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Gathering before the TROA signing ceremony begins.
Photo by Dan Mosley



Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. stands with Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne and senator Harry Reid. Sparks Mayor Gino Martini to the right in second row.
Photo by Dan Mosley.



Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. signs the Truckee River Operating Agreement.
Photo by Dan Mosley

The Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) was signed by the five mandatory signatories on September 6, 2008. The Tribal membership voted on May 31st and the Tribal Council authorized the Chairman to sign the TROA.

You will see in this issue the status of the TROA in the Department of Water Resources article. The TROA parties have prepared a legal brief to be filed in the Federal District Court or the Orr Ditch Court for enactment of the TROA into the Orr Ditch Decree.

The TROA will focus on managing water supplies for endangered fish species in Pyramid Lake and the lower Truckee River and provide for drought supplies for municipal demands. Agriculture diversions are not intended to be impacted by the additional water uses in the Orr Ditch Decree.



Former Tribal Chairpersons Norman Harry and Bonnie Akaka-Smith enjoying the TROA signing event.
Photo by Dan Mosley



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Each year Wal-Mart recognizes "outstanding" teachers across the country. On October 8th, Wal-Mart DC 7048 recognized Harriet Brady as "Teacher of the Year".

"As a Native American female, Harriet Brady, is a positive role model...Harriet inspires students to achieve their best while preparing them as future leaders in the Native American community. Her students not only learn history of Native people but keep current with events in Native country. She brought her education back to her people which is to be commended" stated Teresa Wright at the awards ceremony.

Harriet was awarded a \$1000 check for Pyramid Lake JR/SR High School and a \$100 gift card for her classroom.

Picture to the left is Randy Melendez, Principal, Harriet Brady and Teresa Wright

... From the Chairman's Office

Fall is in the air and as the weather is changing and as it is becoming colder please take advantage of service offers to winterize your home. The warmer weather is odd, but the changes that are taking place globally may be signs of the global climate change that everyone is experiencing and talking about. Tribal nations are acknowledging the changes that are occurring in their homelands by observing, sampling and monitoring the smallest changes in our ecosystems.

The green movement is all around us and the tribe is moving in the direction of creating options in alternative energy dependency. Black Rock Solar has been working with the tribe in developing other solar panel projects similar to the panel array at Natchez Elementary School. The tribe has been involved with geothermal development and has received a grant to investigate the potential for using geothermal energy to heat tribal office buildings and possibly residential homes on the reservation. The initial geothermal survey indicates many resources on the reservation.

There are some companies interested in coming to the reservation and assist the tribe with its economic and energy development ventures. The mistakes of the past with who is viable and credible in conducting business with the tribe are critically important. The lessons learned will bring forth company information versus just trusting someone's word and that those practices can not be repeated. The tribe still has not yet been cleared in the Mine Central securities fraud case, nor has been able to determine the full extent from the auditing of the out-of-control spending that occurred with doing its tribal business.

It can be stated that the tribal finance is nearing completion in being brought under control. There is still some work remaining in developing strong internal controls and safeguards to prevent abuse and manipulation. Holding the line with policy enforcement has prevented abuses, but these safeguards need to be solidified and ratified by tribal council action. As much as one person is in control of their own actions, the actions of tribal elected officials is not individualized but it is rather holistic for the entire tribal membership.

One critical component of financial operations was the ability to transfer funds within the accounting system. The safeguards now instituted will control how transfers are done, but one fact remains; authorized tribal officials can still go into our banks and conduct business. One example shows where cashier check was obtained without anyone knowing until the audit discovered a journal entry for a transfer in the sum of \$100,000. Questions have been raised about internal transfers and it was discovered that the infamous "transfer log" turned out simply to be a spiral notebook.

The tribal council has been made aware of the many discrepancies and the actions resulting from having holes in our system. Everyone involved with tribal operations are now experiencing the changes in tightening our systems of operations. Program directors have been allowed to be more accountable for the actions of their program operations. Finance has relieved itself from programmatic duties so that it can focus on accounting and its end-user management system enacting the actions of programs and program directors. The tribal team effort is working as assisting each other proves to work and it develops positive and confident interactions.

The tribe's financial system is founded in good accounting principles and it does not allow for anyone to "take" grant funds directly from grant funded programs for personal gains. Everything is reviewed and scrutinized assuring that the expenditures meet the grant objectives and funding obligations. The issue of skimming off the top is not occurring as readily anymore. Dedication is exhibited by our tribal staff and they are commended for their diligence.

The tribe is considering the 2009 budget and it is looking to the revenue sources being applied toward the sources that produce the revenue. In other words, if the permit sales are generated by the lake use, then the revenues should be applied toward the lake and services for customer use. Generating revenue through economic development has been the challenge which is being addressed through constitution amendments, the economic development plan, financing options, and cost benefit analyses. It is not a matter of arguing who has the better idea or better "connections," but rather being realistic to accommodate the socio-economic needs of the tribal community.

The cost benefit analysis is being applied to all tribal funded programs to determine the rates of return to the tribe by expending tribal funds. The Tax Department conducts its review and now the tribe is applying the same principle. Funding for the Tribal Vice Chair position is under consideration for 2009. An annual review was to occur in 2005 but it was never done. Whether the position is funded will affect the candidacy so it is expected that the tribal council will decide to fund or not to fund it.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe was the co-sponsor of the 16th Annual EPA Region 9 Conference during the week of October 20. The Regional Tribal Operation Committee met for the first two days and the conference occurred during the remainder of the week. Over 500 participants registered and much positive feedback was received by our staff who managed the activities. Lela Christensen and her entire conference staff deserve sincere compliments for a job well done. Next year's conference will be hosted by the Tohono O'odham Nation in Arizona.

One exciting part of the conference each year is the presentation of the Conner Byestewa award. Three recipients – one each from Arizona, California, and Nevada are awarded. This year our own Dan Mosley was selected to receive the award. Dan deserves it by showing his commitment to his work and as he puts it, "our children are now on the field where we were and now we (as parents and grandparents) are on the sidelines cheering them on." Congratulations Dan!

Much attention was focused on climate change and what we can do to address our immediate needs. In the immediate term it is the life cycles of the ecosystems around us that require monitoring and data collection. This will lead to identifying problems and presenting solutions. One thing is certain energy dependency is on fossil fuels like oil and we need to make it so that our options for generating energy are broadened so our dependency on energy will not be based on using oil to generate the energy we depend on.

Much interest has been expressed to the tribal administration on the "p" word; per-capita. Now that TROA was signed, the next steps are to institute the economic development plan (EDP) as soon as possible. The EDP is in a draft form and it is expected to be presented to the tribal council and then released for public comment. Once it is submitted to the BIA, the instigation of some of its intentions may be received by the tribe.

It is true that the Department of Interior and the Justice Department expect that any funds received by the tribe will occur only after the Orr Ditch Court (Federal District Court) enacts TROA into the Orr Ditch Decree. There may or may not be an opportunity to receive funding sooner, but this will have to be pursued using careful strategy. As much as the tribe has been through up until now is viewed differently across the lines of jurisdiction and authority from all of us involved with TROA.

The tribe has been informed that the wild horse population has increased to over 350 head on the range. The effort to remove the animals exists now for persons interested in removing them, but the market price is way down making it not feasible. Options were discussed with EPA officials and a round up program may be brought in again. Effective removal is the objective. The tribe adopted Comprehensive Resource Management Plan that includes all of the range units and the management practices aimed to compliment the use of the tribal range.

It is our challenge to accept the world around us, adjust to experience opportunity for success, and use rational reasoning to determine the best set of solutions. Focusing on the issue is more important than aiming at who is accomplishing the task – if the job is done complimentary actions and increasing efficiency/productivity is the objective. If you have any questions, comments or complaints please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you and may god bless.

Mervin Wright, Jr.
Tribal Chairman

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The format for presenting the proposed constitutional amendments has changed to improve the understanding of the intentions for provisional changes. The format for the ballot questions will move to approve the entire provision rather than applying a piece-meal approach as it was reported earlier. The list of pros and cons is being developed and will be presented with the fiscal impacts upon the tribe from the provision changes.

It was reported that this is a work in progress and it will likely stand for more alteration as clarification is needed. For example the provision question will be to enact the proposed change instead of enacting only certain parts of the proposed provision.

Public meetings will be scheduled to present the provision changes with a description and explanation of the purposes and intention. It is still expected to have the Secretarial election in the spring of 2009. Between now and the December election the schedule will be confirmed and the scheduled election will occur regardless of the election outcome.

Amendment Number 1: **Voting Age, Residency Requirement, and Absentee Ballots**

Article IV – Nominations and Elections; **Section 4.**

Original: Any member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe who is 21 years of age or over and who has maintained a legal residence for at least one year on the Pyramid Lake Reservation shall be entitled to vote.

Article IV – Nominations and Elections; **Section 4.**

Proposed: Any member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe who is **18 years or older is eligible to vote at a tribal election.**

Article IV – Nominations and Elections; **Section 5.**

Proposed: **Voting at special and tribal elections is conducted at a designated polling place or, by absentee ballot.**

Amendment Number 2: **Four Year Terms, Primary Election, and Felony Restrictions**

Article III – Governing Body; **Section 2.(a)** [Approval date February 6, 1973].

Original: Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected through popular vote and each shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. Candidates for the offices of chairman and vice-chairman shall be members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older at the time of election (see By Laws, Article II – QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE), and must have lived continuously on the Pyramid Lake Reservation for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding his announcement of such candidacy. The chairman and vice-chairman may serve two (2) terms in succession.

Proposed: Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected **by a simple majority** vote and serve a term of **four (4) years** or until their successors are elected. **At the first election after this amendment, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve out their two year term and be elected to a four year term thereafter.** Candidates for the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be **an enrolled member** of the Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older at the time of election, **never been convicted of a felony, and shall comply with tribal candidacy requirements.** The Chairman and Vice Chairman may serve **any number of** terms in succession.

Amendment Number 3: **Four Year Terms and Felony Restrictions**

Article III – Governing Body; **Section 2.(b)** [Approval date February 6, 1973].

Original: Councilmen. The councilmen shall be elected by eligible voters of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected; except that at the December election following the adoption of these amendments half of the councilmen receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a two (2) year term and the remaining half shall serve a one (1) year term. Candidates for councilmen shall be members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older and must have lived on the Pyramid Lake Reservation for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding his announcement of such candidacy. All councilmen shall serve any number terms in succession.

Proposed: Councilmen. Councilmen shall be elected by eligible voters of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and shall serve for a term of **four (4) years** or until their successors are elected. At the **first** election following the adoption of this amendment, **four seats shall be elected for two year terms and four seats shall serve out their current terms. Thereafter, all councilmen shall be elected to four (4) year terms.** Candidates for the Tribal Council shall be **an enrolled member** of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older, **never been convicted of a felony, and shall comply with tribal candidacy requirements.** Tribal Council members shall serve any number of terms in succession.

Amendment Number 4: **Article III** – Governing Body; **Section 4** [Approval date February 23, 1962).

Original: Councilmen shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, except that at the first election of Councilmen under this Amendment to the Constitution, the five candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for two years and the five candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office for one year. Thereafter, every year five councilmen shall be elected for a term of two years.

Proposed: **To eliminate provision from the record.**

Amendment Number 5: **Vacancy, Removal, and Recall Provisions**

Article V – Vacancies and Removal from Office; **Section 2** [Approval date January 15, 1936].

Original: Any councilman who is proven guilty of improper conduct, or gross neglect of duty may be expelled from the council by a two-thirds vote of the council members, provided that the accused member is given full opportunity to reply to any and all charges at a designated council meeting and provided further that the accused member shall have been given a written statement of the charges against him at least five days before the meeting at which he is to be given an opportunity to reply.

Proposed: **Article V – Vacancies, Removal, and Recall Section 2 – Removal**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any Tribal Council member who is convicted of a criminal offense, proven guilty of improper conduct, failure to perform duties prescribed by law, or gross neglect of duty may be removed from the tribal council by a two-thirds vote of the full council, provided that the accused is given full opportunity to reply to any and all charged at a designated council meeting and provided written statements of the charges against him/her at least five days before the meeting at which he/she is given the opportunity to reply.

Proposed: **Section 3 – Recall**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any Council Member may be recalled from office by the eligible voters of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Upon receipt of a petition signed by 30% of the eligible voters, it shall be the duty of the Tribal Council to certify the petition, to call a special recall election, and to hold a special election in accordance with established laws of the Tribe. The decision of the voters shall be binding on the Tribal Council, provided that at least 30% of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Amendment Number 6: **Lease Provisions**

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Tribal Council; **Section 1.(c)** [Approval date January 15, 1936].

Original: To approve or veto any sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, or other tribal assets which may be authorized or executed by the Secretary of Interior, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or any other official or agency of the Government, provided that no tribal lands shall ever be sold, encumbered, or leased for a period exceeding five years.

Proposed: **To negotiate, approve, or veto leases, permits, encumbrances of tribal lands, interests in land, and other tribal assets consistent with Federal law and Article VII – Tribal Lands of this Constitution.**

Amendment number 7: **Tribal Council Meetings**

Article IV – Meetings and Procedures; **Section 2** [Original approval date January 15, 1936; Amended on February 3, 1956]

Original: The council shall meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month.

Amendment 1: The council shall meet regularly on the first Friday of each month.

Proposed: **The Council shall meet regularly on the first and third Friday of each month. Meetings may be rescheduled by the Tribal Council for purposes of holidays or as determined by the Tribal Council. Changes in the schedule shall be announced not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.**

Candidates for Tribal Council



First let me greet all readers of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Newspaper. By the time you all receive the Tribal Newspaper, it will be November, and once again we all will begin to prepare for the long winter and for the Holidays. So I sent to you and yours an early Thanksgiving and Seasons greeting.

My name is Anthony Sampson Sr., some might know me as Teacher Tony; when I helped some of you parents teach your little one's their ABC's and how to count numbers and helped you teach them their colors. Others might remember me when I worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Law Enforcement Officer, and yet other's know me as our tribe's Higher Education Coordinator.

You might wonder why I am addressing you all in our Tribal Newspaper. Well as we rapidly approach the end of another year, we are again closing in on our Tribal Elections. This is why I am writing this letter.

I am asking for your support in running for the Vice Chairman's position. I after much prayer and thought, I made this decision with much humbleness. When I was a police officer, there were many things I had to learn, one of them was that I had to get out of my police vehicle and get to know the people whom I served. It was through this service I was able to learn what the people needed. It was through honesty living, and integrity that I was able to gain the trust of those I served. That is why I am asking you for your vote. I am asking you for the trust in electing me as the Vice Chairman. I would like to also take this time to thank those who have supported me in past tribal elections and hope for your continued support.

I won't go into the committees I have served on or how many years I was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Law Enforcement Services or what certifications or college units I have, though those are important, these were steps to prepare me to best serve our tribal membership. It is through these committees and other services that I learned to understand what our people need, and what they want that will help them live in this time and age of change.

Our tribe is going through many changes at this time; I see them as good opportunities for change. One that I do see as a positive is "Accountability". Once we achieve full accountability, it will open more doors of success. Without accountability we will lose grants and programs that our tribe and membership needs.

This is also the reason I am asking for tribal membership voting support, we are at a crossroad and are looking at "History in the making". It is time for us to reach out and grab our portion of the American Dream. We need change. We need to change our way of thinking on Economic Development, we need to create an economy that will change our way of life, where we all share in the tribe's success while preserving our natural resources and environment.

We must embrace this opportunity and except change in order for us to move forward. Our tribe is at the threshold of success; our tribe needs to be more progressive in our economic planning. We see planning and development going on all round us in Lyon and Washoe Counties, we hear prosperity knocking at our door, it's time we as a tribe open that door and grasp our self-determination. It's hard to say if we will get another chance at developing our economy, we as a tribal government need to work for the people, and not just for special interests. We need a government that will meet the changing needs of all our tribal membership.

Unless we meet this change, it's hard to say if we will survive. This is why I am reaching out to our membership, we need change in leadership. We are living in a time of uncertainties, Federal Budget cuts, Education cuts, Health Care cuts, Office and Management cuts. It is most certain that the US Congressional Appropriation Committee will be making more program cuts that will most certainly affect tribes across the United States.

We need a council that will be progressive with innovated and corporate thinking, a tribal council that has strong ethical standards that will move our tribe forward. We can not continue down the road of the past. We must build for future generations; we must protect our heritage and document our culture. We must explore self-determination to exist with the other colonies and reservations in this state. We must build working relationships with other tribes and state entities to secure our cultural rights and advocate for our right to fairness in state legislations.

We need to look at setting native influence in our state legislation as we look at our own economic growth in today's economy. Our Tribal Council needs to be more involved in connecting with our membership and in daily government to government relationships and issues.

In closing, God Bless you during these holiday seasons and I ask you as registered tribal voters for your vote. Break away from the past and cast a vote for change.

Respectfully submitted by;
Anthony Sampson Sr.

**Vote for Anthony (Tony) Sampson
For
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Vice Chairman**

ATTENTION CANDIDATES

TO ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING A TRIBAL ELECTION CANDIDACY STATEMENT, THE DECEMBER ISSUE WILL PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLISHING.

A SPECIAL INSERT WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THEREFORE, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR STATEMENT TO 1,000 WORDS OR LESS.

ALL INFORMATION SHALL BE DUE ON NOVEMBER 21, 2008 BY 3:00 PM.

ALTHOUGH THE CANDIDACY DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 12 AT 4:30 PM, THIS EFFORT WILL GIVE OUR VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR VIEWS ON TRIBAL ISSUES.

ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST FOR THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE, PLEASE SUBMIT A SHORT LETTER TO THE TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD. YOU MUST MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF BEING 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY THE DATE OF THE ELECTION WHICH IS DECEMBER 27, 2008 AND MUST HAVE LIVED CONTINUOUSLY ON THE PYRAMID LAKE RESERVATION FOR ONE YEAR.

**THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR ADDING NAMES TO THE VOTER'S LIST IS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008, AT 4:30 PM.**

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The job market has tightened, the economy is down and you've got to find a job, now. You have a job interview coming up and you need every possible advantage to win that job. What do you do?

Recent studies have shown that employers will form an opinion of you within the first 10 minutes of the interview.

With this in mind, here are six dos and don'ts on the art of non-verbal communication to give you a winning advantage in a job interview.

1. Be real from the start

When you greet your interviewer, smile a real smile that engages your eyes, and offer a firm handshake. Say something like, "I'm pleased to meet you" to provide a positive anchor.

Janine Driver, a body language expert also known on the Internet as the "Lyn' Tamer," states that maintaining good eye contact shows respect and interest. She advises that in the U.S., 60% eye contact is ideal. She suggests focusing on the upper triangle of the face from the left eyebrow across the bridge of the nose to the right eyebrow. Avoid staring at the other person's forehead, lips and mouth.

2. Watch the excess energy

The more energy you have, the more will need to be vented. This often results in mannerisms Hartley terms "adapters." What this means is that excess energy gets dissipated into fidgeting, a definite sign that you're nervous or ill at ease. While it's easy to say, "Watch the fidgeting," Driver suggests you never touch your face, throat, mouth or ears during an interview. The interviewer may feel that you're holding something back, typically, the truth. Although this is a false assumption, to try to establish credibility, it's necessary to avoid touching your face.

3. What to do with those hands and arms

Driver says that clasped hands are a signal that you are closed off. A palm-to-palm gesture with one thumb over the other thumb sends the signal that you need the interviewer's reassurance.

To come across as confident, receptive and unguarded, have your hands open and relaxed on the table. When your body is open, you project trustworthiness.

Avoid crossing your arms over your chest. When you do, you signal that you are close-minded, defensive or bored and disinterested.

4. Crossing those legs

Don't cross your legs. According to Driver, this posture creates a wall between you and your interviewer. It can also become a distraction when you keep crossing your legs back and forth. Crossed ankles are a "no-no" because you are signaling that you want to be elsewhere.

5. Posture

A straight posture is imperative during an interview. Pull your shoulders back and sit up straight. You'll give yourself a burst of confidence and allow for good breathing. This can help you to avoid, or at least reduce, feelings of nervousness and discomfort.

6. Finger gestures

Bet you never thought you had to worry about your fingers during an interview. Driver suggests that steepling your fingers make you look arrogant. She also says to never point your index fingers like gun barrels. These are the types of aggressive messages you want to avoid sending.

We would like to congratulate all of the newly hired employees and wish them luck in their new positions.

Amy Caprari, Social Worker

Beverly Harry, Environmental Manager

Sidney Kochamp, Range Resource Technician

Again Congratulations to all!!!!

We would also like to take a moment and wish everyone who had birthdays this past month or will be celebrating a birthday this month a very Happy Birthday!

October Birthdays

Ima Scott
Della John
Cloria Barnes
Christa James
Hariett Brady
Russell Cook
Shannon Stockton
Jenny Cortez
Janet Davis
Loren Decker
Kimberly Dunn
Dorothy Ely
Melvin Gentry
Crisanto Guarin
Billie Jean Guerrero
Eric Ingraham
Karole McQueen
Donna Noel

November Birthdays

Buddiette Salway
Corrine O'Neil
Penny Mix
Steve Miller
Arlene McMasters
Linda McCauley
Wallace Lowery
Patrick Dunn
Mary Dodd
Melissa Decker
Erin Calvin
Amelia Brazzanovich
Jackie Cawelli
Robert Gorder
Karen Hernandez
Sandra Hicks
Amanda Jones

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

By John Jackson, Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Now that TROA was signed on September 6, 2008, I guess everyone wants to know what the status of the Economic Development Plan is?

The fact is that the Tribal Economic Development Committee has finalized the draft Economic Development Plan and is editing the document for distribution.

The Economic Development Plan is nothing new to the membership because it is the same plan that was approved in 2006 and put before the Tribal Council for action. The Tribal Council did not act on it at the time because the BIA was concerned about it. In 2007, the BIA was confronted and eventually accepted the plan as proposed.

Since that time the Economic Development Committee has added to it to make it more reader friendly and provide some other documents for a more solid plan for future use.

The main additions to the EDP is the insertion of a section to provide the future decision makes of economic development projects a way to determine the credibility of proposed projects from outside investors. This a due diligence check list to determine the benefit of a proposed project for the Tribe and the financial credibility of the investor to follow through with the projects proposed business plan.

The second addition was the inclusion of the fifty year Pyramid Lake use plan. These documents outline what the Tribe would like to see what the reservation would look like in fifty years concerning land use such as commercial/industrial sites, recreational sites, residential areas, and agricultural areas. These land use designations was the result of many Tribal meetings and planning sessions conducted by the Economic Development Committee from 1999 through 2006.

The Economic Development Plan will be presented to the Tribal Council in the next upcoming months and should be finalized with the Department of Interior in 2009.

The EDP is specific to the PL 101-618, Economic Development Fund and falls within the guidelines of the act. The EDP outlines distribution of both the principle and interest earned from the time of deposit back 1994. The EDP outlines the distribution of the interest earned as 100% per capita distribution and the investment of the \$40,000,000 in principle for use in five endowment funds.

The proposed five endowment funds are Education, Elders Programs, Per Capita, Government/Public Services, and Economic Development/Planning.

The first 5% of interest earned of the \$40,000,000 is proposed to be distributed on an annual basis as follows:

- 20%.....Education
- 13%.....Elders Programs
- 25%.....Per Capita
- 20%.....Government/Public Services
- 22%.....Economic Development/Planning

Any earnings over 5% would be reinvested for inflation.

The big question at hand is when will the EDP be provided the funding under the PL 101-618 provisions which require that the TROA must be in effect in order for them to be released by the Federal Government.

The Tribal Water Team is investigating strategies to get the funds before TROA goes into effect because it is felt that protests filed against it would take many years to resolve.

I will update you on these efforts and any Tribal forums to discuss these matters.

If you have any questions please feel free to call 574-1050 x-21 or e-mail me at jjackson@plpt.nsn.us.

NIXON 1967

This photo was taken as part of the BIA agriculture survey conducted on the PLIR in 1967.

Many, many changes occurred in Nixon since 1967. "Central" Nixon still reflects the monuments that everyone can related to, and it is fun to remember.



CONTRACTS & GRANTS DEPARTMENT

The 2009 budget process has begun! The Appropriations Committee is responsible for coordinating the annual budgetary process for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The Committee is comprised of eight members - the Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Tribal Administrator, Tribal Secretary, Contract & Grants Administrator, Human Resources Manager, Comptroller, and Tax Administrator. The Committee makes recommendations to the Tribal Council on the allocation of tribal funds on an annual basis for tribal programs, services, and activities. The committee also provides recommendations throughout the year on funding request received outside of the normal budgeting process. The committee operates under Bylaws approved by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council and is currently reviewing approximately one-hundred seven budgets for 2009.

October 6-8, 2008 I attended the Second Annual Native American Economic Development & Diversification Conference in Las Vegas Nevada. I asked to attend this conference because I wanted to hear from professionals that have had firsthand experience in dealing with the shifts in the economy and its effects on the feasibility, planning and building for their projects. What have they done to overcome concerns that the current market has triggered in their clients? I'm thankful to my supervisor for letting me attend because I had the opportunity to network with individuals who are doing some excellent projects in construction manufacturing, technology, marketing and hospitals. I returned with many business cards from individuals who were willing to share their ideas and expertise. I have e-mailed and set up two phone conferences with two companies I met to begin discussing economic development issues for the Pyramid Lake Tribe.

There were three factors the successful Tribe's had. They exercised their sovereignty, had capable tribal councils and legitimate Tribal Governments (stable governments- many years on council). These tribes also had a solid foundation for their culture. Others had strong sales & marketing strategies that brought in big revenues.

Currently the Pyramid Lake Tribe is without an Economic Development Department and a Tribal Planner. This department has been vacant since the former Vice Chair left approximately a year ago. The Committee, Tribal Council and tribal membership realize there is a tremendous need for this department to be funded in 2009. Two capital projects currently funded through grants include the Wadsworth Community Center and Wadsworth Water Infrastructure projects. Both are very important to the Tribe and cannot afford to be put on the back burner. More diversified funding must be sought as well as partnership to insure these projects are finished to completion.

This concludes my program report for the month.

Sandra J. Hicks

Contracts & Grants Administrator

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

By Ric Frost, Water Resource Specialist

2008 Irrigation Season

The irrigation season for the 2008 season went fairly well in spite of some isolated problems.

For the Indian ditch, the season began with a structured scheduling of timed water deliveries with the intent of having sufficient water available at the end of the season. This was in response to last year's water allocation being exhausted by mid August. As a result of this year's timed scheduling and management, the Indian ditch had only used up only 61.8% of the annual allocation, leaving sufficient water availability to the end of the growing season and a 107.5% delivery. We did have one major break in the ditch in August, which was repaired in 6 days time, allowing for continued water delivery as scheduled.

Proctor ditch had sufficient delivery to the end of the growing season without any major problems and ended the season with a 104.3% delivery. Herman ditch was underutilized for most of the season and had the dam repaired by mid summer. Herman ditch delivery ended at only 21.0% delivery.

The water resources division also conducted a GIS mapping study on all irrigated lands and a delivery efficiency study for Indian ditch.

From the mapping study, it was determined there were an additional 181.13 irrigated acres which should gain an additional 905.65 acre feet for the irrigation allocation for next year's claim.

As for the Indian ditch delivery efficiency, many land assignments that need leveling and ditch improvement were identified and those individuals were contacted. To keep the entire irrigation system operating efficiently and everyone receiving water on time when they need it for their crops, it is important that all irrigated lands are leveled for improved efficiency. This will help improve crop yields for everyone as well, so please try to have those properties leveled by next season. The efficiency study will also help create a better schedule for next year's deliveries.

**The Family of Glenn Wasson
would like to extend a sincere
Thank-You**

**for the Cards, Prayers, Kind
Words, Food Donations &
Beautiful Flowers.**

**Glenn will truly be missed by all,
as he was a cherished
Son, Father, Grandfather,
Brother, Uncle,
Relative, a Great Tribal Leader &
a Friend to many.**

**A Special Thank-You to our
Cousin,**

Ralph Dunn,

**for all his help & support
throughout the day.**

All Our Love To You!

Naomi Wasson

Rosie Wasson & Ariana Gardipe

Sherrí, Chuck & Derek Sandusky

Cheryl Wasson &

Glennys Tobey-Wasson

Serena Wewa & Landon Smith



Sanford Center
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University of Nevada, Reno

Schedule and registration

See accompanying
registration form or
[www.unr.edu/
sanford/programs/
ncc.html#training](http://www.unr.edu/sanford/programs/ncc.html#training).

Trainers

Susan G. Harris
Valerie Lykes
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Teresa M. Sacks
LuAnne Steininger
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One-Stop Access to
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NEVADA CARE CONNECTION CAREGIVER TRAINING

Are you caring for an
older adult and wish
you knew more?

Attend a free workshop offered at the
Wadsworth Community Center

Friday, November 14, 2008
1:00 to 4:00 pm

If you are caring for an elder (friend or family member),
or if you care for elders professionally, this free training
offers tips on how to do it better.

The workshop will cover:

Help available on the Internet

Finding aging & disability resources on the Web.

Grief and Loss

How to work effectively with older adults experiencing the loss of
a loved one or the loss of their own abilities.

Crisis Management

How to tell if a senior is in crisis and what to do about it.

For more information, contact:
Diann Jones, (775) 682-8470

Presented by the Sanford Center for Aging, the University of Nevada
Cooperative Extension and the Nevada Geriatric Education Center (a joint
program of the Sanford Center for Aging and the University of Nevada School
of Medicine). Supported by the Nevada Division for Aging Services.

**Inter-Tribal Council of
Nevada**
43rd Annual Convention
November 17-20, 2008
John Ascuaga's Nugget
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**Featuring Guest
Speaker**
JOHN TRUDELL
Website: speakoutnow.org
Thursday,
November 20, 2008
12:00 p.m.
For Ticket Information
Call 355-0600, ext. 105

**Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Consolidated Higher Education Program**

Consolidated Higher Education Deadlines:

Consolidated Higher Education Scholarship
Enrichment Scholarship
\$350.00 Tribal Scholarship
Adult Vocational Training Scholarship

Deadline date: November 30th, 2008

We are extending the deadline date for the Adult Vocational Training Scholarship from October 15, 2008 to November 30th, 2008. If you wish to apply, go to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal website, click departments, and then click higher education. All scholarships are posted in our department's webpage. **If you need help, please call 775-574-0300 for assistance.**

Please be sure to submit all required application information and documentation. If your application is not complete by the deadline date, your scholarship will be denied.

Graduating students:

Please upon completing your last year of college, please submit a copy of your college degree into the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's, Higher Education Program. We need your information as part of our program statistical data. **Please send to;**

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe
Consolidated Higher Education Program
P.O. Box 256
Nixon, NV. 89424

Official Transcripts:

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal, Consolidated Higher Education Policy states all students must send in an **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT 30 day's after completing each semester.** Failure in submitting an Official Transcript will delay your scholarship funding. It should be noted that **NO UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** will be accepted.

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal, Consolidated Higher Education Program wishes to acknowledge one of the teachers at Pyramid Lake Jr. Sr. High School. It should be noted that Ms. Harriet Brady received a Teacher of the Year Award! Congratulations Ms. Brady!

The Pyramid Lake Jr. Sr. High School was presented a \$1000.00 Check from Wal-Mart and Ms. Brady received a \$100.00 gift certificate for her classroom. Great Job!

**Tai Chi Class Schedule:
Monday at the Sutcliffe Community
Center 6:30 pm-7:30pm
Wednesday-Nixon Health Clinic
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Snacks will be available after
Tai Chi class**

*No special clothes or shoes are needed.
Just dress to be comfortable.....*

A new study suggests that participation in the Chinese martial art Tai Chi Chuan may help boost immune function and improve blood sugar control in people with type 2 diabetes. After completing a 12-week Tai Chi exercise program, men and women with the disease had statistically significant reductions in their levels of HBA1C, a measurement of long-term blood glucose control. The participants also showed increases in regulatory T cells, which help to keep the immune response in check, while their levels of killer T cells, which destroy abnormal cells in the body, decreased. People with type 2 diabetes can experience chronic inflammation, and while exercise has been shown to be beneficial, strenuous exercise may boost inflammation and cause other problems as noted by health professionals.

The Exercise Modular-Nixon

The Diabetes Exercise Room (Modular #02 next to the Nixon Gym) will be open:

- Monday: 11:00-1:30-Open
- Tuesday: 11:30-8:00 Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist will be available at Modular
- Wednesday: 11:00-1:30 Open
- Thursday: 11:30-8:00
11:00-4:30 Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist will be available at Modular
- Friday: 11:00-1:30 Open

Tai Chi began at the Natchez Elementary School October 1 for the Afterschool program. Arms were flying and everyone had a great time.....



The Diabetes Wellness Program will be starting a 100 Mile Club soon, if you are interested please contact Maxine Burns at 574-1018.

We have 2 pairs of Native Nikes that are for sale they are women's 8 1/2 white and women's 7 1/2 pink. If you are interested in Native Nikes please contact Janet Crutcher or Maxine Burns at 574-1018. Please bring a money order for \$48.77. It takes about 5-7 days for the shoes to arrive.




4th Annual


Chester Smith Sr.

Memorial Basketball Tournament

November 21, 22, 23, 2008
Yerington, Nevada



GET YOUR FEES IN EARLY TO ASSURE YOUR TEAMS GETS IN!
ENTRY FEE DEADLINE: **NOVEMBER 1, 2008**
Mail to: P.O. BOX 719, YERINGTON, NV 89447




ADULT DIVISION(S)
WOMEN'S & MEN'S
ENTRY FEE: \$300
First 12 teams to pay fee will be entered in tourney.

"OVER 50" DIVISION
WOMEN'S & MEN'S
ENTRY FEE: \$200
First 4 teams to pay fee will be entered in tourney.

Special Awards will be given for this Tournament by Chester's children & grandchildren
MEMORIAL COACH'S AWARD
CHAMPIONSHIP
RUNNER-UP - THIRD PLACE
CONSOLATION

"BEST TEAM PLAYER" (MVP)
MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYER
ALL-STARS



YOUTH DIVISION
1-3 Grade - 4-6 Grade
7 & 8 Grade
ENTRY FEE: \$150
First 8 coed teams to pay fee will be entered in tourney.

AWARDS GIVEN FOR CHAMPIONSHIP
RUNNER-UP - THIRD PLACE
& CONSOLATION

MOST INSPIRATIONAL PLAYER
BEST TEAM PLAYER (MVP)--(BOY & GIRL)
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1/2 ENTRY FEE DEPOSIT DUE NOVEMBER 1*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL:
RON SMITH (775) 463-3275 or DEBRA KEATS (775) 463-2350**

Memorial Tournament proceeds to benefit scholarship for Yerington High School graduating senior.

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Contact: David Bonter, Project leader
Cornell Lab of Ornithology
(607) 254-2457
dnb23@cornell.edu

Project FeederWatch Benefits Birds and People

Connection with nature promotes wellness

Ithaca, NY--More than 100 studies have shown that getting closer to nature reduces stress and promotes a feeling of well-being in children and adults. So, filling feeders and counting the birds that visit may be just what the doctor ordered! For more than 20 years, that's what participants in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Project FeederWatch have been doing--benefitting themselves and the birds.

"It is a great winter time activity for the whole family," says Alaska FeederWatcher Nancy Darnell. "If you have children, they will come to love watching the birds. All of this is fun and a chance to contribute to scientific studies, too!"

The 2008-09 season of **Project FeederWatch gets underway November 8** and runs through April 3. Participants count the numbers and kinds of birds at their feeders each week and send the information to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Participants submitted more than 115,000 checklists during the 2007-08 FeederWatch season, documenting unusual bird sightings, winter movements, and shifting ranges--a treasure-trove of information that scientists use to monitor the health of the birds and of the environment.

"Being a FeederWatcher is easy and fun, and at the same time helps generate the world's largest database on feeder-bird populations," says project leader David Bonter. "We are grateful for the contributions our participants have made for the birds and are proud of the joy they say it brings to their busy lives. Since we started in 1987, more than 40,000 people have submitted observations, engaging with the wildlife beyond their windows."

"Project FeederWatch opened up a whole new world for me," says participant Cheri Ryan of Lockport, Kentucky. "It's so interesting to watch the activities of the birds. I learn something new each time I participate."

Scientists learn something new from the data each year, too, whether it's about the movements of common backyard birds or unusual sightings of rarely-seen species. Highlights of the most recent season include the largest southward movement of Red-breasted Nuthatches in the history of the project--part of an expected influx of northern birds that fly farther south when their food supplies run short. Other northern species showing up in record numbers included Common Repolls and Pine Siskins. Among the rare birds reported was a Streak-backed Oriole in Loveland, Colorado--the state's first report of this bird, native to Mexico. A December nor'easter deposited a Dovekie in Newton, Massachusetts, the first time this North Atlantic seabird has ever been reported to Project FeederWatch.

Long-term data show some species increasing in number, such as the Lesser Goldfinch in the Southwest. Other populations continue a downward trend, such as the Evening Grosbeak throughout their range. Once one of the most common species seen at feeders in the northern half of the continent, the grosbeaks are declining for unknown reasons.

Beyond the benefits to birds and science, however, is the benefit to participants. "Nature is not merely an amenity; it is critical to healthy human development and functioning," says Nancy Wells, Cornell University assistant professor of design and environmental analysis. Her studies find that a view of nature through the window or access to the environment in any way improves a child's cognitive functioning and reduces the negative effects of stress on the child's psychological well-being. Wells also notes that when children spent time with nature early in life it carries over to their adult attitudes and behavior toward the environment.

Project FeederWatch welcomes participants of all ages and skill levels, from scout troops and retirees to classrooms and nature center visitors. To learn more and to sign up, visit www.feederwatch.org or call the Lab toll-free at (800) 843-2473. In return for the \$15 fee (\$12 for Lab members) participants receive the *FeederWatcher's Handbook*, an identification poster of the most common feeder birds in their area, a calendar, complete instructions, and the FeederWatch annual report, *Winter Bird Highlights*.

Many FeederWatchers echo this comment from Mary Strasser of Wisconsin: "The greatest reward for me as a participant in Project FeederWatch these many years has been observing birds and behavior that I might have missed had I not been part of this project."

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Note: Photos are available at www.feederwatch.org. To find local participants for stories, contact David Bonter at (607) 254-2457 or email dnb23@cornell.edu. Visit the "Explore Data" section of the web site to find the top 25 birds reported in your region, rare bird sightings, and bird summaries by state or province.

Media contact in Canada: Kerrie Wilcox, Bird Studies Canada, (519) 586-3531, kwilcox@bsc-eoc.org

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a membership institution dedicated to interpreting and conserving the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds. Visit the Lab's web site at <http://www.birds.cornell.edu>.



Native Artist Fellowship Application

The School for Advanced Research, Indian Arts Research Center (IARC) offers three artist in residence fellowships annually to advance the work of mature and emerging Native artists. Each fellowship includes a \$3,000 monthly stipend, housing, studio space, supplies allowance, and travel reimbursement to and from SAR. These fellowships provide time for artists to explore new avenues of creativity, grapple with new ideas to further advance their work, or to strengthen existing talents. The fellowships support diverse creative disciplines and can include sculpture, performance, basketry, painting, printmaking, digital art, mixed media, photography, pottery, writing, and film and video.

Artist fellows must live on the SAR campus, complete a project resulting in the creation of one or more works, and make a public presentation at the end of their fellowship. While in residence, artists can access the IARC collection of Native arts for research and study. Additionally, SAR would like to see the fellow's work represented in the object, archives, or photo collection; therefore, the fellowships request the donation of a single piece created while working at SAR. If selected for the fellowship, artists must agree to participate in interviews, photo sessions, video recordings, and exit interviews to document the fellow's process and progress. This information will be entered into the IARC archives to serve as a permanent public record.

Check the IARC fellowship for which you are applying:

- Ronald and Susan Dubin Fellowship** (Dates: June 15 through August 15)
Deadline: March 15
- Rollin and Mary Ella King Fellowship** (Dates: September 1 through December 1)
Deadline: June 1
- Eric and Barbara Dobkin Fellowship for Native Women Artists** (Dates: March 1 through May 31)
Deadline: December 1

Submit the following by the deadline listed for the fellowship for which you are applying:

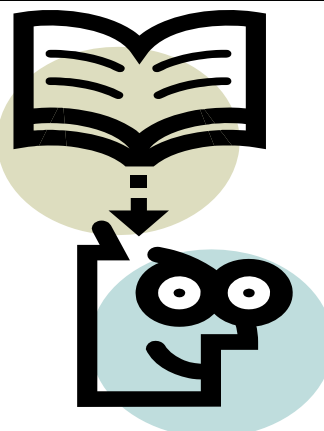
- Completed application form
- Current résumé (include education, relevant training, awards/honors, exhibitions, performances)
- Artist statement
- Examples of your current work (will not be returned) as described below:
 - VISUAL ART:** Submit 8 slides, print images, or CD of images (in jpeg or tiff format) of recent work. Each slide/image should be marked with your name and a number corresponding to numbers on an accompanying sheet listing all slides/images submitted, along with the artist's name, title of the piece, medium, size, and year of completion. Indicate the "top" of the slide. Do not send portfolios or original work.
 - WRITING:** Writing samples should be photocopies of published work or clean, double-spaced, numbered manuscript pages in a common font so it is easy to read. Samples should not exceed 20 pages.
*Your name and the date of completion should appear on the sample. Do not send books or bound manuscripts.
 - * Documentation of a stage or film production on VHS or DVD may also be included if applicable.
 - FILM/VIDEO:** Submit VHS videotape or DVD. Film/video scriptwriters should also send a script. Label each sample with your name, title, duration, and date of work.
 - DANCE/PERFORMANCE ART:** Submit VHS videotape or DVD. Label sample with your name, title, duration, and date of work.
 - COMPOSERS:** Submit a CD, DVD, or cassette containing up to three works (labeled with title, your name, date completed, duration of composition), and, if available, the corresponding scores for the work. Total audio sample should not exceed 30 minutes and may be composed of entire pieces or excerpts.
 - OTHER ARTISTS:** If your project does not fall clearly within one of the above disciplines, please contact the IARC to discuss an appropriate work sample.

Please submit a complete application by the due date. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Any supplementary materials submitted will not be considered or returned. Award notifications will be made one month after the application due date. For additional information, call (505) 954-7205, e-mail poon@sarsf.org, or visit the IARC web page at www.sarweb.org.

Send applications to:

Indian Arts Research Center
School for Advanced Research
Attn: Native Artist Fellowships
P.O. Box 2188
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2188

Fax: 505-954-7207
Email: poon@sarsf.org



Library New Winter Hours:

**Tue & Wed 2-5 P.M.
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10 A.M. - 5 P.M.**

**Thanks,
Linda McCauley, Tribal Librarian
775-574-0301**

I have some good news to share!

Since Nick Smith, member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, won the local & sectional competitions, he now advances to the championships in Oakland, CA on November 2nd. He (we) get to go to the Oakland Raiders vs Atlanta Falcons football game where he'll compete in the NFL punt, pass and kick! Watch the game, you might get a glimpse of him!



Here's some NFL PP&K background:

The NFL Punt Pass and Kick is a skills competition for boys and girls between the ages of 8-15 to showcase their talents in punting, passing, and kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy. PP&K was established in 1961 and is the oldest NFL Youth Football Program and one of the world's largest youth sports participation programs. It is free to both organizers who host a local competition and the participating youth. For more information visit their web site at www.ppk.nflyouthfootball.com

Top finishers from each age group that placed first in the local competition, advanced to a sectional competition, and now have qualified for the National finals at an NFL playoff game in January 2009.

Fallon won in 4 out of the 8 divisions at the Gardnerville PPK Sectional Oct. 19th. All four winners were in the top 5 of the 8 Sectionals that report to the Oakland Raiders. From here, they will travel to Oakland for the Nov 2ND Raiders game vs the Falcons. The competition is held about 0900, both parents and the player get tickets to the 1 PM game. Each competitor gets to throw a pass for the crowd at half time; winners are announced to the crowd just before the start of the 4th quarter.

Wish Nick luck!

Maureen Smith, Parent

4 of 8 Sectional winners from Fallon!



14-15

Chali
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10-11

Hunter
Holcombe

8-9

Nick Smith

12-13

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Submit the following materials by the January 15 application deadline:

- Completed application form
- Current résumé (include education, relevant training, awards/honors, exhibitions, performances)
- Artist statement, no more than two pages in length
- Examples of your current work (will not be returned) as described below:

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Please submit a complete application postmarked no later than January 15. There are absolutely no exceptions to the date. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Any supplementary materials submitted will not be considered or returned. Notifications will be sent approximately four months after the application deadline. For additional information, call (505) 954-7205, e-mail poon@sarsf.org, or visit the IARC web page at www.sarweb.org.



SUNSHINE CLUB

The Sunshine Club was started this past summer by Jenny Cortez, Andrea Alejos, Rose Barlese and Ione Crutcher. We decided that the Sunshine Club needs to start and be followed through each year through dedication and a lot of fundraisers. The reason we felt the sunshine Club was needed here at the High School is because the students need to be rewarded for their good behavior and hard work academically.

We held a few fundraisers throughout the summer. On September 9, 2008 we held a birthday luncheon (party) for those students who had a birthday in the months of July, August and September. There were approximately 29 students who came and enjoyed Pizza, Cake, Ice Cream and Punch. On October 15th, we held another birthday party for students whose birthday was in October.

We plan on holding a "raffle" each semester to reward students for the following four categories: perfect attendance, honor roll, role model and no referrals. Teachers refer student names who they see as a "role model". For each category, we put names of all the students in a basket and draw for prizes. Prizes include a cell phone, movie ticket, MP3 player and a movie and pizza certificate. Our main goal is to reward students for the hard work they put in on a daily basis, like doing homework, turning it in, helping other students, having a good attitude and treating everyone with respect, maintaining a good grade, etc.

We plan on holding more fundraisers throughout the year and would like to thank everyone for their support. We will be out there selling items during home games and all the funds raised is to purchase rewards for students. If you have any questions, please contact us at the High School, 574-1016.



POSTAL NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (date)

Contact: Local Post Office contact names & phone #

Nixon Post Office announces deadlines for holiday mail to U.S. troops overseas; \$2 off using Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Boxes



The Nixon Post Office reminds customers of the Postal Service's recommended mailing dates for delivery by Christmas to our U.S. military troops serving overseas at APO/FPO addresses. (See deadlines below.)

Holiday mail for our U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan should be sent by Dec. 4 for arrival by Christmas. Holiday mail going to other military overseas APO/FPO locations should be sent by Dec. 11. Except for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Express Mail can also be used to mail packages to other overseas military locations until Dec. 18 for delivery by Christmas.

The Postal Service has not announced the official deadlines for mailing overseas to other international countries yet. **As for domestic deadlines and using regular mail, send holiday cards, letters and packages going to U.S. destinations by December 20 for delivery by Christmas. Using Express Mail, you still have time to mail packages to certain U.S. locations until Dec. 23.**

Mail sent to overseas military addresses is charged at domestic mail prices. The domestic mail price for the largest Flat-Rate Priority Mail box is \$12.95, but for packages sent to military APO/FPO addresses overseas the price is reduced to only \$10.95.

Flat-Rate Priority Mail boxes offer the best price/cargo in holiday shipping. Customers can use Priority Mail Flat-Rate boxes to ship anywhere in the U.S., or to our troops overseas. The contents for Priority Mail Flat-Rate boxes can be any weight for one size, if it fits it ships.

Flat-Rate boxes are free at any Post Office, or can be ordered online at usps.com. Postage, labels and customs forms can be printed online any time using Click-N-Ship at www.usps.com/clicknship.

The Postal Service also offers Delivery Confirmation service for almost all APO/FPO destinations. Delivery Confirmation provides customers with the date, ZIP Code and time the package was delivered. This information can be accessed online at usps.com.

The U.S. Postal Service also offers a FREE Military Care Kit to make it easier for postal customers to send care packages to our troops stationed in the U.S. and around the world. Each kit contains Priority Mail boxes and Flat-Rate boxes, Priority Mail labels, a roll of Priority Mail tape, and customs forms with envelopes. This kit may be ordered free by calling 1-800-610-8734.

All packages and mail must be addressed to individual service members by name, in accordance with U.S. Dept. of Defense regulations. All military overseas units are assigned an APO or FPO ZIP Code and, in many cases, that ZIP Code travels with the unit. The Postal Service places APO/FPO mail on special transportation to be delivered to our military troops overseas as soon as possible.

2008 OVERSEAS MILITARY HOLIDAY MAILING DEADLINES

Military Mail Addressed To	Express Mail® Military Service (EMMS) ¹	First-Class Mail® Letters/Cards	Priority Mail®	Parcel Airmail Mail (PAL) ²	Space Available Mail (SAM) ³	Parcel Post®
APO/FPO AF ZIPs 1804-1822	Dec. 9	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 28	Nov. 13
APO/FPO AE ZIP 090	N/A	Dec. 4	Dec. 4	Dec. 1	Nov. 21	Nov. 13
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 084-096	Dec. 9	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 29	Nov. 13
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec. 8	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 23	Nov. 13
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-990	Dec. 10	Dec. 11	Dec. 11	Dec. 4	Nov. 23	Nov. 13

Military Overseas Mailing and Packaging Tips

- Be sure to order a FREE Military Care Package Kit from USPS by calling 1-800-610-8734.
- Priority Mail packaging products, including the Priority Mail Flat-Rate boxes, offer the best shipping value, and can be obtained FREE at any Post Office or through usps.com. Customers receive a \$2 discount for using the Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Box to mail to any overseas military address, no matter the weight of the box, for just \$10.95.
- To save gas and a trip to the Post Office, you can mail your packages from your home or business using Click-N-Ship with FREE package pickup. All you need is a computer with internet access and a printer, a weight scale and credit card. Prepare your packages and go to usps.com/clicknship.
- If you use a regular box, use one strong enough to protect the contents with no writing on the outside.
- Cushion contents with newspaper, bubble wrap, or styrofoam. Pack tightly to avoid shifting.
- Package food items like cookies, fudge, candies, etc. securely in leak-proof containers.
- Use pressure-sensitive or nylon-reinforced packing tape.
- Do not use wrapping paper, string, masking tape, or cellophane tape outside the package.
- Print the complete military service member's name, unit, and APO/FPO delivery address, and your return address on one side only of the package.
- Place a return address label inside the package.
- Stuff fragile items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage.
- Remove batteries from toys/appliances. Wrap and place them next to the items inside.
- Purchase insurance and delivery confirmation service for reassurance of package delivery.
- All mail addressed to military Post Offices overseas is subject to certain conditions or restrictions regarding content, preparation and handling. APO/FPO addressees generally require customs forms.
- USPS packaging materials are eco-friendly and have received the highest green, recycling ratings.
- Purchase other packaging products, including tape, envelopes, padded bags, corrugated boxes, and cushioning material from your Post Office. Some locations offer decorative holiday boxes.
- Call 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777) or access usps.com for more holiday mailing information.

Letters to the Editor

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

- ♦ Letters must be 200 words or less. Letters are subject to editing for conformance to the 200 word limit, as well as for libel and taste.
- ♦ Letters must carry a full, legible and signed name of its author. The newspaper staff does not withhold names of letter authors. Pseudonyms are not allowed.
- ♦ Each author is allowed one published letter per newspaper issue.
- ♦ To be published, all letters must have a permanent address and/or a daytime telephone number for verification. **This information will not be published.**
- ♦ Letters addressed to specific parties other than the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal newspaper, to readers, letters from other publications, form letters that do not contain original writing content by the signatory or personal complaints outside the public domain are not published.
- ♦ Letters are published in the order which they are received. Promptness of publication depends on the volume of letters received and space availability.

MAIL LETTERS TO:

Letter to the Editor
PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE
P O Box 256
Nixon, NV 89424

Newspaper Submittal for **DECEMBER** Paper **DEADLINE: November 21 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Please complete **this form** and submit with your article.

BE SURE TO:

- Include your name, phone # and address.
- Personals may submit a hard copy of article. Hand written Personals ONLY must be printed legibly.
- **Submitted articles must be saved on CD** in Adobe Acrobat, Publisher, Word or WordPerfect format. (Media will be returned).
- **Articles can be submitted via e-mail to newspaper@plpt.nsn.us.** A hard copy of article must also be submitted by deadline.
- Pictures should be submitted in black & white. (Dark backgrounds do not scan well).
- Digital pictures must be taken with a high resolution for a good quality picture.
- REMEMBER: Pictures represent the quality of the picture submitted.
- Submit all information to the Tribal Manager's Office by deadline

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

ADVERTISING RATES

Advertising space will be provided to any business, organization or individual at the following rates:

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

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

DEADLINES FOR THE YEAR 2008—Fridays @ 3:00 p.m.

December –November 21

This schedule will allow us to get the newspaper prepared, edited, and printed and ready for bulk mailing the first week of each month. The Tribal Manager's office collects your articles and will forward them to the Editor.

Thank you for contributing your articles for our Newspaper this past year. Please continue to contribute to our Newspaper and let the people know about your program or department's activities and accomplishments. Please submit on diskette in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or Publisher format along with a hard copy of article.

CONTACT: PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE—NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT
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