless citizens disgusted by the misogyny that is characteristic of Mr. Trump, and additional millions of informed Americans concerned about the demise of our democracy as further precipitated by Trump and vast numbers of his minions.

History further tells us how Custer was (and Trump now is) often recklessly uninformed about precarious exploits he undertook, preferring immediate action over what would be described by others as absolutely necessary pre-action analysis and planning. Custer's injudicious and irrespon-

sible behavior cause a number of military contemporaries to view him as seriously lacking in competence, while he relied far too much on something he called "Custer's luck."<sup>2</sup> Not unlike what Mr. Trump has done, Custer also vilified and viciously oppressed selected minority populations to gain more political opportunities with which to launch his long hoped-for run for president.

Mr. Trump's political success is unabashedly—and one might even say proudly—founded upon the racist underbelly of America, and what some have referred to as *White Extinction Anxiety*.<sup>3</sup> With re-

gard to Native tribes in this country, Mr. Trump has a long history of fundamental ignorance- and race-based clashes with them. On top of out-right attacking tribal sovereignty, he is working against Native access to health care, the legitimate exercise of tribal sovereignty, inherent and treaty-based rights of self-determination, protection of sacred sites, and tribal survival itself. We sense that if Trump and Custer were contemporaries, Mr. Trump would have somehow pursued a 'bromance' of emulation with Custer, as Mr. Trump is now doing with Vladimir Putin and other autocratic, self-promoting, and dangerous dictators, to the detriment of America.

Too, Custer, like Trump, very much enjoyed military parades and the opportunities they afforded him for mass personal attention. And, he engaged in glaring nepotism. Four family members were made part of Custer's 7th Cavalry central command clique: brother Tom, brother Boston, brother-in-law James Calhoun, and nephew Autie Reed. Names like Ivanka Trump, Eric, Donald, Jr. and Jared Kushner easily arise at this point.

Also, Custer, who deeply cared by his wife but who was nonetheless untrue to Mrs. Custer on multiple occasions, was not above what would be considered sexual assault today,<sup>4</sup> something many women have accused Mr. Trump of engaging in, and that he actually admitted to on the now infamous *Access Hollywood* tape.

Additionally, and again similar to Mr. Trump, Custer did not take criticism well. As an obsessive publicity hound Custer occasionally pretended to be a new correspondent, and sent self-assisting dispatches to media outlets anonymously, or under a pseudonym. On occasion he called himself 'Nomad,' whereas Mr. Trump has preferred names like 'Baron,' for example, when doing the same kind of self-promotion in writing or by telephone.

Moreover, Custer yearned to settle in New York City, which he visited whenever possible. Like Trump later, he wanted to be fully accepted by the blue-bloods (i.e., 'the old-money') but wasn't—despite hanging around many of them who seemed to like his celebrity more than his substance. Custer also wanted money, and lots of it, to enable him to live in the New York City 5th

Avenue lifestyle. But he gambled, invested badly, and, not entirely unlike the Trump University fraud, bilked various investors (such as the renowned financier and politician August Belmont) who were convinced by Custer to capitalize what turned out to be a deceptive Colorado silver-mining scheme. Custer pocketed the money.

In another suspect arrangement, Custer took advantage of his position as a federal officer to arrange for a company he had a financial interest in to sell substandard horseshoes to the cavalry. That ended when the defects were discovered. This economic event in Custer's career was a measure of resemblance to Mr. Trump's, his children's, and Jared Kushner's apparent non-compliance with the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution.

In the end Custer recklessly allowed his unbridled ambition, conceit, and impulsiveness to drag him and his organization, the 7th U.S. Cavalry, into a perilous struggle—in which they were overwhelmingly defeated.

In contrast to Trump, Custer was a self-made man of limited means, a genuinely courageous hero of the Civil War, and an outwardly very dedicated husband—though with considerable flaws and trysts assignable to him—who married but once. Still, and as suggested above, he was not immune to sexual predation.

Shortly after Custer's cavalry command massacred a reported (by Custer) 100 men, women, and children of Chief Black Kettle's peaceful band of Southern Cheyenne on the Washita River in far western Indian Territory—on November 27, 1868—more documented outrages occurred.

During the march back to the 7th's base, known as Camp Supply, with perhaps 100 prisoners, the officers were said to take the prettier Cheyenne women and girls into their tents at night. Custer chose to bed Monahsetah, the teen daughter of the deceased Black Kettle. She later bore him a son, named Yellow Bird, and subsequently informed Custer: who turned his back on both. His regimental surgeon, among others, observed the two intimately together and wrote about it.<sup>5</sup>

Then there is the cogent historical material from Nathaniel Philbrick's 2010 best seller, *The Last Stand* (p. 17) and that author's telling comment, with shades of Trump, that gives us additional pause. Like Trump, "Custer did not drink; he didn't have to. His emotional effusions unhinged his judgment in ways that went far beyond alcohol's ability to interfere with clear thinking."

Philbrick likewise reports that during the weeks-long ride to the Little Bighorn—which was the top campaign of Custer's post-Civil War career—Custer often indulged in irresponsible conduct by absenting himself from his command responsibilities and professional focus, to frolic out on the plains in recreational diversions with accompanying male family and friends, away from what his clear command duties required. None of Custer's diversions, of course, was like Trump's apparently favorite diversion of golf, which did not begin to take hold in America until about the mid-1880s. Custer's prairie romps included such things as riding, racing, sport-shooting, game hunting, camping, and looting at least one Native burial site.

At the Little Bighorn, Custer's Trumpian ego, arrogance, obsession with personal glory, will-

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ful ignorance, and racism got the best of him. They created confusion among, and danger for, exhausted officers and troopers who, along with their spent horses and mules, were driven too hard, for more than 24 hours, to engage in a sure-to-be-challenging battle immediately upon their dog-tired arrival.

Adding to the danger was Custer's Trump-like disputing of intelligence reports from his official Army Crow and Arikara scouts, who said that "There are more Indians (at the Little Bighorn camp) than the soldiers have bullets." The sign that the scouts were interpreting, and that Custer's 600-man regiments was precisely following on the ground, included the tracks left by 8,000 or more Cheyenne and Sioux and their 15-20,000 horses. Custer, ignoring what was before him and relying on his own senses and instincts, said, "I can't see it." The 'hostile' Native camp was far off and obscured by big cottonwood trees along the river, but the tracks of thousands lay out before Custer and his entire command. The normally trusted Crow and Arikara scouts were with Custer partly because the Sioux and Cheyenne, who were camped along the Little Bighorn River, were their traditional enemies.

Compounding Custer's discounting of his intelligence gatherers' warnings, he so looked down on the fighting ability of the Cheyenne, Sioux, and other brown-skinned Native people of the West—in other than small-scale actions—that he ironically boasted to a junior officer the day before the battle, "What the 7th can't lick the whole U.S. Army can't lick."<sup>6</sup> Held to an even lesser status than the Native fighting men were Native women—a travesty that continues with Mr. Trump today, and in many pockets of American society.

Beyond the impact of the unnecessary exhaustion of his troops and animals, as the 7th approached the as yet unseen but massive Native camp on the Little Bighorn River there was an operative jealousy between a number of officers: amplified by anger, intrigue, unauthorized disclosures ('leaks'), and resentment—with much of the latter aimed at Custer by those excluded from Custer's core group. We might call it a command affected by chaos, rivalry, and egocentricity.

The two principal 'outsiders' within the Regiment were Major Reno and Captain Benteen. They and their battalions were earlier and unwisely ordered by the intensely glory- and winning-driven Custer to separate from the main body of just over 200 troopers that Custer would command. Reno and Benteen were sent on a lesser but nonetheless significant support missions to the south and southwest of the Native camp, while Custer went north for what was intended to be a more resplendent attack from that end of the tribal encampment, which stretched along the Little Bighorn River for several miles.

After Reno's battalion was badly mauled and routed during his hesitant, confused, and then completely repulsed attack from the south of the camp, he and his survivors fled wildly, and some said insanelly, east across the Little Bighorn to nearby ridges. There they encountered Benteen with the pack train that had the bulk of the 7th's supplies and ammunition.

Reno entreated Benteen to combine his command with Reno's to save their lives. Despite Benteen's having earlier received Custer's famous and frantic message by courier to "Come

quick ... [and] ... bring packs," the untrusting two officers halted their combined commands of just over 300 men and sat and discussed for more than an hour their belief that Custer was being dishonest again, and had abandoned them to their immediate fate. (Debased former Trump operatives like Cohen, Sessions, Manafort and others come to mind here.)

They specifically discussed how Custer had done something very similar to Major Joel Elliot on the Washita River in Indian Territory in 1868 where Elliot and his roughly 20 trooper detail who went down river from the 7th Cavalry were wiped out while Custer, ignoring Elliot's possible fate, focused on achieving personal glory against Black Kettle's almost completely defenseless village of Southern Cheyenne a couple miles upriver. All that time during the Reno and Benteen confab, Custer and his 200 plus men were being wiped out a few miles to the north.

Reno and Benteen were also much aware of Custer's famous abuse of and disloyalty toward his 7th Cavalry Regiment during some unwarranted forced marches on the Kansas plains in 1867, which Benteen witnessed. Custer faced an intense court martial at Fort Leavenworth on eleven charges, including absence without leave from command, and conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. Found guilty on five of the charges, he was suspended from rank and command for one year without pay.

As a lesson for Mr. Trump, his supporters, his White House staff, and perhaps the rest of the country, Reno, Benteen, and certain others within Custer's command who had perceptions similar to those of Reno and Benteen, decided well before the Little Bighorn Battle that Custer could not be trusted (as "Anonymous" recounted about Trump in a *New York Times* op-ed). This came back to haunt him and the Regiment on that fateful June 25 afternoon.

Clearly, the effect of ego and the betrayal of friends, allies, and others can return to endanger individuals, organizations and even nations. Mr. Trump's offenses toward and alienations of a number of America's most important allies, and his repeated "throwing under the bus" of the U.S. intelligence agencies, along with some long-time supporters and member of his own staff and cabinet, may yet prove to be as fatefully serious mistakes as those made by Custer that culminated in his demise at the Little Bighorn.

**Trump's Last Stand?**

With each passing month the entire world is



seeing how the Trump ego, arrogance, racism, sexism, immaturity, incompetence, and chaotic charge-ahead-in-ignorance tend to envelope the White House, the Congress, the entire country, and, indeed, the World.

During a recent family meeting on the western Navajo Reservation, one of Hunter's Eyes' older and bilingual clan in-laws, who is a U.S. Army veteran, made a concerning comment. Translated from the formal Navajo that elders speak, he said, "Trump acts so much like Custer that I worry he will be stumbling into his own *Last Stand*. The big trouble is, *all* of us Americans are his 'troopers,' and the whole country will go down with him."<sup>7</sup>

*\*Hunter's Eyes, Navajo and Hopi, and Utter, her non-Native stepfather, have, of late, returned from another visit to the Little Bighorn Battlefield on the Crow Reservation in Montana. Each has an abiding interest the history of Indigenous peoples of America and their dispossession, and the parallel despoliation of the planet, for which all humans have a responsibility.*

*Utter and Hunter's Eyes hail from a small community near Window Rock, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation.*

<sup>1</sup>*Last Stand at Little Bighorn: Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse Battle Custer*. 1992. Public Television documentary, WGBH Boston.

<sup>2</sup>See fn 1, above, on the 'luck' issue. See Shoemaker, John O., LtC, GS, Hq, USA, CAG, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. 1949. THE CUSTER COURT-MARTIAL, 28 pp., on Custer's 'competence' matter.

<sup>3</sup>See, e.g, the June 24, 2018, *New York Times* Op-Ed piece on the same name, authored by Charles M. Blow.

<sup>4</sup>See David Miller's 1957 classic *Custer's Fall: the Native American Side of the Story* (pp. 66-68). From the 1930s-1950s Miller, a fluent Sioux language speaker, interviewed 72 Native veterans of the Little Bighorn battle for his book.

<sup>5</sup>See fn. 4.

<sup>6</sup>See, CUSTER'S LAST STAND: DESPERATE FOR FAME, RECKLESS FOR GLORY. 2012. Public Broadcasting System documentary.

<sup>7</sup>EPILOGUE OF IRONY: On June 25, 1876, at the Little Bighorn, Monahsetah, her aunt Mahwissa, and her son, Yellow Bird, were reportedly among a small group of Southern Cheyenne's camped with the 8,000 additional Native people there. The three were said to be wandering over the battlefield not long after the fight when they came across the body of Custer, Yellow Bird's father. Mahwissa identified Custer to those nearby. George Custer and his Elizabeth were childless. Yet to this day there are Cheyenne descendants from the Southern Plains whose last name is Custer. One of them notably participated in the 2016-2017 protest of the Dakota Access Oil Pipeline. (See "Whitney Custer, Cheyenne of Kansas," a sub-story of: *From 280 Tribes, a Protest on the Plains*, by Jack Healy, *New York Times*, Sept. 11, 2016.

**We don't have time for a meeting of the Flat Earth Society!"**

**—President Obama referring to Republicans who deny climate change.**

**June 25, 2013**

## WELCOME TO TRUMP'S WORLD



“Someone” shot down a U.S. drone and Trump blamed Iran. He explained: “I think they want to negotiate. And I think they want to make a deal. And my deal is nuclear. Look, they’re not going to have a nuclear weapon. ... And I think that they want to negotiate. I don’t think they like the position they’re in. Their economy is, is absolutely broken. ... According to Prime Minister Abe, they went to him, it’s according to the prime minister, and they said, ‘What do we do with Trump? Can we make a deal? Is there something that can be done?’ That’s what Prime Minister Abe told me. I said, ‘Do you mind if I say that if I have to?’ And he said, ‘Not particularly.’ So they came to Prime Minister Abe. He then called me. I said, ‘Send the following message: you can’t have nuclear weapons. And other than that, we can sit down and make a deal. But you cannot have nuclear.’”

**Wouldn’t it be interesting** if Iran wrote Trump a nice letter that said, “We were doing just fine with the Nuclear Treaty between our countries and others, then you came along with such a loathing for President Obama that you cancelled the Treaty because it had his name on it. Now you are threatening war and increased economic sanctions. What is wrong with you?”

Trump would throw such a tantrum, declare war on Iran, and spend the rest of the day sitting in a corner of the Oval Office sucking his thumb. Two things wrong with that: only Congress can declare war and there are no corners in the Oval Office. But he doesn’t know that...

Instead Iran publicly announced that the White House is “afflicted by mental retardation” by announcing restrictions targeting their Supreme Leader considered “outrageous and idiotic,” and “you sanction the foreign minister simultaneously with a request for talks? The useless sanctioning of the Supreme Leader who led Iran’s nuclear negotiations with world powers means the permanent closure of the doors of diplomacy” and that “Trump’s government is annihilating all of the established international mechanisms for maintaining world peace and security.”

The possibility of killing 150 people was not the real reason for withdrawing his threat of retaliation for the drone shoot-down—it was because no country would support him. More’n likely they don’t understand his muddled thinking nor do they trust him to be truthful.

Now comes a June 25 report: “Trump Muses Privately About Ending Postwar Japan Defense Pack.” He wants to withdraw from the 60-year-old defense treaty that says the U.S. will defend Japan if attacked whereas Japan doesn’t have to

defend America if it’s attacked. Japan does not have the military resources or military bases in or around the U.S. But he doesn’t know that...

Now he’s threatened India over some tariff thing they’ve done after imposing tariffs on China, Mexico, and Canada. Vietnam might be next since they’ve taken over the manufacturing that China used to do.

*Now he wants four more years to try and act as Dictator-President and continue his bizarre behavior at home and abroad. His list of accomplishments so far:*

Has implemented 83 roll backs on environmental policies and regulations

Has created the largest reduction of federally protected lands.

Has an employee turnover rate that is higher than McDonald’s.

Has ordered government agencies to *reduce* expert advisory committees including those for children’s health, environmental justice, environmental finance, drinking water and science.

Has ordered the *elimination* of said expert advisory committees.

Has signed executive orders giving him complete control over decisions previously assigned to Congress, agency heads, and judges.

Has approved a pipeline to extract water from the Mojave Desert aquifer to sell to southern California cities.

Wants to change the way the government defines poverty that would result in millions losing their health and food benefits.

Fully supports and predicts coal mining and coal-fired power plants will make a come back and air quality has declined in the last two years.

Has approved the return of pesticides for agriculture use.

Has the highest rate of government executives being investigated, indicted, convicted or resigned for criminal acts while in office.

Disregards his intelligence agencies and instead relies on Fox television.

Has a senior advisor violating the Hatch Act who responded with “blah, blah, blah.”

Has not read the U.S. Constitution or the Mueller Report.

Has a family business and family members consistently violating the Emoluments Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Has assumed the right to ignore the U.S. Constitution and congressional laws that govern the country’s operation.

Has gone to court to eliminate health care to millions of Americans.

Has banned non-U.S. citizens and transgender people from serving in the military.

Has the Health and Human Services Department propose a regulation to deny health care to transgender people because they are not protected under federal laws that prohibit sex discrimination.

Has banned Muslims, Africans, East Indians, Orientals, and South Americans from entering this country.

Has created an immigration mess at the Mexico border. *Blames President Obama.*

Has created a class of South American orphans by separating them from their parents. *Says Obama started it.*

Has locked up adult immigrants as felons with less rights than felons in American prisons. *Blames Obama for them coming to this country.*

Has gone to court to deny detained migrant children of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, blankets, and towels claiming they don’t need them to live “safe and sanitary lives,” and sleeping in overcrowded cells on concrete floors meets the requirements for “safe and sanitary” conditions. *Probably blames Obama for having to go to court.*

Has Border Patrol agents confiscate all prescription medicines from adult and children immigrants.

Has given insulting nicknames to his political opponents, former employees, celebrities, and Hillary.

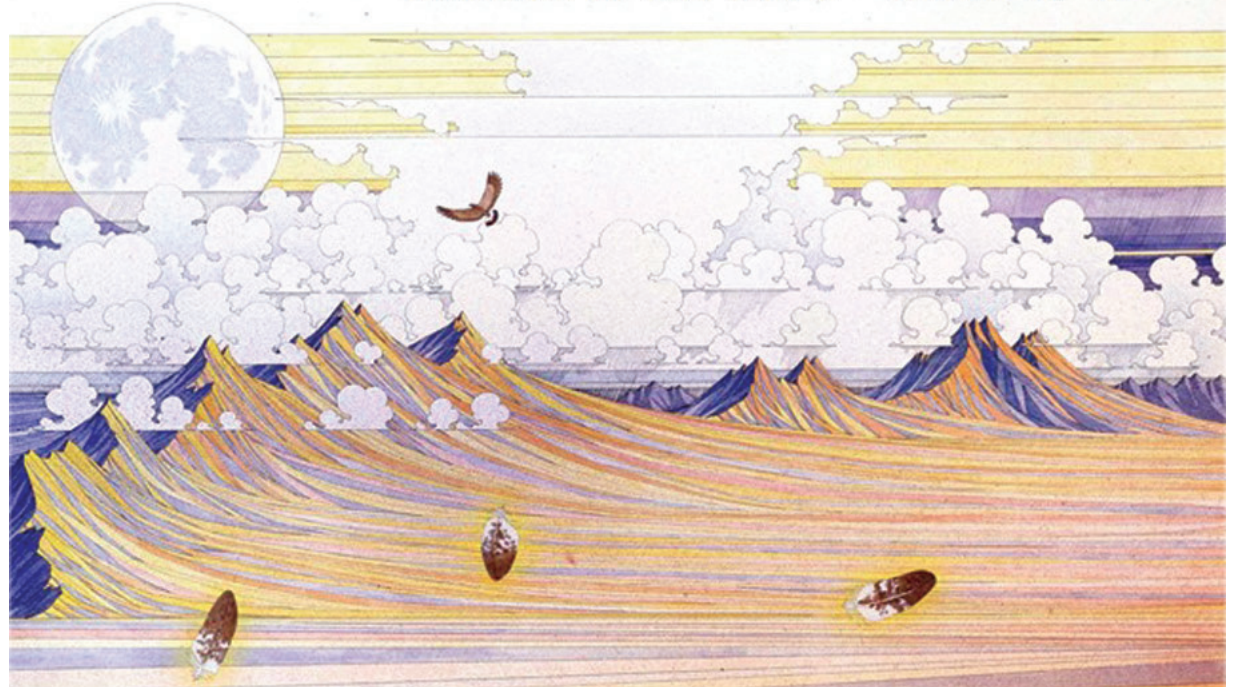
Has made insulting remarks about political opponents, former employees, Hillary, President Obama, and the late Senator McCain.

Has lied about political opponents, former employees, Hillary, President Obama, and the late Senator McCain.

Has lied over 10,000 times and counting. There you have it. Four more years?

## The Art of Jack Malotte

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## Nevada, we have a problem...



*There has been considerable discussion about the release of the following information because it sheds a negative light on the ITCN organization. However, if an Indian program obtains money on behalf of Indian people and it abuses that purpose, then Indian people*

*have the right to know about it. The following article has been severely edited to lessen the harshness of the original. Hopefully the current situation at the organization will be rectified soon for the betterment of the organization and the people it represents. —Editor*

Over the last 55 years since its inception the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) has seen its share of good and difficult times. Many people got their first jobs there, not with college degrees, but with their ability to know and learn what their communities needed. Many went on to earn college degrees, obtained official certification in their line of work, or used their ITCN job experience to obtain jobs in non-Indian work places.

A number of Indian communities in other states adopted the intertribal council concept but Nevada always stood out as one of the strongest and most efficient due to its employees and a strong and knowledgeable Board of Directors composed of tribal chairmen.

However, it now appears several tribal chairmen have become indifferent to the contentious activities in the organization's administration offices. Despite the continued good works by the majority of the program directors, a small group of individuals seems to have gained control of the administration offices.

### Questionable Accounting Practices

The administration came under scrutiny when it was learned that the former executive director and finance director had problems maintaining and implementing tight accounting controls over the multi-million dollar grants obtained by the ITC programs. Both officers have since been relieved of their positions.

Upon the departure of the two officers, the careless accounting practices continued. It turns out that all program directors and key staff members had access to the accounting system. A program manager explained that that they needed this access so that "they could change things". This unprecedented access to accounting has since been restricted although it has been learned several key personnel are attempting return to that previous administrative practice of the easy access to accounting.

### Communications Network

The office intra-net system that had been in operation was highly questionable, if not illegal. One person had administrative access and knew all ITCN employees' email addresses and passwords that allowed her

## ITCN's beginning

This time-worn picture hangs in the offices of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada and if you ask an employee who that man is, the common reply is, "I dunno"... nor do they seem to care. This organization is 55 years old and perhaps its time to reintroduce this man.

**JOHN HENRY DRESSLER**, Washo, was probably the one person primarily responsible for the establishment of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. Over 66 years ago and traveling "on his own time and dime" John visited the tribal chairmen and their councils throughout the state to promote the idea of a statewide Indian organization of Paiutes, Shoshones, and Washos that could provide support to all the 23 tribal communities.

In 1958, driving the state was an adventure on two-lane highways with 200- and 300-miles between gas stations, and the bone-jarring rides on reservation dirt roads. Nevertheless, for the next six years John drove to all the Indian communities, many that were so small and remote they were often ignored by federal and state agencies but John said that with the support of a statewide Indian organization they had a better chance at obtaining needed assistance.

In 1964, the interested tribal chairmen held a meeting in Winnemucca where they officially organized the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. **John Dressler** of Reno/Sparks, was elected the first chairman of the Inter-Tribal Council and **Delbert Howard** of Winnemucca was elected vice-chairman. Other tribal chairmen of the first council included **Ken Anderson**, Las Vegas; **Preston Tom**, Moapa; **Stannard Frank**, Walker River; **Art Manning**, Duck Valley; **Danny Millet**, Duckwater; **Jim Frank**, Washo; and **Allen Aleck**, Pyramid Lake.

The new Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) received its first grant in 1965 from the new Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) and several people were hired to begin seeking out monies from federal and state agencies to assist the tribal communities.

Economic development projects were a

to read anyone's communications including confidential information generated by the finance office. Fraudulent use of the email system was demonstrated in May when two emails were sent late at night on a holiday weekend. The emails were made to appear the acting director sent them from her iPhone and they contained misleading comments by the fake sender to the recipient—plus two other individuals were copied that email. It is suspected that one or both were responsible for sending that bogus email. A new IT group was hired to revamp the intra-net system and they are making significant progress.

### Human Resource Problems

The director of the Human Resource office apparently has a serious problem with confidentiality that is well known throughout the organization. Revealing personal and financial information about certain individuals has caused undue criticism and harassment towards those employees and others have quit which apparently is the HR's intended and desired affect on employees she doesn't like.

In addition the HR director is unable to



priority. ITCN published *The Native Nevadan* newspaper to inform the tribes of the programs that were available. The first programs to start up were: Community Development; Work Incentive; Neighborhood Youth Corps; Community Health Representatives; an Alcoholism program; and Head Start. Also included was an emergency food and medical program for those people who didn't qualify under the State's rigid rules of its welfare program.

In addition, ITCN provided support to the small and isolated reservations and colonies to be included in the housing programs. And it persuaded the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service to reach out and provide their badly needed services to all the Indian communities regardless of their size or location.

Over the past 55 years, Nevada Indian communities have improved their employment and economic opportunities through the efforts and support of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, and it is important to remember and honor those who worked tirelessly to realize such an organization—like John Henry Dressler.

—Carole Ridley

carry out other duties required in that position. Several of her actions created problems for the other employees regarding payroll accuracy and insurance coverage.

### Grant Management

The program directors or managers who are in charge of multi-million dollar grants should know and understand that someone has to be legally responsible for their grant money and how it is correctly spent and recorded. Demanding the finance department to overlook incorrect requests will ultimately get someone in deep trouble—a supervisor's signature notwithstanding. Financial restrictions are in place to keep people from committing fraud and possibly ending up in jail.

The Board of Directors of ITCN should take a critical look at the organization's administrative offices, program operations, and the negative treatment towards employees by certain individuals. Considering that ITCN is there for all Nevada Indians, but it borders on criminality if a few are allowed to destroy the good work currently being done by the all other employees.