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## RSIC Inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame Class Inducted

*Professional, college, high school standouts recognized for remarkable careers*

Twenty-one outstanding athletes were recently inducted into the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame. However, there is more than meets the eye to this collective group.

Beyond the varsity letters, college trophies and individual titles, the RSIC Class of 2015 Hall of Famers are extremely diverse in their interests outside the proverbial athletic arena—an accomplished violinist, a Purple Heart recipient, several elected officials, teachers, coaches, tribal advocates, and even a law student and a degreed engineer.

According to Randy Melendez, a life-long educator and now an assistant in the RSIC Recreation Department, creating the Hall of Fame was not just to honor past athletes and to celebrate the role sports holds in Indian Country, but the mission of the Hall of Fame is to inspire our current generation of athletes.

"We want to honor our past because these athletes were really remarkable, plus sports like running and basketball, are

still a big part of the culture of our community," said Melendez, one of the Hall of Fame inductees. "Plus, we want to send a message to our youth that these are role models, and if today's athletes work hard, they too, can be anything they want to be."

Melendez, a retired principal from Pyramid Lake High, who was inducted into the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association in 2013 for his coaching achievements, said as a youth, sports help him find his way.

In addition to his decorated coaching career, Melendez lettered in cross country and track at Utah State University and at the University of Nevada. Melendez graduated from Wooster High in 1971, where his dream of a coaching career started.

"Sports guided me to my place in the world," Melendez said. "From an early age, with support from my family and some very influential coaches,

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**The Former Superintendent** — Robert Hunter, the former superintendent of the Western Nevada Agency for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, was joined on stage with his son, Randal, along with keynote speaker Tahnee Robinson after he was officially inducted into the 2015 RSIC Athletics Hall of Fame. Hunter, a two sport athlete at Reno High, played football at the University of Nevada. Hunter was one of three freshman to letter his first year in college. He was an offensive and defensive end for UNR.



# Honoring Our Generations of Native Athletes & Native Art Walk

**November 11th, 2015**

For more info contact: Sandra Mitrovich  
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**12:00PM to 1:30PM**

"Catching Shadows" Art Walk  
& Artist Reception  
with Patricia Mills

**1:30PM to 3:30PM**

Screening of film  
*Running Brave*  
Legendary Native  
Athlete Billy Mills' Journey to  
Olympic Gold.

**3:30PM to 4:00PM**

Q&A with Native Olympic  
Athlete Billy Mills

**Events in the Joe Crowley  
Student Union 3rd Floor**



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Student Union**

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 **The Center  
for Student Cultural Diversity**

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If you have questions, call us at 329-2936, ext. 3268.

## Important NOVEMBER dates

- 2 Education Advisory Committee meeting, Education Conference Room, noon  
Tai Chi, Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.  
Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Senior Center, 1 p.m.  
Enrollment Advisory meeting, Enrollment Office, 5:30 p.m.  
Re-Scheduled Housing Advisory Board meeting, Hungry Valley  
Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 3 Shoshone Language classes, Education Building, 6 p.m.
- 4 Senior Paiute Language classes, Senior Center, noon  
Tai Chi, Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.  
Law & Order Committee meeting, Tribal Court, 6 p.m.  
Washoe Language classes, RSIC Library, 6 p.m.
- 5 Paiute Language classes, Education Building, 6 p.m.
- 6 Family Night at Roller Kingdom, 515 East 7th Street, 6 p.m.  
Logic and accuracy test of electronic voting machines,  
34 Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m.
- 7 RSIC Tribal Election, Polling Locations: 34 Multipurpose Room  
and Hungry Valley Community Center, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- 9 Tai Chi, Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.
- 10 Rock Your Mocs Contest, Hungry Valley Gym, noon—1:30 p.m.  
Shoshone Language classes, Education Building, 6 p.m.  
Tribal Council Meeting, 34 Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m.  
Be a Girl Scout informational meeting, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day, RSIC Offices and RSTHC Closed  
City of Reno Veterans Parade, Virginia Street, 11:11 a.m.  
Catching Shadow Art Walk with Patricia Mills,  
Joe Crowley Student Union, noon  
Screening of Running Brave, Billy Mills' Journey to Olympic Gold,  
Joe Crowley Student Union, 1:30 p.m.  
Q&A with Native American Olympic Athlete Billy Mills,  
Joe Crowley Student Union, 3:30 p.m.  
RSIC Veterans Day Community Celebration, Colony Gym, 6 p.m.
- 12 Deadline for The Camp News  
Veterans Day Breakfast Bingo, Hungry Valley TLC, 9:30 a.m.  
Rock Your Mocs Contest, RSTHC, noon—1:30 p.m.  
Paiute Language classes, Education Building, 6 p.m.
- 13 Rock Your Mocs Contest, RSIC Library, noon—1:30 p.m.
- 14 Nevada Indian Commission American Indian Achievement Awards,  
Governor's Mansion, Carson City, Nev., 5 p.m.
- 15 Deadline for Let's Stand Together Helping the Homeless (see page 17)  
Youth Basketball Coaches Clinic, Reno Gym, 1-3 p.m.
- 16 RSIC Library Barnes & Noble Book Fair, 5555 South Virginia St., 5 –9 p.m.  
Executive Health Board meeting, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
- 17 Commodity Distribution, Senior Center  
Shoshone Language classes, Education Building, 6 p.m.
- 18 Senior Paiute Language classes, Senior Center, noon  
Economic Development, 34 Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m.  
Washoe Language classes, Library, 6 p.m.
- 19 Beat the Bulge Team Weight Management Weigh In, RSTHC, 8 a.m.  
Paiute Language classes, Education Building, 6 p.m.
- 23 Christmas Distribution, One Day Only, 34 Multipurpose Room, 7 a.m.—7 p.m.  
Housing Advisory Board Meeting, Hungry Valley Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 24 Shoshone Language classes, Education Building, 6 p.m.
- 25 Senior Paiute Language classes, Senior Center, noon  
Day before Thanksgiving, RSIC Offices and RSTHC Close at noon
- 26 Thanksgiving, RSIC Offices and RSTHC Closed
- 27 After Thanksgiving-Family Day-RSIC Offices and RSTHC Closed  
Eagle Wings Annual After Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Fair,  
Colony Gym, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
N7 Nevada Women's Basketball, Lawlor Events Center, 4 p.m.
- 28 Eagle Wings Annual After Thanksgiving Arts & Crafts Fair,  
Colony Gym, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Check: <http://rsic.org/senior-activities-and-menu/> for daily seniors' activities and menu



I saw the value and opportunities that athletics could provide me not just to stay close to sports, but ultimately to build a career.”

Among the United States’ 562 federal recognized American Indian tribes, Native Americans are the most under-represented ethnicity on NCAA teams.

The cause of this dismal participation is complex.

First, for most Native Americans, standing out individually is at odds with their culture.

“Our culture promotes the principle of functioning as a group,” said Ron Trosper, a Harvard-educated member of the Flathead tribe in Montana who is associate professor at the University of British Columbia. “This hinders the advancement of Native American athletes, starting at the college level, where individual achievement is rewarded.”

Even more dismal than the Native American participation

rates in college athletics are the high school graduation rates for American Indians throughout the United States.

In 2015, the high school graduation rates for Native American students in Washoe County was just 43 percent.

“You have to finish high school to attend college,” Melendez said.

But despite the difficulties finding their way onto a collegiate team, let alone becoming a high profile athlete, history is littered with famous Native Americans athletes and their noteworthy accomplishments.

In the 20th century, Jim Thorpe, a Sac & Fox Indian, won two Olympic gold medals, played professional baseball and football and became the first president of the league that would become the NFL.

Billy Mills, a Sioux who came off the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Olympic history when



**Hall of Famer** — Jack Ridley, a musician, an athlete, and a veteran, was inducted into the first RSIC Athletics Hall of Fame. A professor at the University of Idaho, Ridley dedicated his professional career to advocating for tribes.

he won the 10,000 meters in 1964.

In fact, Native Americans, in partnership with their First Nations cousins in Canada, claim to have originally played in some form of what are now 10 Olympic sports, including canoeing, kayaking, sledding and field hockey. Lacrosse is another sport that originated in Indian Country.

“We believe that by honoring our past athletes, our youth will be inspired to strive for their own excellence,” Melendez said. “My dream came true and I got to be teacher and coach, so I am proof that athletics can lead to a healthy, happy, quality existence.”

Some modern-day, high-profile Native American athletics include: Notah Begay III (golf), Sam Bradford



**Telling Our Story** — Randy Melendez, a member of the inaugural RSIC Athletics Hall of Fame and a life-long educator, explained to the media that the Hall of Fame serves three purposes: to honor our remarkable athletes from the past, to celebrate the role of sports in Native culture and to inspire our youth. The first class of 21 inductees was honored on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015.

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football), Jacoby Elsberry (baseball), Joba Chamberlain (baseball), Kyle Losh (baseball), Shoni Schmillel (basketball), and T. J. Oshie (hockey).

Tahnee Robinson, a former standout women's basketball star at the University of Nevada served as the mistress of ceremonies and keynote speaker for the inauguration.

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Currently on the coaching staff for the Wolf Pack, Robinson was Nevada's first WNBA selection. From the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, Robinson is of Pawnee, Eastern Shoshone, Northern Cheyenne and Sioux decent.

The selection of the 2015 class was based on the inductees having already been honored through a hall of fame selection by another association or based on his professional or college

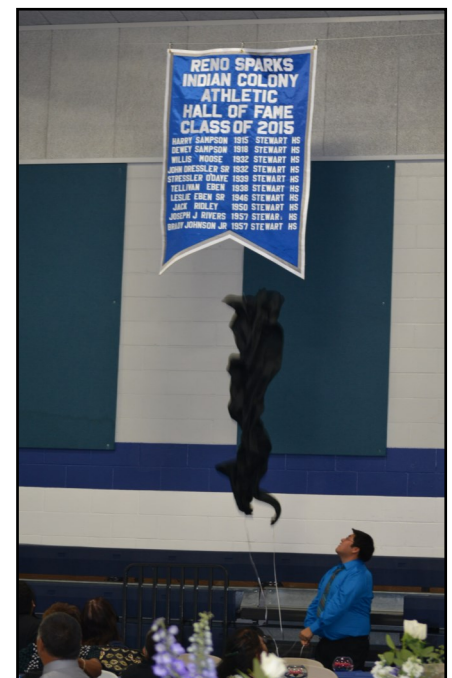
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Harry Sampson	1915	Stewart Indian School
Dewey Sampson	1918	Stewart Indian School
Willis Moose	1932	Stewart Indian School
John Dressler Sr.	1932	Stewart Indian School
Stressler O'Daye	1939	Stewart Indian School
Tellivan Eben	1938	Stewart Indian School
Leslie Eben Sr.	1946	Stewart Indian School
Jack Ridley	1950	Stewart Indian School
Joseph J Rivers	1957	Stewart Indian School
Brady Johnson Jr.	1957	Stewart Indian School
Phelan Sampson	1948	Reno High
Floyd Sampson	1950	Reno High
Robert Hunter	1958	Reno High
Harold Wyatt	1960	Douglas High
Arlan Melendez	1965	Wooster High
Michael O'Daye	1969	Wooster High
Randy Melendez	1971	Wooster High
Tony Abbie	1985	Wooster High
Shawn Shaw	1986	Wooster High
Cecil Wyatt	1991	Wooster High
Preston O'Daye	1991	Wooster High

athletic accomplishments.

In the future, the RSIC Hall of Fame will open the induction process to nominees.

In addition, organizers are hoping that this Hall of Fame will serve as a model for the other 32 Nevada Native communities to establish their own system of honoring past athletes which might lead to a state-wide Native Hall of Fame.

**Grand Unveiling** – A handsome tribute to the 21 members of the RSIC's inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame was unveiled at the conclusion of the ceremony. Two banners with the names of the inductees will hang permanently in the rafters of the Reno Gym.





# WHOSE LAND IS IT?

THE DANN SISTERS AND THE  
WESTERN SHOSHONE  
DEFENSE PROJECT



Photo: Carrie Dann (left) and her sister Mary Dann - Photo by Halleah J. Tsinghahjinnle



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MATHEWSON-IGT KNOWLEDGE CENTER



Western Shoshone ranchers Mary and Carrie Dann fought the federal government for decades to preserve their ancestral lands and the right to graze livestock without permits from the Bureau of Land Management. In the newly available records of the Western Shoshone Defense Project, explore the Dann Sisters' struggle, and that of the Western

Shoshone, over issues of sovereign rights contested for years in the federal and international court system.



# Community Safety Day Offers Something for Everyone

*Emergency responders, agencies provide preventive guidance on everyday dangers*

From learning the difference between a bull snake and a rattle snake, to learning the proper bicycle turn signals, to learning to stop, drop and roll technique, about one hundred community members enjoyed the variety of topics and activities presented at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Community Safety Day.

"My grandsons and the entire family, loved the day," Ruth Guerrero Sampson said. "The kids had a ball."

Under blue skies and a complementary breeze, young and old enjoyed 15 information booths at Community Safety Day. One of the most popular stops was the Get Rattled Rattlesnake Avoidance Training booth.

According to its website, Get Rattled aims to ensure your family and your dog never has to go through the tragedy of a venomous bite.



**Family Time** — The Consolidated Bomb Squad, a Northern Nevada Task Force, was one of 15 stops at Community Safety Day.



**I Don't Like Spiders and Snakes**— With both venomous and non-venomous snakes at his disposal, David Boland of Get Rattled allowed Safety Day attendees to pet a four-foot bull snake.

Snake expert David Boland, told the on-lookers what to do if they encounter a snake and when rattle snakes are most prevalent.

"We had a very successful day," Boland said. "We had some young kids that were clearly nervous when they first saw the snakes, but by the end of the day, those same kids wanted to hold the snakes."

One of those youngsters who was initially apprehensive to get too close to the snakes was Javier Venegas.

"I was surprised because the snake felt really soft," said Venegas. "I wasn't that scared and after I touched it, I wasn't scared at all."

Several RSIC departments participated including human services, tribal police, recreation, emergency services, injury prevention services, the Hungry Valley Volunteer Fire Department, and the office of public information. Outside agencies that shared emergency information and put on demonstrations included the Nevada Department of Transportation, the Sparks Police Department, Washoe County SWAT, the American Red Cross, Get Rattled, and the Reno Police Department, the Nevada Highway Patrol.

"We loved the SWAT team guys," said Bhie-Cie Ledesma, who staffed an information

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**Riveted**— Olivia Chasing Crow was fascinated by some of the equipment used by the Washoe County Sheriff's Office SWAT unit. Above, Deputy Martin Obos shows Chasing Crow a rubber ball that contains a camera. He told her that SWAT members throw the ball into potentially unsafe areas to look for bombs.

booth about preventing domestic violence.

"The ball with the camera was a huge hit," said Carrie Brown, the tribal health center injury prevention coordinator.

Deputy Martin Obos of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit, demonstrated how agents use a camera placed within a rubber ball about the size of a cantaloupe. By throwing the ball, the SWAT team members can avoid entering a potentially hazardous area.

In addition, Deputy Obos explained the advantage of using a BEAR or a Ballistic Engineered Armored Response vehicle.

He said that the BEAR has option controls for battering rams, winches and can even

survive a chemical weapons attack. With military-grade armor and the ability to take repeated hits from bullets up to .50 caliber, the BEAR's rolling shield is its most frequently used feature.

"Having the bomb specialists, the law enforcements officers, and the K-9 unit there at safety day was awesome," Guerrero Sampson said.

One of the organizers of the event said that he was happy with the results.

"The feeling of giving back to the community was strong," said David Hunkup, manager of emergency services for the RSIC. "All of the participants were eager to share with our people and I sensed that all the participants were eager to share."

Hunkup added that in future, he would like more RSIC departments to get involved with community safety day.

"Almost every department at the Colony has a focus on safety which means staff can share important information with our entire community," Hunkup said. "It is important that we share our resources with all our residents."



**I Will Help Prevent Crime** — More than 40 children enjoyed the variety of offerings at safety day.





Reno-Sparks Indian Colony | Education Department

## LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

Encouraging Cultural Pride and Awareness

November - 2015

### Mission:

To encourage the growth of a positive cultural identity for Reno-Sparks Indian Colony community members through the teaching of their native language(s) – **Numu, Newe** and **Washiw** – and by providing a learning environment in which community members will gain a basic understanding of the Great Basin Cultures.

Beginner level Shoshone, Washoe and Paiute language classes are continuing for the month of August. These interactive classes include grammar, story telling, games, songs and immersion activities. Each class has fun learning the language and welcomes anyone who is interested in learning their Native language.

### Language Classes:

#### Newe (Shoshone):

**Location:** Education Building, 34 Reservation Road, Reno

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM      **Instructor:** Florence Millet

**Dates:** Tuesdays 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24

#### Washiw (Washoe):

**Location:** RSIC Library, 401 Reservation Rd., Reno

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM      **Instructor:** Jamie Astor

**Dates:** Wednesdays: 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25

#### Numu (Paiute):

**Location:** Education Building, 34 Reservation Road, Reno

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 PM      **Instructor:** Ralph Burns & Christina Thomas

**Dates:** Thursdays: 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26

**Seniors Class:** Wednesdays 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25

### Cultural Activity

## HAPPY NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH!

For more information about our language classes, contact the Language & Culture Program,  
Stacey Burns – [sburns@rsic.org](mailto:sburns@rsic.org) or 775-785-1321

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning your language or about the Great Basin way of life,  
then you are welcome to attend. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

# Veteran's Day Parade

Please Join the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Veteran's Committee.  
As we celebrate those who fought for our country and our freedom

This year's theme:

"Honor those who served and sacrificed to preserve freedom"

WW11 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year's Deputy Grand Marshals are RSIC's own

Mr. Thomas McGinty, US Army Air Corp.

and

Ms. Beatrice Thayer, SSG, E-6 U.S Army/Air Force



*If you need a ride to the parade, transportation is available. Meet in front of the RSIC Administration Building, 34 Reservation Road at 8:30 a.m.*

*Don't forget the community dinner at the Colony Gym at 6 p.m. U.S. Marine and Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills will be our keynote speaker.*



# Tribes Urge Feds to Take Strong Stand on Taxation

*National Congress of American Indians draft resolution protects self-determination*

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Editor Acee Agoyo

Tribal leaders and their advocates are asking the Obama administration to take a stronger stand against taxation of their homelands.

Since President Barack Obama took office in January 2009, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has slowly been addressing a dual system of taxation that hinders economic development.

A December 2012 regulation reaffirmed that Indian lands cannot be taxed by local and state governments, a move that has helped tribes fend off some encroachments.

Plus, as a growing number of tribes are taking advantage of the Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership (HEARTH) Act, the BIA has utilized the law in a novel way.

A string of approval documents published in the Federal Register emphasize the federal government's interest in protecting Indian lands from taxation.

Tribes are now asking the Obama administration to go even further.

They are getting behind a draft resolution at the National Congress of American Indians that calls on the BIA to expand existing regulations that would



**A Prime Example** — The Nevada Tax model was used as an example of a fair taxation arrangement between tribes and the state government. Chairman Arlan Melendez helped moderate a session at the National Congress of American Indians convention where Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn answered question about a dual system of taxation that hinders economic development in Indian Country.

*Photo provided by Indianz.com*

prevent states and local governments from taxing businesses, developments and other economic opportunities on their lands.

"The United States should be protecting us from the economic depredation that the states are inflicting on us," said Mark Van Norman, an attorney and member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. "This is protecting self-determination."

Tribes have already cheered the Department of Justice for intervening in a lawsuit filed by the Tulalip Tribes.

The state of Washington and Snohomish County impose about \$40 million in taxes on the reservation every year, but those

revenues bypass the tribal community.

"That's huge," Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn, the head of the BIA, said at NCAI last week. "Imagine \$40 million...anyone of you can imagine tremendous uses for an amount of money like that going to you instead of the state."

Mark Fox, the chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, brought some even bigger figures to the debate.

A dual system of taxation on energy development has poured \$1 billion into the state of North Dakota's coffers in less than two years, he said.

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"We wish the numbers were only \$40 million," Fox said. "A billion dollars. Not \$40 million. A billion dollars."

If the tribe were the sole government imposing taxes on energy development, the revenues would fund essential programs and services on the Fort Berthold Reservation, Fox said.

Fixing all of the roads that have taken a heavy hit from oil traffic is expected to cost at least \$500 million.

"Trust land is set up for a purpose, for a reason," Fox said. "It's to benefit Indian people."

To address the situation, tribes and their advocates want the BIA to amend the Indian Trader Regulations.

They believe changes could clarify the taxing authority of their governments and modernize a system that has not been updated in decades. They also point out that states, through an effort known as the Streamlined Sales Tax and Use Agreement, are already

addressing dual and sometimes conflicting systems of taxation in an age where the internet has changed business practices.

"We need to get the state and local governments out of our pockets," said Robert Odawi Porter, an attorney and former president of the Seneca Nation in New York.

Washburn was receptive to the ideas expressed by the tribes, but he expressed some skepticism if only to encourage them to come up with a strong justification for amending the regulations, a process that could take some time with just 15 months left in Obama's term.

He also emphasized the slow-moving nature of the federal bureaucracy.

"We are a ship that is slow to turn," Washburn said.

A day earlier, he told tribal leaders that he plans to stay working at the BIA for as long as possible, but not likely to the very end of the Obama administration in January 2017.

The Tulalip Tribes, meanwhile, are in the very early stages of their taxation case.

At issue are property,

business and occupation and sales taxes imposed on business at the Quil Ceda Village, a commercial district that is home to over 150 shops, restaurants, entertainment venues and national outlets including Walmart, Home Depot and Cabela's.

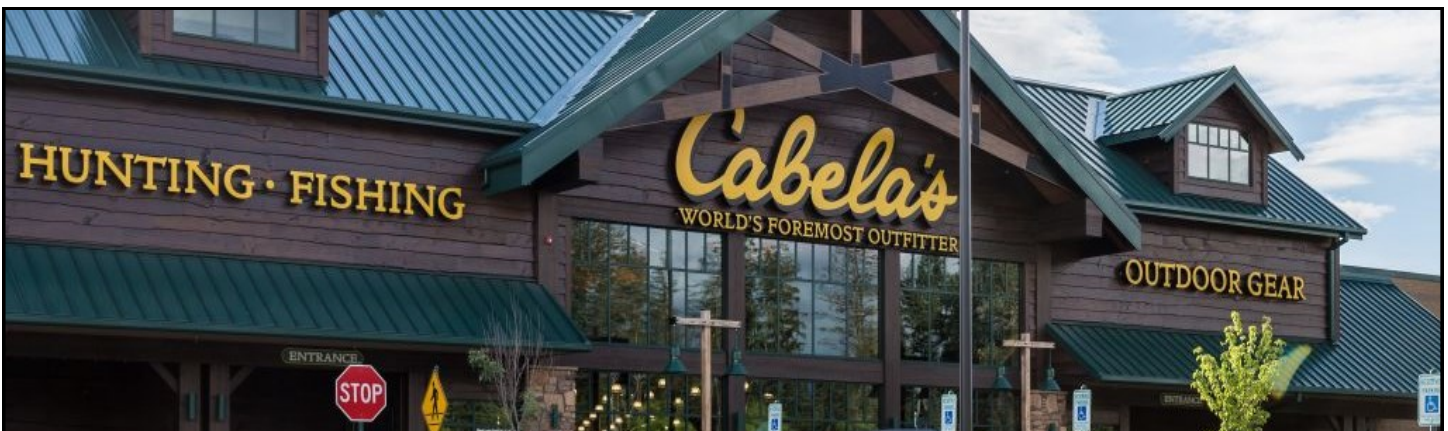
"This truly is an Indian economy," said tribal attorney Lisa Koop.

Snohomish County objected when the DOJ intervened on the tribe's behalf. But the federal judge handling the case allowed the government in the case due to the interests at stake.

"To have the feds file affirmative litigation is not insignificant," Koop said. "This really took a lot of work."

Other tribes have been slowly winning taxation lawsuits even without the DOJ's direct involvement.

The Chehalis Tribe in Washington, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Alabama have emerged victorious recently.



**Truly Indian Economic Development** – Several tribes have been slowly winning taxation lawsuits even without support or the direct involvement from the Department of Justice. The Chehalis Tribe in Washington, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Alabama have emerged victorious recently when challenging a system which gives tax money from businesses on tribal land to the state government rather than the appropriate tribal entity.





## Veteran's Day Breakfast Bingo!

Come join us as we honor our Vets on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ the Hungry Valley TLC for a healthy breakfast and bingo.

Festivities begin at 9:30 am and go through 11:00 am.

The first 75 participants will receive a t-shirt; the first 20 veterans will receive an RSIC Veteran Jacket.

*\*Transportation available for Veterans by request.  
Call Carrie Brown @ 329-5162 x 1928.  
Space is limited.*

# Nevada Native Nations Land Act Gets Unanimous Support

*Senate Committee on Indian Affairs passes S.1436, senate republicans report needed*

By [Mike\\_Danylak@Indian.Senate.Gov](mailto:Mike_Danylak@Indian.Senate.Gov)

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — United States Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA), recently praised the committee's passage of six pieces of legislation, including S. 1436, which would require the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

S. 1436 or the Nevada Native Nations Land Act, is a bill to require the United States Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for six specific Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

"These bills are intended to improve American Indian communities," Chairman Barrasso said. "As these bills move forward, I will work with our members on how we can continue to help those in Indian Country."

The Nevada Native Nations Land Act, a bill by Senator Harry Reid and Senator Dean Heller.

This bill would transfer 71,000 acres of public land from the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forestry Service to six Nevada tribes.

The transferred land would be



**Beautiful Hungry Valley** — The Nevada Native Nations Land Act, or S. 1436, which was introduced into the United States Senate by Senators Harry Reid and Dean Heller, would transfer about 13,000 acres to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony land base in Hungry Valley. Besides the Colony, five other Nevada tribes are involved with the Nevada Native Nations Land Act: the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, the Pyramid Lake Tribe, and the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe.

held in trust for each tribe individually, and would be added to each respective tribes' reservations.

For the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, this would mean expanding the land base in Hungry Valley by about 13,000 acres.

RSIC Chairman Arlan D. Melendez has testified in front of both United States House and United States Senate committees on behalf of all the

six tribes involved with the Nevada Native Nations Land Act.

The other tribes included in the Nevada Native Nations Land Act are the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe, the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, the Pyramid Lake Tribe, and the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe.

According to George Waters, the senior associate with the RSIC's consulting services in Washington D.C., the next step in the Senate will be for the republication majority



United States Senate Committee on  
**INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
U.S. Senator John Barrasso-WY, Chairman

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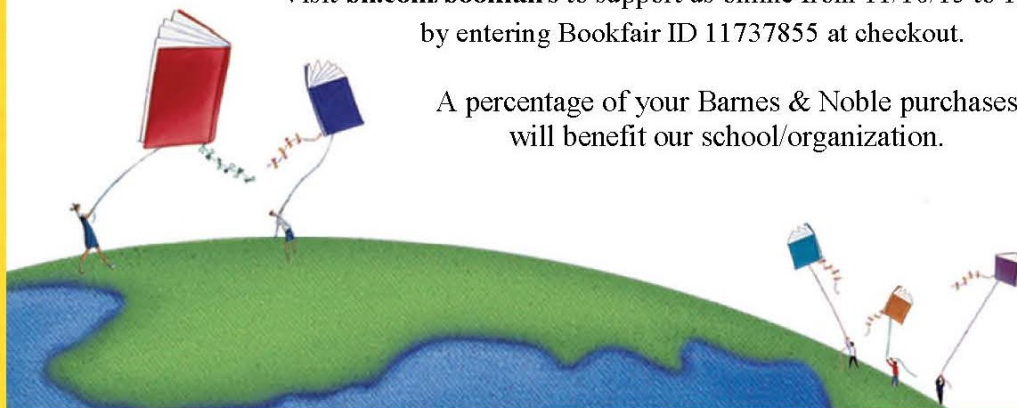
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# **TAMPF** **TALKS** **PREHISTORIC RENO**

**This event is free and open to the public!**

Monday, November 9th, 2015

6:00pm - 8:00pm

at IMBIB Custom Brews

785 E 2nd St, Reno, NV 89502



Join us to discuss the prehistory, paleoecology, and Native American history of the Great Basin and Truckee Meadows. Light food provisions will be available for suggested donation.

This event is brought to you by  
Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation

## RSIC FINANCE NOW TAKING CREDIT CARDS



TO BETTER SERVE OUR CUSTOMERS, WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS FOR PAYMENT AT THE RSIC FINANCE OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE PHONE JILL MIX AT 775/329-2936.

Friendly Reminder  
from the

**RSIC Education**

**Department**



The education department staff offers assistance to attend student conferences, IEPs, and 504 meetings with parents.

Assistance with transportation or to have the disabilities advocate or education advisors attend those meetings with parents is always encouraged.

Please give the advisors at least 2-3 days notice.

Department staff wants to be present in your child's education, and help you with any services offered; staff needs to plan ahead because they have limited time and availability with individualized assistance.

As soon as these meetings are scheduled by the school, and know you will need assistance, please call to schedule your meeting time with staff.

Thank you,

The RSIC Education Staff

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Disabilities Advocate

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Department Manager

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# **Lets Stand Together**

**The Spanish Springs Cheer team has  
started our Helping the Homeless  
Drive and we need your help!**

Our goal is to have all  
items ready to donate by  
**November 15th, 2015**

We are looking for  
hygiene items this can in-  
clude

**(but is not limited to)**

- ◇ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ◇ Soap
- ◇ Deodorant
- ◇ Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- ◇ Razors

**Here is how you can help**

> Ask friends or family if they have any new  
hygiene items or are willing to purchase some for  
donation.

> Spread the word throughout your school. This  
can be done with posters, announcements, **EVEN**  
social media! This is to each teams discretion as  
to what they deem  
best fit for communication.

> Reach out to local businesses owners,  
neighbors , etc. that will be willing  
to donate.

**I have my donations, now what do I do ?**

> If you are a cheer team ,contact the email  
addressed and we will find a day best suited  
for pick up

> If you are not on a cheer team but would still like to donate, you can drop off  
your hygiene items at the Spanish Springs High School office

(1065 Eagle Canyon Dr. Sparks, NV 89441) between the hours of 7 am and 3 pm

**The SSHS Cheer team will be donating to the  
Volunteers of America Famly Shelter here in Reno, NV**

**Thank you!**

**We appreciate you support and dedication to helping our community**

*Questions? Contact Tailor Hallert [tailorkinsie0316@gmail.com](mailto:tailorkinsie0316@gmail.com)*

# Information Needed

*The Veterans Committee would like to update all information on our Colony/Hungry Valley Veterans living or deceased, including current RSIC employees. We would like to acknowledge all who served our country with the utmost respect by having all of the correct information. Please fill out the following information and drop it off to*

*Verna Nuño, in the Tribal Administrator's Office at 34 Reservation Road Bldg. A*

1. *Veteran's Name:*
2. *Branch of service:*
3. *Last unit served in:*
4. *Last rank held:*
5. *Years served?*
6. *Any wars or military actions?*  
*Which?*  
*When?*  
*Where?*
7. *What medals, ribbons, awards and honors were received?*
8. *Other interesting service information:*

*Thank you from the 2015 RSIC Veteran's Day Committee*



# IHS Awards \$21 Million to Support Tribal Family

*Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center wins grant for meth, suicide prevention*

**Rockville, MD** — The Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center is one of seven Tribal facilities recently given moneys to prevent methamphetamine use and suicide.

“Our clinic staff worked hard on this grant,” said Angie Wilson, director of the RSTHC. “This is another significant achievement for our health center.”

Indian Health Service, through its Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Division of Behavioral Health, made a funding awards totaling \$13,237,000.

These awards will help increase access to health services and also build the capacity of American Indian and Alaska Native communities to provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are at risk of suicide or methamphetamine use.

“The issues of suicide and methamphetamine use among American Indian and Alaska Native communities are at a critical stage,” said IHS Principal Deputy Director Robert G. McSwain. “The Indian Health Service remains dedicated to working closely with tribal entities to address, prevent and provide much needed resources.”

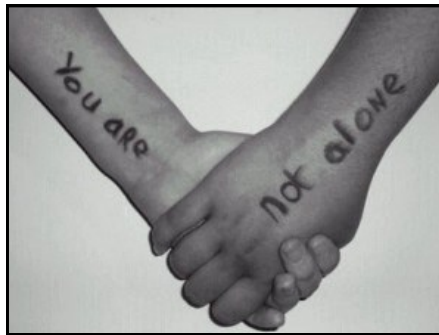
Funding will go to Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban

Indian organizations, and IHS federal government programs.

“These awards allow IHS to increase the effectiveness of early prevention services, promote culturally sensitive programs and improve overall access to treatment and education,” McSwain said.

The awards announced will build on a recently completed, nationally coordinated pilot project.

IHS previously funded 130 health programs in a six-year demonstration project through the IHS Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative, which promotes culturally



**Knowing Our Community** – Several grants recently awarded by Indian Health Service require culturally appropriate prevention and treatment approaches to methamphetamine use and suicide prevention. The funding is funneled through the Office of Clinical and Preventative Services, Division of Behavior Health.

appropriate prevention and treatment approaches to methamphetamine use and suicide.

In the first five years of the demonstration project, MSPI projects provided treatment services for over 9,000 individuals and trained more than

13,000 professionals and community members in suicide crisis response.

Some highlights of the past demonstration projects include: **Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate – Produced Youth Digital Storytelling series**

**on Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention.** The project trained the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Youth Leaders, also known as the 7th Generation Oyate Voices, to reach out to their peers using these innovative social media campaigns.

**Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium – Coming Together to Reduce Suicide.**

Two Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainers (ASIST) sessions resulted in staff being trained in a Living Works evidence-based practice tool – safeTalk. Two ASIST Train-the-Trainer created 44 new trainers in the tribal health system to provide resources for suicide intervention. ASIST courses have been taught to 880 teachers, health aides, licensed and lay counselors, clergy, and other community members.

**Fresno American Indian Health Project – Suicide and Drug Abuse Prevention.** The youth prevention component of the project utilizes the American Indian Life Skills Development curriculum, the Gathering of Native Americans

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# BEAT THE BULGE

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Do you have a team of three together yet?

## Team Weight Management Program

- Teams consist of three individuals
- Open to employees, community members and any one eligible to use the clinic.
- \$15.00 team entry fee

Winners will receive a  
FitBit & money

Participants will  
receive a shirt at 6 weeks

**Starts: Thursday, November 19th**

**Ends: Friday, February 12th**

The objective is to maintain or lose weight over the holidays



For more information contact:  
Three Nations Wellness Center @ 775-334-0938



(GONA) curriculum, and the White Bison Sons & Daughters of Tradition curriculum to deliver messages about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, risk indicators of suicide and focus on healthy cultural lifestyles as a way to cope with stress or peer pressure. Seventy youth from over 16 tribes participated in a five-day GONA event in the Sierra Mountains that produced outcomes in improvements in their feelings of hope, connectedness to the community and a stronger sense of identity.



**House of Healing** – The Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center was recently named the recipient of a grant to help fight methamphetamine use and to prevent suicide. The awards from the Indian Health Service, will build on a recently completed, nationally coordinated project.

## *Congratulations*



*Signature Landscapes 'aka' – REZ SPORTS*

They won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the second half of Sparks Recreation Men's Softball League with a winning record of 8-2.

Back Row: Jorge Florez, Brian Callahan, Jordy Sam, Bennett "T-Rex" Nutumya, Derek Henry, Fabian Rangel

Front Row: Jonas "Squeegee" Grant, William "Chow" Wadsworth Jr., Big Vic Sam, Mike Quinones, Carl "COACH" Uribe

NOT PICTURED: Shawn Pollinni, Joe Negrette, Score Keeper: Theresa "SMURF" Bukky.

The team dedicated their winning streak to "Special Friend and Team Mate – Andy Magana"

[www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org)

# 16 Tips to Deal With Your Addicted Love One

*Emotions run high, logic disappears when addiction takes over*

*Submitted by Adriana Botello,  
RSIC Human Services Department*

When Someone You Love is an addict,

1. You are dealing with someone different now.

When an addiction takes hold, the person you love disappears, at least until the addiction loosens its grip. The person you love is still in there somewhere, but that is not with whom you are dealing.

The person you remember may have been warm, funny, generous, wise, strong—so many wonderful things—but addiction changes people.

It takes a while to adjust to this reality and it is very normal to respond to the addicted person as though he or she is the person you remember.

This is what makes it so easy to fall for the manipulations, the lies and the betrayal—over and over. You are responding to the person you remember, but this is not that person.

The sooner you are able to accept this, the sooner you can start working for the person you love and remember, which will mean doing what sometimes feels cruel, and always heartbreaking, so the addiction is starved of the power to keep that person away.

The person you love is in there—support that person,

not the addict in front of you.

The sooner you are able to stop falling for the manipulations, lies, shame and guilt that feeds their addiction, the more likely it will be that the person you remember will be able to find the way back to you.

2. Do not expect them to be logical.

When an addiction takes hold, the person's reality becomes distorted by that addiction. Understand that you cannot reason with them or talk them into seeing things the way you do.

For them, their lies do not feel like lies. Their betrayal does not feel like betrayal. Their self-destruction does not always feel like self-destruction. It feels like survival. Change will come when there is absolutely no other option but to change, not when you are able to find the switch by giving them enough infor-

mation or logic.

3. When you are protecting them from their own pain, you are standing in the way of their reason to stop.

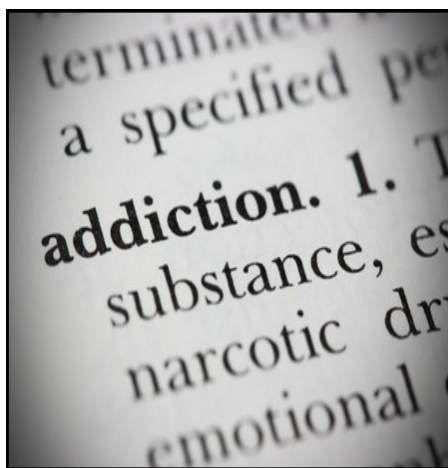
Addicts will do anything to feed their addiction because when the addiction is not there, the emotional pain that fills the space is greater. People will only change when what they are doing causes them enough pain, that changing is a better option than staying the same.

That is not just for addicts, that is for all of us. We often avoid change—relationships, jobs, habits—until we have felt enough discomfort with the old situation, to open up to a different option.

Change happens when the force for change is greater than the force to stay the same. Until the pain of the addiction outweighs the emotional pain that drives the addiction, there will be no change.

When you do something that makes their addictive behavior easier, or protects them from the pain of their addiction—perhaps by loaning them money, lying for them, driving them around—you are stopping them from reaching the point where they feel enough pain that letting go of the addiction is a better option.

Do not minimize the addiction, ignore it, make excuses for it or cover it up.



**Text Book Definition** – *Addiction is a physical or psychological need for a habit forming substance. In physical addiction, the body adapts to the substance being used and gradually requires increased amounts..*

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Love them, but do not stand in the way of their healing by protecting them from the pain of their addiction.

**4.** There is a different way to love an addict.

When you love them the way you loved them before the addiction, you can end up supporting the addiction, not the person. Strong boundaries are important for both of you. The boundaries you once had might find you innocently doing things that make it much easier for the addiction to continue.

It is okay to say no to things you might have once agreed to—in fact, it is vital—and is often one of the most loving things you can do.

If it is difficult, have an anchor—a phrase or an image to remind you of why your ‘no’ is so important. If you feel as though saying no puts you in danger, the addiction has firmly embedded itself into the life of the person you love.

In these circumstances, be open to the possibility that you may need professional support to help you to stay safe, perhaps by stopping contact. Keeping a distance between you both is no reflection on how much love and commitment you feel to the person, and all about keeping you both safe.

**5.** Set your boundaries—they are important for both of you.

If you love an addict, your boundaries will often have to be stronger and higher than they are with other people in your life. It is easy to feel shame and guilt around this, but know that

your boundaries are important because they will be working hard for both of you. Setting boundaries will help you to see things more clearly from all angles because you will not be as blinded by the mess or as willing to see things through the addict’s eyes—a view that often involves entitlement, hopelessness, and believing in the validity of his or her manipulative behavior.

Set your boundaries lovingly and as often as you need. Be clear about the consequences of violating the boundaries and make sure you follow through,



**Saying No** – *Sometimes, saying no is the most loving thing we can do to support an addict as to not enable his or her behavior. Setting boundaries is extremely difficult, but important*

otherwise, it is confusing for the addict and unfair for everyone. Pretending that your boundaries are not important will see the addict’s behavior get worse as your boundaries get thinner. In the end, this will only hurt both of you.

**6.** You cannot fix them, and it is important for everyone that you stop trying.

The addict and what they do are completely beyond your control. They always will be. An addiction is all-consuming and it

distorts reality. Know the difference between what you can change (you, the way you think, the things you do) and what you cannot change (anyone else).

There will be a strength that comes from this, but believing this will take time, and that is okay. If you love someone who has an addiction, know that their stopping is not just a matter of will.

Let go of needing to fix them or change them and release them with love, for your sake and for theirs.

**7.** See the reality.

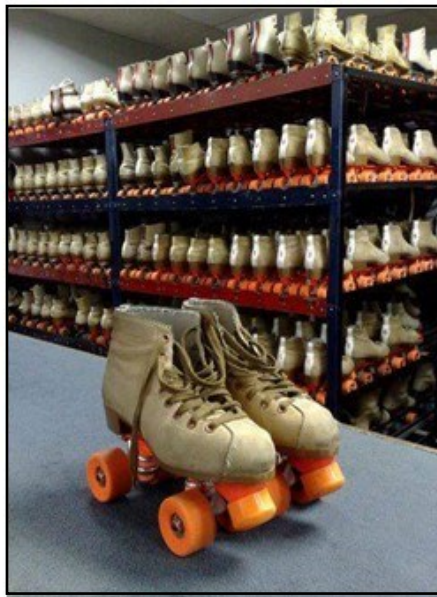
When fear becomes overwhelming, denial is a really normal way to protect yourself from a painful reality. It is easier to pretend that everything is okay, but this will only allow the addictive behavior to bury itself in deeper.

Take notice if you are being asked to provide money, emotional resources, time, babysitting—anything more than feels comfortable. Take notice also of the feeling, however faint, that something is not right. Feelings are powerful, and will generally try to alert us when something is not right, long before our minds are willing to listen.

**8.** Do not do things that keep their addiction alive.

When you love an addict all sorts of boundaries and conventions get blurred. Know the difference between helping and enabling. Helping takes into account the long term effects, benefits and consequences.

RSTHC PROUDLY PRESENTS:  
**FAMILY NIGHT @  
ROLLER  
KINGDOM!!!**



*Skate rentals provided for all participants!*

Dust off your skates and your moves and join us for a night of fun!

- When: November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:30.
- Where: Roller Kingdom 515 E 7th St Reno, NV 89512.
- Who: Open to Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center Patients, RSIC Community members, RSIC employees family and friends!
- Why: To get active, stay healthy, and have FUN!

**NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 @ 6PM**  
**515 E 7th St Reno, NV 89512**



For more information, contact  
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HEALTH CENTER**  
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Enabling is about providing immediate relief, and overlooks the long term damage that might come with that short term relief. Providing money, accommodation, dropping healthy boundaries to accommodate the addict—these are all completely understandable when it comes to looking after someone you love, but with someone who has an addiction, it is helping to keep the addiction alive.

Ordinarily, it's normal to help out the people we love when they need it, but there is a difference between helping and enabling. Helping supports the person. Enabling supports the addiction.

Be as honest as you can about the impact of your choices. This is so difficult, but when you change what you do, the addict will also have to change what he or she does to accommodate those changes. This will most likely spin you into guilt, but let the addicted one know that when he or she decides to do things differently, you will be the first one there and your arms will be open, and that you love them as much as you ever have.

You will likely hear that you are not believed, but this is designed to refuel your enabling behavior. Receive what they are saying, be saddened by it and feel guilty if you want, but for their sake, do not change your decision.

**9.** Do not buy into their view of themselves.

Addicts will believe with every



**Helping or Enabling?**—Addiction impacts everyone. Dealing with a loved one with an addiction can be extremely difficult and painful. A 2008 study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that about 12 percent of deaths among Native Americans are related to addiction.

part of their being that they can not exist without their addiction. Don't buy into it. They can be whole without their addiction, but they will not believe it, so you will have to believe it enough for both of you.

You might have to accept that they are not ready to move towards that yet, and that is okay, but in the meantime, do not actively support their view of themselves as having no option but to surrender fully to their addiction. Every time you do something that supports their addiction, you are communicating your lack of faith in their capacity to live without it. Let that be an anchor that keeps your boundaries strong.

**10.** When you stand your ground, things might get worse before they get better.

The more you allow yourself to be manipulated, the more you will be manipulated. When you stand your ground and stop

giving in to the manipulation, the manipulation may get worse before it stops.

When something that has always worked stops working, it is human nature to do it more. Do not give into to the lying, blaming or guilt-tripping. They may withdraw, rage, become deeply sad or develop pain or illness. They will stop when they realize your resolve, but you will need to be the first one to decide that what they are doing will not work anymore.

**11.** You and self-love is a necessity.

In the same way that it is the addict's responsibility to identify their needs and meet them in safe and fulfilling ways, it is also your responsibility to identify and meet your own.

Otherwise you will be drained and damaged—emotionally, physically and spiritually, and

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that is not good for anyone.

**12.** What are you getting out of it?

This is such a hard question, and will take an open, brave heart to explore it. Addicts use addictive behaviors to stop from feeling pain. Understandably, the people who love them often use enabling behaviors to also stop from feeling pain.

Loving an addict is heart-breaking. Helping the person can be a way to ease your own pain and can feel like a way to extend love to someone you are desperate to reach. It can also be a way to compensate for the bad feelings you might feel towards the person for the pain they cause you.

This is all really normal, but it is important to explore how you might be unwittingly contributing to the problem.

Be honest, and be ready for difficult things to surface. Do it with a trusted person or a counselor if you need the support. It might be one of the most important things you can do for the addict.

Think about what you imagine will happen if you stop doing what you are doing for them. Then, think about what will happen if you do not. What you are doing might save the person in the short term, but the more intense the addictive behavior, the more destructive the ultimate consequences of that behavior if it is allowed to continue.

You cannot stop it, but you

can stop contributing to it. Be willing to look at what you are doing with an open heart, and be brave enough to challenge yourself on whatever you might be doing that is keeping the addiction alive.

The easier you make it for them to maintain their addiction, the easier it is for them to maintain their addiction. It is as simple, and as complicated, as that.

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### *...loving an addict is heartbreaking...*

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**13.** What changes do you need to make in your own life?

Focusing on an addict is likely to mean that the focus on your own life has been changed—a lot.

Sometimes, focusing on the addict is a way to avoid the pain of dealing with other issues that have the capacity to hurt you.

When you explore this, be kind to yourself, otherwise the temptation will be to continue to blunt the reality. Be brave, and be gentle and rebuild your sense of self, your boundaries and your life.

You cannot expect the addict in your life to deal with their issues, heal, and make the immensely brave move towards building a healthy life if you are unwilling to do that for yourself.

**14.** Don't blame the addict.

The addict might deserve a lot of the blame, but blame will keep you angry, hurt and powerless. Addiction is already

heavily steeped in shame. It is the fuel that started it and it is the fuel that will keep it going.

Be careful you are not contributing to keeping the shame fire lit.

**15.** Be patient.

Go for progress, not perfection. There will be forward steps and plenty of backward ones, too. Do not see a backward step as failure. It is not. Recovery never happens in a neat forward line and backward steps are part of the process.

**16.** Sometimes the only choice is to let go.

Sometimes all the love in the world is not enough. Loving someone with an addiction can tear at the seams of your soul.

If you have never been through it, letting go of someone you love deeply, might seem unfathomable, but if you are nearing that point, you will know the desperation and the depth of raw pain that can drive such an impossible decision.

If you need to let go, know that this is okay. Sometimes it is the only option.

Letting go of someone does not mean you stop loving them. You can still leave the way open if you want to. Even at their most desperate, most ruined, most pitiful point, let them know that you believe in them and that you will be there when they are ready to do something different.

This will leave the way open, but will put the responsibility for their healing in their hands, which is the only place for it to be.



# In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

*Youth before and after school, planning for the parade*



**Fun And Fitness** – As part of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Walk Your Child From the School Bus event at Anderson Park, after school, students worked with a Marshal Arts expert.



**I Love A Parade** – Sherry L. Rupert, Executive Director of the State of Nevada Indian Commission and Carson City based actor Jack Waggon have been named Co-Grand Marshals for the 2015 Nevada Day Parade.



**Healthy Start** – After Walk Your Child to the School Bus Day, Hungry Valley students were given a healthy snack and milk to make sure they were prepared for their day at school.



**Pow Wow Style** – Once again, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony will participate in the Nevada State Parade on Saturday, Oct. 31 in Carson City. If you are a dancer and would like to join in, please contact Adriana at the RSIC Library at 785-1320,



# In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

## Colony Community Clean up, Family Fun Day at Andelin Farms

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**Happy To Help** – Tim Bill, Sr. pruned a tree and raked up leaves and branches just in front of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Human Services Department. Bill was part of the annual Colony Community Cleanup.



**Mother / Daughter Strength** – Lori Chasing Crow and Janice Stump, use teamwork to clean up overgrown weeds on Reservation Road. Both ladies participated in the annual community cleanup on the Colony.



**Dynamic Duo** – During the recent Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community Cleanup, Trisha Taylor and Michael Ondelacy worked together to clear streets of debris near the Colony apartments.



**Brains and Braun** – Senior Staff Attorney for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Ralph Simon, used muscle to help the cause during the recent community clean up on the Colony.



# In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

## *Family Fun Day at Adelin Farms*



**Three Times The Fun** – Sisters enjoy a family outing at the Adelin Farms. Sponsored by the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center, over 300 RSIC community members enjoyed several barnyard activities.



**Giddy Up** – Benefits Coordinator, Brandon Stephens, of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Human Resources Department, played cowboy during Adelin Farms Family Fun Day.



**Conquered the Corn Maze** – This young man didn't have any problem making his way through the corn maze at Adelin Farms during Family Fun Night.



**A Grandma's Love** – Along with the grandbabies, this family enjoyed the pedal cart, the pony rides, the creativity in the art barn, the corn maze, and the pumpkin patch during the Family Fun Day at Adelin Farms.



# **Veterans and Families**

## **The RSIC Tribal Cultural Resource Program and Veterans Committee is looking for Veterans Memorabilia for our Veterans Day Celebration.**



Your Veterans Memorabilia will be proudly displayed at the RSIC Cultural Resource Program Office. While on display your memorabilia will be secure and put on RSIC insurance for complete protection. Please share your experiences with our community.



Samples of memorabilia we are looking for, includes:

- Military Uniforms
- Military Documents (discharge papers, notices, etc)
- Awards, certificates and medals
- Military issued duffle bags, dog tags, canteens, hats, etc.
- Military Pictures
- Weapons
- Family & Sweetheart letters



This upcoming exhibit will be held in conjunction with the RSIC Veterans Day Celebration on November 11, 2015 and a month long military exhibit at the RSIC Cultural Program Office. While we are celebrating the Veterans who served during World War II, all Veteran's Memorabilia is welcomed.

Please contact Michon R. Eben (RSIC THPO/Cultural Resource Manager) or Vance Wilson, (RSIC THPO Program Assistant/Oral Historian) at 785-1326 for more information or questions you may have regarding your historical veterans loan to the RSIC.



**2015- A year of RSIC Community Cleanup effort!** A season of recycling and cleanup activities are an example of the growing concern and effort being made by the RSIC Community to protect and care for the land. RSIC Environmental thanks you for your participation, your questions and your effort which is a vital component to the success that the RSIC Environmental program is striving for. We look forward to a year ahead of events with you!



### **JANUARY 2015**

KTMB- Christmas Tree Collection held in conjunction with the Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) organization



### **MAY 2015**

KTMB Spring Cleanup- Eagle Canyon Road  
This cleanup site is led by the RSIC Environmental Program, High Desert Rock Crawlers and the Bureau of Land Management.

97 volunteers both RSIC Community and Spanish Springs Community Volunteers

300 bags of trash

112 tires

10 televisions



KEEP TRUCKEE MEADOWS  
BEAUTIFUL

*Submitted by Laura Medvin,  
RSIC Environmental Department*



### **June 2015**

Hungry Valley Spring Clean Up-  
70 RSIC community volunteers, RSIC Public Works,  
RSIC HV Volunteer Fire Department, RSIC  
Administration and many other RSIC  
Departments..... Thank you to all Volunteers!



### **September 2015**

Numaga Days Pow-Wow-  
18lbs of Aluminum collected  
17lbs of Plastic #2 collected  
Cooking oil collection introduced at this event.

### **September 2015**

KTMB- Truckee River Cleanup- This site is hosted by the RSIC  
Environmental Program; clean up area is an approximate ¼ mile  
long river area behind the RSIC Health Center.

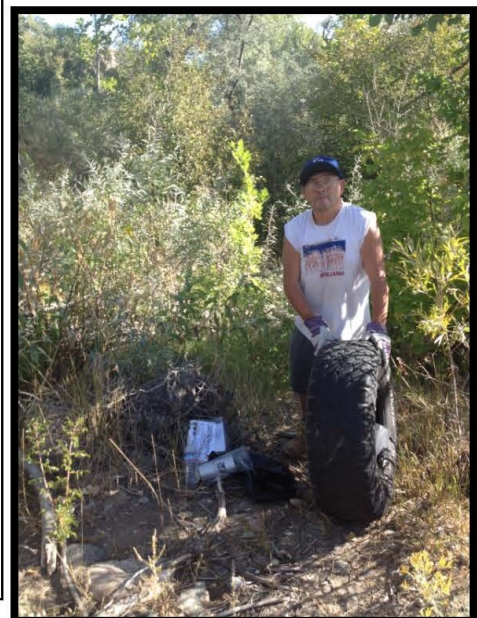
50 volunteers both RSIC Community and City of Reno Community

70 bags of trash

38 graffiti tags removed

Thank you to volunteers, RSIC Health Center and RSIC Tribal Law  
Enforcement.

(Pictured right- RSIC Community member Ralph Sobola, brings a  
tire out of the river)



*Submitted by Laura Medvin,  
RSIC Environmental Department*



**RSIC Environmental is revising their Recycling disposal guide, we will send out in the months to come. Thank you for your questions, this helps the program know where to make improvements!**

### **Environmental Program Frequently Asked Questions:**

- **Used Oil Collection**- Please contact RSIC Environmental if you have oil that needs to be picked up or if you need a collection container for the oil. RSIC Environmental Program is making a paced transition and improvement to this program. As we make this progress, you can still contact the program for assistance.  
Thank you!

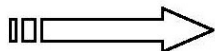
## **OR**

### ***Where can I dispose of used motor oil?***

- *Most oil recycling centers will accept up to five gallons of used oil free-of-charge. Many of the large auto parts retailers in Washoe County will take motor oil from local residents. Make sure when transporting the oil that it is in a secured container and is free of contamination by lubricants, gasoline, or antifreeze.*
- *In other Northern Nevada Counties, call the State of Nevada Recycling Hotline at 1-800-597-5865.*  
(from the Washoe County Website- <https://www.washoecounty.us/health/faq/waste-reduction-recycling-and-disposal/index.php>)
- **Aluminum Cans, Plastic bottles, glass containers, office paper, newspaper, cardboard**..all can be taken to the Waste Management Collection Campus located at 100 East Commercial Row- this is free of charge.
- **Televisions**- you can take to **Best Buy**
  - Free of charge
  - Up to 3 per person
  - Less than 32" screen

The Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) organization has a great website with links to helpful resources- follow their link to their Recycling Guide for more detailed information about where to take certain items for safe disposal.

<http://ktmb.org>



#### Resources

- **Recycling Guide**
- KTMB Forms
- Blog
- Sign up for our newsletter
- KTMB Every Day
- Illegal Dumping Task Force
- **Free Trash Picker Kits**
- Speakers Bureau
- KTMB Green Council
- Media
- Cigarette Litter Prevention
- Everyday ways to support KTMB
- KTMB Wish List

**EAGLE WINGS ANNUAL AFTER THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISER**

# **2015 NATIVE AMERICAN**



## **ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**



**Friday—Nov 27 & Saturday—Nov 28**

**Daily 10am—6pm**

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**

**Tribal Gymnasium**



***OVER 40 VENDORS SELLING BEADWORK, ARTWORK, BASKETRY, ETC.***

***FUNDRAISING RAFFLE.....DELICIOUS INDIAN TACOS + OTHER SNACKS***

***SPECIAL SATURDAY PERFORMANCES BY THE***

***EAGLE WINGS DANCE GROUP @ 2PM & 4PM***

***NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE—PLEASE DONATE AT LEAST ONE ITEM***

Vendor spaces still available. \$60—2 days/\$30—1 day plus one (1) raffle item donation.

**Payment must be received prior to event.** Money orders only, NO personal checks.

Make money orders out to the “RSIC Eagle Wings Dance Group” noting it is for vendor fees

Vendors must bring their own tables/chairs. Set up begins at 9am each morning.

For more info, please call Janice Gardipe at (775) 329-6114 or Lois Kane at (775) 425-3804.



# Disabilities



The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. Infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth-2) and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C.

<http://odea.ed.gov> is a site created to provide a "one-stop shop" for resources and information.

Questions? Contact Becky Hunkup, Head Start Disability Advocate at 789-5615 and/or Naomi Hanzrick, Education Disability Advocate at 785-1340. Also, both can be reached at Education Dept. 329-6114.

RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

## rock your mocs 2015

LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

We will be photographing your mocs for our  
at the following locations and times:

### rock your mocs contest

November 10th, 12:00 - 1:30 PM - Hungry Valley Gym

November 12th, 12:00 - 1:30 PM - RSIC Clinic

November 13th, 12:00 - 1:30 PM - RSIC Library

1st - 2nd - 3rd Place Prizes!

Join the RSIC Language & Culture Facebook page  
to vote for your favorite mocs. Winners will be announced  
November 16th, 2015.

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For more information, contact Stacey Burns at the RSIC Language & Culture Program,  
775-785-1321 or [sburns@rsic.org](mailto:sburns@rsic.org)



# JOIN TAI CHI !!!

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance is an evidence-based program proven to reduce falls and improve fitness!



## What will you learn?

- Balance skills
- Good body alignment
- Coordinated movements in a circular and flowing motion.

## Who should attend?

- Community members
- RSIC Employees
- Tribal Health Center Patients

## Who Teaches Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance?

- Injury Prevention Coordinator
- Is certified to instruct Tai Chi by Master Tai Chi instructor, Robert Nations, through Safe and Active Communities
- Is motivated and passionate

**Monday and Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 1:30pm**

**Class Concluded Nov. 9th**

**@ The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Senior Center**

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance Classes are held for 60 minutes, 2 days a week.

**To sign up contact Carrie Brown at 775-329-5162 ext. 1928  
SPACE IS LIMITED!**



# One Month into School Year, Head Start Extremely Busy

*Routines, families, round dancing highlight curriculum*

The first month of school has already flown by. The main focus of September was getting the children into a routine, following rules, making friends, self-help skills, and how to use materials in the classroom.

The Children learned about families through group discussions and classroom activities.

For example, children drew a picture of their families and dictated stories to the teachers about their family.

The children also learned about Round Dance throughout the month with the culmination of a Round Dance at the end of month, which parents and the RSIC Tribal Council were invited to participate.

Head Start would like to thank elder Margret Jackson for the prayer, and community members Tyrell Uribe-Furst and

Bruce Sanchez for singing.

October is sure to be a blur of activity and fly by as quickly as September did with all that is planned.

Each week the RSIC Language & Culture Program will be visiting the classrooms to provide a lesson.

The lessons will focus on Native harvest (cultural topic) words such as pine nuts, Indian tea, chokecherries, elderberries, and buck berries.

The Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center Diabetes staff will be visiting the classrooms twice weekly to provide “*Run and Fun*” for the children, which promotes physical activity to help fight childhood obesity.

The children in Reno visit the library each week to learn about the library and hear a story.

RSIC Tribal Police Office Angelo Hafalla visits each classroom monthly to provide a lesson

aimed at keeping children safe.

The topic for October is fall. The children will be involved in activities and discussions in which they will learn about fall.

For example, classrooms will be using foods typically harvested in the fall such as apples and pumpkins. They will have small group discussions about the item then predicting the number of seeds inside then counting the number of seeds to determine if their prediction was correct.

This type of activity builds children scientific knowledge and math skills.

On Oct. 29, the classrooms were filled with ghosts, superheroes, princesses, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles as the children went trick or treating at the various Colony departments.

*Submitted by Rhonda Laughlin,  
Education Supervisor, RSIC Head Start*

## New Indian Education Specialist Joins School District

*Knight part of WCSD Equity and Diversity Department*

*Submitted by Washoe County School District Equity and Diversity Department*

We are also excited to announce that Rhonda Knight, a member of the Lovelock Paiute Tribe is our new Indian Education Specialist. Rhonda is Paiute and Navajo, and brings great desire to connect all communities for greater relationship and success for families. Rhonda is a mother of senior of class 2016, and her husband is also an employee of WCSD. Rhonda brings vast experience working with Children in Transition, Re-Engagement Center, Teaching the classroom, and her goal is strengthen the relationship between families and schools, while increasing the academic success and graduation rates of students. She will be working under the Equity and Diversity Department and collaborating with Communications and Community Engagement Department to strengthen our relationships and communication with all our families and students.

*\*Graduated from the University of Nevada Reno 2011.*



# Computer Donations for Hungry Valley Welcomed

*Realtors Association provides much needed hardware*

Access to the information superhighway just doubled for the 40-plus Hungry Valley youth who attend afterschool tutoring.

Thanks to the Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS® and the Northern Nevada Young Professional Network of REALTORS®, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Education Department inherited 10 refurbished computers for its students.

"This is huge," said Naomi Hanczrik, the disabilities advocate who helps with tutoring.

According to San San Tin, the RSIC Education Department Manager, typically, every week, students are assigned about an hour and a half of homework which requires access to a computer.

Prior to the recent donation that included monitors, laptops, and computers with Microsoft software, students were limited to 15-minutes of computer time in order to ensure everyone was allowed to do schoolwork on-line.

"I was distraught when I found that out," said the Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS®'s William Processor. "It is not fair that these kids didn't have computers for their schoolwork."

With technology increasingly integrated into the classroom, Processor knows the demands on students not just because he



**Computer Fun** – Students attending the afterschool tutoring program in Hungry Valley now have access to more computers thanks to the Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS and the Northern Nevada Young Professional Network of REALTORS. The organization undertook a computer drive to help ensure that the students have the computer equipment they need to complete their homework.

is a father of two, but because of his experience as Principal for Day at Jesse Hall Elementary.

Processor said that last spring, he job shadowed Jesse Hall Elementary Principal David Keller and Dean of Students Kristen Gilkeson. During his day observing the behind the scenes operation of the school of which 130 Native Americans attend, Processor learned of the lack of computers and internet access for the students of Hungry Valley.

Processor who owns and operates Home Gate Realty of Nevada, immediately enlisted the help of Desiree Hagen, chair of the Northern Nevada Young

Professional Network of REALTORS®

"One of YPN's core values is to give back to the community," Hagen said, "Plus, we think access and use of technology is extremely important."

Hagen said that the YPN wanted to contribute to the students, so that they can excel in school. She said that the YPN membership is proud to make this donation to help local children thrive during the fundamental building blocks of early education.

IQ Technology Solutions donated staff time to wipe the computers clean restoring them

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to factory settings.

Dave Hansen, the 2015 RSAR president and a REALTOR® with Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate said the group is proud to have the opportunity to give back and help fix an issue that the membership felt was important.

RSIC Tribal Secretary Robin Eagle, who was on hand when the computers and monitors arrived at the Hungry Valley Education Office, said that she was grateful to both organizations for their generosity.

“As a parent of school-age children and as part of the RSIC leadership, we appreciate your support,” Eagle said. “Technology has really impacted the way our kids learn and we thank you



**For The Kids** – RSIC Education staff along with representatives from the Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors and the Northern Nevada Young Professional Network of REALTORS are pictured,

for helping our community.”

Tin echoed Eagle’s thanks.

“Our Tribal Chairman, Arlan Melendez, is always emphasizing the importance of building relationships with groups outside the reservation,” Tin said. “The hard work of our education staff in the schools, led to a

strong relationship with the administrators and teachers, which led us to the Reno/Sparks Association of REALTORS® and the Northern Nevada Young Professional Network of REALTORS®, which led us to this generous donation.”



## KEEP YOUR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT STRONG

Through the **Affordable Care Act**, American Indians are eligible to receive health insurance for free or very low cost.

### BENEFITS INCLUDE:

Pre-existing conditions are covered

Preventative screenings

Access to specialty care

Accepted at IHS, Tribal and urban Indian clinics

Medicaid expansion

Signing up is easy and can be done any time. Visit your IHS, Tribal or urban Indian clinic for more information or assistance, or call Reno/Sparks Tribal Health Center: (775) 329-5162.



# Important Information from WCSD Superintendent

## *Safety preparedness for severe weather, school overcrowding*

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Dear Families,

As we all know, our unpredictable winter season brings the potential for abundant snow, wind, and ice, making preparedness essential for the safety of students throughout Washoe County.

Washoe County School District (WCSD) evaluates whether schools should be delayed, closed, or should continue as normal depending on the current or expected levels of snowfall and road conditions. Safety is the top priority when making these decisions. Since winter weather can impact school schedules for parents, students, and staff, we try to make the decision about delays or closures as early in the morning as possible. Part of the decision also includes whether to utilize winter bus stops. Winter bus stops are for select, already designated stops where conditions make it necessary to relocate those stops to nearby alternative locations for the safety of the students and bus driver.

Once the best decision is made regarding school schedules, families will be notified through an automated phone call. To ensure you receive this call, please make sure your contact information is current at your student's school. Families can also visit the District website, [www.washoeschools.net](http://www.washoeschools.net), or call the Parent Hotline at 775-334-8373 for information on school delays or closures.

School overcrowding is one of the largest challenges that WCSD faces. Many schools are already overcrowded, and enrollment is only expected to rise. Without sufficient funding to build the schools needed to address current and future overcrowding, the District is working to make the best of a difficult situation. It is important to know that the District is looking at every available option, such as rezoning, multi-track, double sessions, leasing or buying empty commercial buildings, and more. We do not like any of these options, but at the end of the day we must provide every student with the best education in a safe and productive environment. I recognize the frustration that families are feeling, and feel it myself – we want to build schools as much as anyone, as adequate space is critical to delivering a quality education.

As we continue to determine the best course of action to address this critical issue facing our District and community, we are committed to actively seek input and engagement from families, community members, and employees so that we may come up with a long-term plan together. We have a short presentation that explains the needs and situation that we can bring to your community organization; Riley Sutton, Public Relations Specialist with the Communications and Community Engagement Office can be reached via email at [rsutton@washoeschools.net](mailto:rsutton@washoeschools.net) to set up this presentation.

More information on overcrowding can be found at [www.washoeschools.net/overcrowding](http://www.washoeschools.net/overcrowding). The webpage will be updated as new information becomes available.

Sincerely,

Traci Davis  
Superintendent, Washoe County School District



**I can't wait to**



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## Be a Girl Scout!

**Get information about Girl Scouts, volunteerism and joining a troop in just an hour at our family information meeting!**

**Memberships are \$15 and financial assistance is available to all girls**

**Who: K-6<sup>th</sup> grade girls**

**When & Where:**

 **Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 pm, Hungry Valley Recreation Center,  
340 Eagle Canyon Dr**

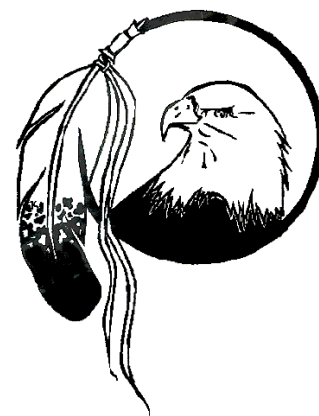
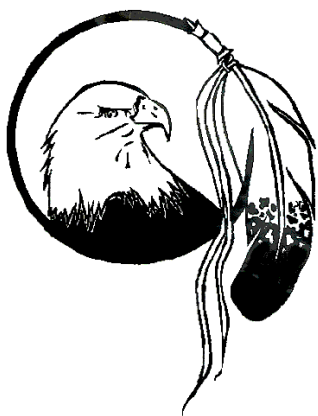
**Contact: Adrienne Hill, Recruitment Specialist, (775) 322-0642**

Find troop options now by visiting [GSSN.org](http://GSSN.org) and clicking  
"Become a Girl Scout."

*Find more events at [GSSN.org/events](http://GSSN.org/events)*

**When you just can't wait for what you'll  
do next, you can do anything.**

[girlscouts.org/join](http://girlscouts.org/join)



## *Shane Robert J. Ortero*

*... gone but his memories shall live on.*

*It is very difficult for us to imagine life without our Lil Shane—son, grandson, father, brother, cousin, friend, nephew and spouse.*

*Memories, both good and bad, shall always live on with us—at times, bringing both smiles and tears, but for me and your dad, mostly tears. Tears, because we will remember your kindness and silliness, but ache to our very soul to hear and feel these tender moments once again.*

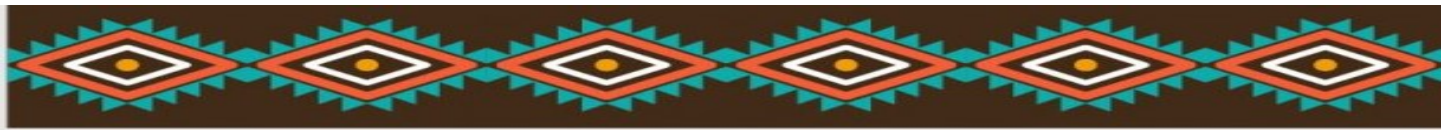
*We are so proud of the man you had become and of the daughter, Aly, you left for us to share. But then, we have always been proud of you and how you gave us the privilege to share your young life. We met your friends, we learned your dreams, your ups, your joys and your sadness. It makes us so sad that you had to “leave us” before you were able to know that all along, you were born to manifest the glory of God that is within us all.*

*Shane, as you let your own light shine, you unconsciously gave other people permission to do the same. Your brother Terrell knew all along, how special you were! Thank you our boy.*

*Love forever and ever your family*

*Dad “Carlos” and Grandma, Uncle Arthur, Marcus, Lexy, Courtney, Jolynn, sisters: Lyssac and Santana, brothers: Carlos and Terrell, and Easton and Mario. Uncle Victor, Dania, Adrianna, Arianna, Victor Jr., and Travis Ortero, Ashley and Baby Aly Zanios-Ortero.*





The family of Shang Robert T. Ortero, the Melendez, the Zainos, and the Ortero families, would like to thank everyone.

Everyone was so kind and generous showing a lot of love and kindness during the loss of our Shang. In our grief, so many kind words touched our hearts! I feel God sent many special messengers to help us through such a tragic time. Everyone in our community showed such respect and support to our families.

People who particularly stood out because of their demeanor, were Tony Abbey, God's messenger. He burst into my house as if he couldn't wait to tell us how special Shang was and still is. Also, Kenny Phoenix and his daughter whose message was in prayers and guidance, their singing and their prayers.

Shang was always there for his friends. Thank you to all his special friends Kalzb, Shang Shaw, Thomas Deluna, Shawn S., Alex and all of you—for being supportive for all of us, especially for his brother Terrell.

We also wish to extend a special thank you to: Bucky & Rozine Sampson, the Echo Sky singers, Arlan Melendez, my nephew who gave us his support, his brother Randy and Kathy Melendez. Also, Lolita and Richard Thomas for their special kindness! Vicki Imus—you are so special. Thank you and your family. Althea Gibson, a special lady... thank you. Theresa Coffman and Joanna Hicks, so kind; my family and my two who just lost their mom who was my best friend. I love you both. Thank you, Angie, Ralph and girls. My sisters Rose Rodriguez, Josie and daughter; always love. All the Wadsworth family, forever grateful, My brother Carlos and Velma Melendez and family. My family: Fred and Sharon Delgado and family from California, & Sandy Malone, you are special.

Finally, my friends Marcela and Kelsey McCloud. Thank you for your support and continuing to be there for me. I love you both. Also, Connie and Manuel Melendez, your dad shines through you both, love you both.

Our family was and still is strong. Let us all continue to be strong families. My little Terrell, I know how hard it is for you, but I am proud of you because you alone held us all together. We will love you forever.

Phillip and Marcus had a special place in Shang's heart. They were more his brothers than cousins. Also, Lexy Lou, cherish your memories forever.

Love to everyone and thank you all for everything.

Grandma Nancy, Father Carlos, Arthur, Victor and the entire Ortero family





# October is Archives Month

## ► What is the RSIC Archive?

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Archives was established in April 1992 to help preserve RSIC history.

### Mission Statement

The Tribal Archives collects and preserve materials that document the history, culture, heritage, and languages of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (Paiute, Shoshone, and Washo people) and to make these materials available to the public for educational and research purposes.

## ► What is in the RSIC Tribal Archives?

### Historical Records, 1900-1933

Original letters, Minutes and Resolutions from early Tribal Councils, copies of documents retrieved from the National Archives and Federal Centers. Most of the records relate to the early formation of RSIC.

### Organizational Records, 1924-1960

The Tribal Archives houses the Constitutions & By-Laws, land deeds, past Chairmen, community and economic development reports and statistics.

### Photograph Collections

We house over 40,000 photographs (prints and digital). We currently have 16 photograph collections. Such as early housing, RSIC events and RSIC Family Collections.

### Printed Materials

The Native Nevadan news Periodicals— 1964-1992 and the RSIC Camp News 1982-present

## ► Who can visit the Archives and what are the days and times it is open?

The Archives is open to the public. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. To expedite your research please make an appointment.

## ► What services do you provide?

Photograph duplication and digital photograph restoration. Both for a small fee. We also accept donations to the Archives that pertains to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.



***If you have any questions please call or visit the RSIC Tribal Archives***

***Trisha Calabaza-RSIC Tribal Archives Photograph Manager***

***15A Reservation Road | Reno, NV 89502***

***Phone: 775-329-8802 | E-Mail: [tc calabaza@rsic.org](mailto:tc calabaza@rsic.org)***





# NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH ACTIVITIES

**National Diabetes Awareness Month is November!**

**Join us for healthy nutrition and exercise activities!**



- Tuesday, 11/3/15: **TRY-DAY TUESDAY!** RSTHC Lobby 10am-12pm:  
Fight Diabetes! Try healthy foods and learn about improving nutrition to prevent or manage diabetes. Try and learn about **PUMPKIN SEEDS**
- Friday, 11/6/15: **SKATING @ ROLLER KINGDOM** Roller Kingdom 6pm-8:30pm  
Fight Diabetes! Bring the whole family for a night of skating fun at our local roller kingdom.
- Thursday 11/12/15 **VETERAN'S DAY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST** Hungry Valley TLC 9:30 – 11am  
Fight Diabetes! Veterans, in appreciation of your commitment, join us for a healthy breakfast and Bingo while learning about Diabetes prevention through nutrition and exercise. Sponsored by RSTHC's Diabetes & Injury Prevention Programs. Open to the 1<sup>st</sup> 75 people.
- Friday, 11/13/15: **TRY-DAY FRIDAY!** RSTHC Lobby 10am-12pm  
Fight Diabetes! Try and learn about **EASY SOUPS**
- Monday, 11/16/15: **ELDER FIT CLUB!!** Senior Center 12:30-1:30  
Fight Diabetes! New 12 week strengthening program for elders using resistance bands and chair-based stretching and movement to increase mobility, bone density, balance, fitness and decrease fall risk! Runs Monday November 16, Ends Wednesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Wednesday, 11/18/15: **ELDER FIT CLUB!!** Senior Center 12:30-1:30  
Fight Diabetes! 12 week strengthening program for elders through February 3<sup>rd</sup> except 11/25
- Thursday, 11/19/15: **TEAM WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM KICKOFF!**  
Fight Diabetes! Get your team of 3 together and sign up for the program to help maintain or lose weight over the holidays! Open to employees, Community, and anyone eligible to use the Clinic. Prizes include a Fitbit and Money!! \$15 team entry fee (\$5/person). Starts Thursday, Nov 19 - Ends Friday, February 12. Get more info at Three Nations Wellness Center or call 334-0938.
- Friday, 11/20/15: **TRY-DAY FRIDAY!** RSTHC Lobby 10am-12pm  
Fight Diabetes! Try & Learn about **MASHED CAULIFLOWER**
- Monday, 11/23/15: **ELDER FIT CLUB!!** Senior Center 12:30-1:30  
Fight Diabetes! 12 week strengthening program for elders through February 3<sup>rd</sup> except 11/25
- Monday, 11/25/15: RSIC Early Closure for Holiday. Have a Healthy Holiday Season!
- Monday, 11/30/15: **ELDER FIT CLUB!!** Senior Center 12:30-1:30  
Fight Diabetes! 12 week strengthening program for elders through February 3<sup>rd</sup> except 11/25



# Timeframe for Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Elections

*Dates, candidates, details for 2015 November Tribal Election*

## UNOFFICIAL CANDIDATE LIST

### *Candidates for the Chairman Seat*

Arlan Melendez

Jody McCloud

### *Candidates for Tribal Council Seat*

- 1) Daryl Gardipe
- 2) Felicitas Guevara
- 3) Ruth Sampson Guerrero
- 4) Angel Jackson
- 5) Catherine Phoenix
- 6) Francis Dressler
- 7) Shawna Kirsten
- 8) Jacqueline Quoetone
- 9) Carol Pinto
- 10) Crystal Harjo

For more information about the Nov. 7 RSIC Tribal Election,  
please log onto:

<http://www.rsic.org/notice-of-2015-tribal-election/>

### RSIC Election Committee

Tanya Hernandez-Chairman

Lydia Shaw-Vice Chairman

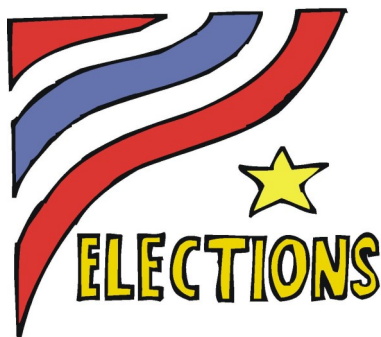
Trisha Calabaza-Secretary

Penny Sampson-Treasure

Ramona Darrough-Member

Jessica O'Daye-Alternate

Antoinette Thayer-Alternate



## EVENT / INFORMATION

Logic and accuracy test of electronic voting machines, 6 p.m., 11/06/15

Absentee ballots received on or before the day of the election date, 11/07/15

ELECTION; Polls open at 7 a.m.—Polls close at 7 p.m., 11/07/15

Certify election results 5 days after election (If no challenges), 11/12/15

Challenges to the election no more than 10 days after the election, 11/17/15

Resolve challenges to the election

Certify election results within 5 days of ruling on election results

### **All Tribal Members:** *Please update your information*

☐ Address changes

☐ Name Changes

☐ Corrections you may see on the voter's list such as name misspelling, etc.

Please visit the RSIC Enrollment Office at 1933 Prosperity Street to make these changes.

### **Logic and Accuracy Test**

November 6

34 Multipurpose Building

6 p.m.

We invite the candidates and community to see that the ballot counting machines will be sealed and taken by Tribal Police to a secure location before the election.



# New Employees

**Q: What is your exact job title?**

**A: Social Worker.**

**Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?**

**A: Human Services is a very difficult field to work in but growing up here on the Colony and building friendships from head start through High School I believe I can bring a voice from the community. I hope to gain the respect from the community and my people. I hope to build on the communications of what we can do to strengthen our people as a whole. We need to work together to keep our community healthy and rebuild the respect that we once had for our children, adults, and elders. I am here to work for my tribe and bring the education that I was fortunate enough to obtain at the University of Nevada, Reno. I received my Bachelors of Science in 2011 in Human Development and Family Studies with a focus in childhood and adolescents.**

**Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?**

**A: If I am unable to help with a situation I will find a resource that can. The Human Services Department has become a home to me and I believe it is here for the people. I am here to assist an individual to be able to grow as a person to be able to help themselves. We are strong Native American people and when we think together as a whole there will come unity and strength. We hold our children as our future leaders and our adults as teachers and our elders as knowledge. Combining all generations makes us a stronger tribe and strengthens us as Individuals and family. When we have individuals that succeed we all succeed, when we have someone who was not fortunate enough to use the knowledge given to then we all fail. We work together we succeed together.**

**Q: Do you have a tribal affiliation? If so, where?**

**A: Washo and Paiute enrolled with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**



**Chelsea O'Daye**

**Human Services**

# New Employees

**Q: What is your exact job title?**

**A:** Teacher Assistant at Hungry Valley Head Start.

**Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?**

**A:** My accomplishment is going back to school to get my degree in early childhood education or human development family studies and hopefully to become a teacher at the Head Start Program.

**Q: Do you have a tribal affiliation? If so ,where?**

**A:**Yes, Reno– Sparks Indian Colony.

**Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?**

**A:** I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with the RSIC Head Start Program. I have 10 years experience working with children of all ages. I have learned many new things throughout the years working in preschool. I have a compassion for working with children and glad to be a part of their learning experience.



**Desma Calvin**

Education Department

**Daniel Brady**

Tribal Health Center



**Q: What is your exact job title?**

**A:** Chiropractor and Physician's Assistant.

**Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?**

**A:** To help members with their pain and provide medical services when needed.

**Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?**

**A:** Love the outdoors– Adventure enthusiast. I am married and have two wonderful girls (ages 10 and 12). Accomplished: 2 Iron Man Triathlons Competitions.



# New Employees



**Monique Johnson**

Education Department

Q: What is your exact job title?

A: Child Care Aide in Hungry Valley.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?

A: Just getting to know the community more.

Q: Do you have a tribal affiliation? If so, where?

A: Yes. The Confederate Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?

A: I am a mom of 2 kids– Tristan Keo and Jordan Keo. I stay in Hungry Valley with my boyfriend Terry Keo. I have been with him since High School.

Q: What is your exact job title?

A. Education Tutor

Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?

A. Get the youth interested in education so that more Native students go to college.

Q: Do you have a tribal affiliation? If so, where?

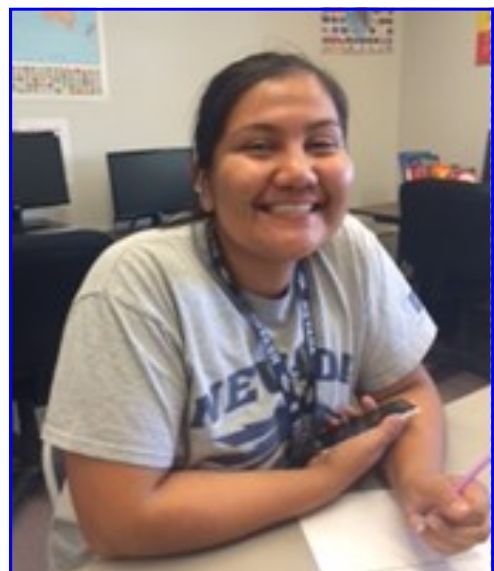
A. Yes, RSIC.

Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?

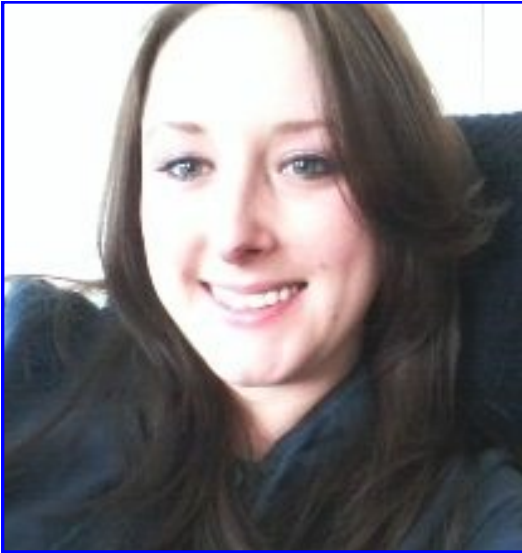
A. Live long and prosper.

**Darcy Emm**

Education Department



# New Employees



**Melissa Horvath**

Tribal Health Center

**Q: What is your exact job title?**

**A: Dental Assistant.**

**Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?**

**A: I hope to make it my long term place of employment and make new friends of coworkers and other employees/members.**

**Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?**

**A: I feel privileged to be welcomed into working with you all and serving the community. Thank you for much for this opportunity. I hope to make it last for a long time.**

**Mikala Jackson**

Education Department



**Q: What is your exact job title?**

**A. Education Tutor Assistant.**

**Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?**

**A. I would like to accomplish getting the kids homework done and helping them get better in their more weaker subjects.**

**Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?**

**A. Love, peace, and fry bread grease!**



# New Employees



**Johnny Christy**

Front Office

**Q: What is your exact job title?**

**A:** Receptionist.

**Q: What do you hope to accomplish here at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony?**

**A:** The most important thing that I would like to accomplish here at the RSIC is being an inspiration and role model for my children, as well as family and friends.

**Q: Do you have a tribal affiliation? If so ,where?**

**A:** I am born and raised Reno– Sparks Indian Colony tribal member. I am Paiute and Hopi.

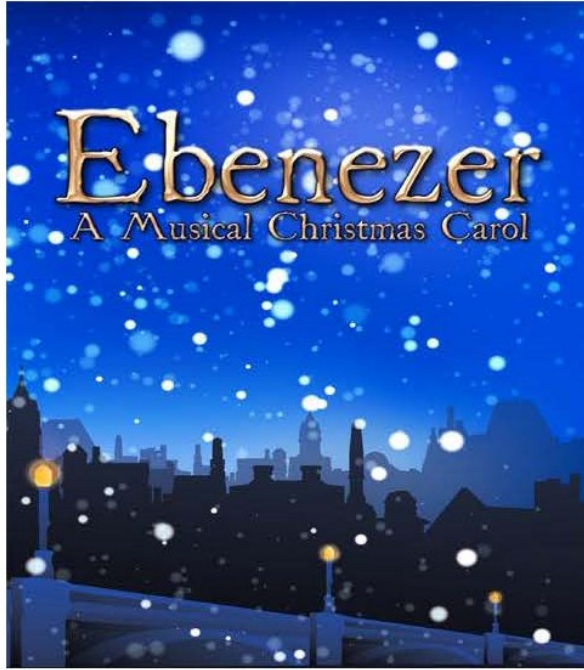
**Q: Is there any additional information that you would like to share with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community?**

**A:** While being the receptionist for the tribe, I want to show the people, as well as the vendors that work with the tribe, absolute respect as well as a friendly face and smile. I feel that it is very important when representing our Tribal Enterprise.

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## Reno Sparks Indian Colony Seniors

*December 17, 2015*

**Dinner Buffet 5:00 pm Show Time 7:00 pm**

**Tickets are \$20/non-refundable and may be purchased at  
RSIC finance office, deadline is December 1**

**Transportation is provided. Please let us know by Dec 16**

*Tickets are for RSIC Senior Program Clients who are  
RSIC enrolled or resident and 55 years of age or older.*

**For further information, please come by the Senior Center or  
Call Teresa or Darlene at 775-329-9929.**

*Happy Holidays*



# Legal Notices, Public Announcements

*Advisory committee spots open, address update form, name changes, grant expires*

## Special Notice RSIC 2015 Tribal Election

**Election Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2015

### **Polling Locations:**

**Reno-Multipurpose Room**  
34 Reservation Road

**Sparks-Hungry Valley Community Center**  
9050 Eagle Canyon Road

**Poll Times:** 7:00 a.m-7:00 p.m.

**Open Seats:** 1-Tribal Chairman Seat; 4-Tribal Council Seats

**REMINDER:** Please stop by the Enrollment Office and Update your information if needed. Make sure your name and address and phone number is up to date so you will be able to receive all voting and candidate information. For more information, go to: [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org)

## **IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY RENO, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Morning Rose Darlene Tobey, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No.CV- NC-2015-0035, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Morning Rose Darlene Tobey, to the name of MorningRose Darlene Tobey, which is the name Petitioner desires to have.

Notice is hereby given that any person having objection to the aforesaid change of name shall file written objection, showing cause why the Petition should not be granted, with the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, 1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV, within ten (10) days after publication or this notice.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2015  
Henrietta A. Tobey  
Clerk of Court  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court

### **What: Logic and Accuracy Test**

**When: November 6, 2015**

**Where: 34 Reservation Road-Multipurpose Building**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.**

We invite the Candidates & Community to see that the ballot counting machines will be sealed and taken by Tribal Police to a secure location before the Election.

All Tribal Members: Please update your information

- ☐ Address changes      ☐ Name Changes
- ☐ Corrections you may see on the voter's list such as name misspelling, etc.

Please visit the Enrollment Office, 1933 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV 89502, to make these changes. Thank you, Election Committee

## **IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY RENO, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Jean Wadsworth, who is a member of the Reno- Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No.CV- NC-2015-0028, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Autumn Shawn Dick, to the name of Autumn Shawn Wadsworth, which is the name Petitioner desires to have.

Notice is hereby given that any person having objection to the aforesaid change of name shall file written objection, showing cause why the Petition should not be granted, with the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, 1900 Prosperity Street, Reno, NV, within ten (10) days after publication or this notice.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2015  
Henrietta A. Tobey  
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Reno-Sparks Tribal Court

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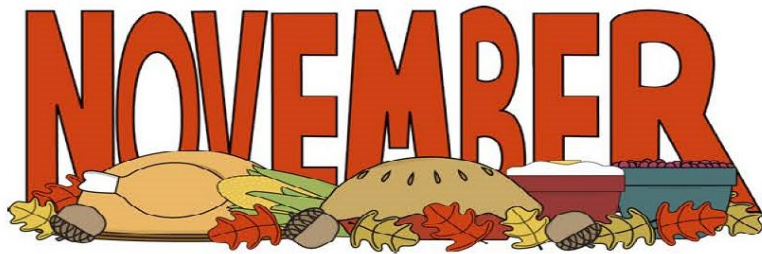
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### **Recruitment for Language & Culture Advisory Committee Member**

The Language & Culture Advisory Committee is currently seeking an RSIC Tribal member to serve on the Language & Culture Advisory Committee. Committee member will be appointed by the RSIC Tribal Council and shall serve a term of 2 years. If interested in becoming an LCAB member, please submit a letter of interest to:

Reno Sparks Indian Colony Language & Culture Program  
401 Golden Ln. Reno, NV 89502



**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Senior Program Menu  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502  
775-329-9929**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2) Pork Chop Egg Noodles Mixed Veggies+* Fruit Cocktail* Milk	3) Steak Cesar Salad+* Tomato Wedges+ Breadstick Pears* Milk	4) Turkey a la king+* Brown Rice Mixed Veggies+* Mandarin Oranges* Milk 	5) ) Chicken Noodle Soup+ Green Salad+ Crackers Pineapple* Milk	6) Brunch Scrambled Eggs Hash Browns Tomato and Cucumber Salad+* Banana* Milk
9) Beef Fajita Whole Wheat Tortilla Black bean and Corn mix+ Tropical Fruit* Milk	10) Cream of Mushroom Soup Turkey and Cheese sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Lettuce and Tomato+ Orange* Milk	<b>11) Holiday Veteran's Day Center Closed No Lunch served or delivered</b>	12) Spaghetti W ground turkey Whole Wheat Pasta French Bread Green Beans and Corn mix + Apricots* Milk 	13) Brunch Cream of Wheat Boiled Egg Whole Wheat Bagel Mixed Berries and Light Yogurt* V-8*+ Juice Milk
16) Liver and Onions Egg Noodles Cauliflower and Carrots*+ Pears* Milk 	<b>17) Commodities Distribution SackLunch</b> Chicken Salad Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Lettuce and Tomato+ Sun Chips Fruited Jell-O* Trail Mix Milk	18) Shredded Pork Soft Taco Lettuce and Tomato+ Spanish Rice Mandarin Orange Milk	19) <b>Thanksgiving Lunch and Bingo</b> Turkey Stuffing Gravy Mixed Veggies+* Fruit Cocktail Pumpkin Pie Milk 	20) Brunch Spinach and Egg Scramble * Tomato Wedges+ Whole Wheat English Muffin Peaches* Milk
23) ) Baked Sole Fish Rice Pilaf Carrot and Squash veggie blend+* Apricots* Milk	24) Coyote Stew Pan-bread Green Salad+ Mandarin Oranges* Milk 	25) Early Brunch 9:30-11:30 Frosted Mini Wheat Cereal Boiled Egg Cherry Tomatoes with light cottage cheese Tropical Fruit Orange Juice - Milk	26) Holiday Thanksgiving Center Closed 	27) Holiday Day after Thanksgiving Center Closed 
30) Chicken Low Mien Carrots and Broccoli+* Fortune Cookie Pineapple* Milk	December 1) Cream of Broccoli Soup Salad Bar+* Crackers Grapes* Milk	12/2 Taco Salad Ground Turkey, Beans Lettuce and Tomato+ Mandarin Oranges* Milk	12/3 BBQ Pork Sandwich Coleslaw+* Fruit Cocktail* Milk	<b>12/4</b> Brunch Multi Grain Pancakes Turkey Sausage link Orange * V-8 Juice Milk

Nutritional Value

\*Vitamin C












+ Vitamin D

1% Milk served daily





**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Senior Program Activities  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502  
775-329-4930**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2 12:30 pm Tai Chi 1 pm Senior Advisory Committee Meeting</p> 	<p>3 1 pm Veterans Crafts 5:30 pm Potluck</p> <p><b>BINGO Night</b></p> <p><i>Bring a food dish and 2 prizes</i></p>	<p>4 12:30 pm Tai Chi 1 pm Veterans Centerpieces 12 pm Nutrition Presentation 1 pm Errand Day Shopping and Bill Pay</p>	<p>5 10 am Veterans Centerpieces 12:30 pm Galaxy Theater Movie</p> <p><b>The MOVIES</b></p> 	<p>6 10:30 am Brunch 10 am Veterans Centerpieces</p>
<p>9 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check 12:30 pm Tai Chi 1 pm Veterans Centerpieces</p> 	<p>10 12 pm Tribal Police Presentation 1 pm Veterans Centerpieces and decorations</p>	<p>11 Holiday – Closed</p>  <p><i>Diner 5 pm at Reno Gym</i></p>	<p>12 9:30 am Veterans Breakfast and Bingo at HV TLC <i>If you need a ride sign up and be at Sr. center at 8 am We will be back in time for lunch</i></p>	<p>13 9:30 am Respite Caregiver Support Group Meeting 10:30 am Brunch</p>
<p>16 Food Pantry 12:30 pm Senior Gold 1 pm Crafts Thanksgiving Centerpiece</p>	<p>17 Commodities Errand Day Shopping and Bill Pay</p>	<p>18 12 pm Healing to Wellness Presentation 12:30 pm Senior Gold</p>	<p>19 <b>12:30 pm Thanksgiving Lunch</b></p> 	<p>20 10:30 am Brunch</p>
<p>23 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check</p>  <p>12:30 pm Senior Gold 1 pm Christmas Crafting-Presents</p> 	<p>24 12:30 pm Century Theaters</p> <p><b>The MOVIES</b></p>	<p>25 9:30–11:30 am Early Brunch Closing at 12 pm No Senior Gold</p>	<p>26 Holiday-Closed No lunch served or delivered</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p> 	<p>27 Holiday-Closed No lunch served or delivered</p>
<p>30 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check</p>  <p>12:30 pm Senior Gold</p>	<p>Dec 1 1 pm Christmas Crafting-Presents</p> 	<p>Dec 2 12:30 pm Senior Gold 1 pm Christmas Crafting-Presents <i>*Ebenezer Ticket deadline</i></p>	<p>Dec 3 1 pm Errand Day Shopping and Bill Pay 1 pm Christmas Crafting-Presents</p>	<p>Dec 4 10:30 am Brunch 1 pm Christmas Crafting-Presents</p> 



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staff on the SCIA to write a report to accompany the bill, very similar to the version the committee passed last year.

Additionally, the Congressional Budget Office will need to issue a cost "score" for the bill. Last year, the CBO found that the bill didn't "score," meaning it would not have a significant impact on the federal budget. When these items are ready, the bill can be sent to the Senate floor.

To see the bill in its full form, log onto:

[www.congress.gov/114/bills/s1436/BILLS\\_114s1436is.pdf](http://www.congress.gov/114/bills/s1436/BILLS_114s1436is.pdf)

Other bills passed in the

SCIA business meeting, included:

S. 1419, a bill to promote the academic achievement of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children with the establishment of a Native American language grant program (introduced by Senator Jon Tester [D-MT]).

S. 1443, a bill to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training and related services from diverse federal sources, and for other purposes (introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski [R-AK]).

S. 1761, a bill to take certain federal land located

in Lassen County, Calif., into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes (introduced by Senators Barbara Boxer [D-CA] and Dianne Feinstein [D-CA]);

S. 1822, a bill to take certain federal land located in Tuolumne County, Calif., into trust for the benefit of the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians, and for other purposes (introduced by Senator Barbara Boxer [D-CA]);

H.R. 387, a bill to provide for certain land to be taken into trust for the benefit of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes (introduced by Representative Raul Ruiz [D-CA-36]).



**In Their Own Class** — Last month, twenty-one member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony were inducted into the inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame. Family members spoke on behalf of inductees who joined their loved ones on stage. Those members who were inducted posthumously, were also honored by family members' reflections of their athlete's life. To be considered, the inductees had to have either competed in a sport on a professional level, played in college at a division I school, or have been recognized by another hall of fame. Next year, applications for induction will be accepted.

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