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Senator Ratti Asks State to Evolve on Historic Preservation

Pending legislation gives tribes input on ancestral remains, sacred artifacts

Telling the Nevada Legislature Committee on Government Affairs that it is time to evolve, Nevada Senator Julia Ratti is sponsoring a bill which would mandate Indian tribes have more involvement with historic preservation of Native American human remains, funerary objects and other cultural items.

"Internationally, there is a change in thinking," Senator Ratti testified. "This important bill gives preference to Native Americans when dealing with items spiritually connected to their culture."

Specifically, Senate Bill 244 would revise current provisions relating to cultural resources. The bill calls for the director of the Nevada State Museum and the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to adopt regulations concerning the process for repatriation of Native American remains and other cultural items which provides notice and consultation with Indian Tribes.

The bill requires the inclusion of a Native American on certain museum boards and commis-

sions. Plus, the bill increases penalties for the defacement of Native American cultural sites, historic sites and Indian burial sites.

"Morally and ethically, this is the right thing to do," Senator Ratti told her fellow lawmakers.

Currently state representatives have control when Native American remains or cultural items are uncovered on public lands and sometimes, even private property.

During a March 24 hearing in Carson City, before the

Senate Committee on Government Affairs, four Nevada Tribal Chairs---Arlan Melendez from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Len George from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, Laurie Thom from the Yerington Paiute Tribe, and David Decker from the Elko Band Council testified in favor of the potential law.

"The core theme of this legislation is to provide a means for Nevada Tribes to express our values, beliefs

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Important Words — Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal Chairman Len George looks on as Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman Arlan D. Melendez shakes hands with Marisa Weaselboy after she read a letter of support for senate bill 244 to the Nevada Committee On Government Affairs from two professional archaeologists and an anthropologist.

Celebrating the Return of Our Ancestral Land

Please join us for a
Community Celebration for the
Nevada Native Nations

Land Act

on Earth Day

April 22nd
at 6:00 pm

Hungry Valley Gymnasium
9075 Eagle Canyon Dr., Sparks, NV 89441

Dinner will be served.
RSVP to smontooth@rsic.org or 775.329.2936 ext 3268



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony – Three Tribes, One Nation

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Important APRIL dates

Head Start Enrollment Begins

April Fool's Day

- 3 Education Advisory Committee meeting, Education Conference Room, Noon
Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Senior Center, 1 p.m.
Enrollment Advisory Committee meeting, Enrollment Office, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
Proposed Constitution Amendments Meeting, Hungry Valley, 6 p.m.
- 5 Senior Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.
Prevent T2 Diabetes Class, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
Law & Order Committee Meeting, Tribal Court, 6 p.m.
- 6 Building Confident Readers, RSIC Library, 8:30 a.m.
Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
Washoe County School District Town Hall, Wooster High Theatre, 6 p.m.
Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Library, Multipurpose Rm., 6 p.m.
- 7 Native Wellness Talking Circle, Tribal Court Building, 1 p.m.
- 10 Housing Advisory Board Meeting, Housing Office, 6 p.m.
- 11 Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
Proposed Constitution Amendments Meeting, 34 Reservation Road, 6 p.m.
- 12 Senior Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.
Prevent T2 Diabetes Class, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
Tribal Council Meeting, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 6 p.m.
- 13 Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Library, Multipurpose Rm., 6 p.m.
- 14 Good Friday, RSIC Administration Offices Close, Noon
Hungry Valley Community Prayer Walk, 3 p.m.
- 16 Sunrise Communion Service, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 6:30 a.m.
Really Big Easter Egg Hunt, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 L&C Traditional Ribbon Skirt Making, Hungry Valley Gym, 6 p.m.
- 18 Commodity Distribution, Senior Center, 8 a.m.
Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
- 19 Senior Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.
Prevent T2 Diabetes Class, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Library, Multipurpose Rm., 6 p.m.
- 22 Earth Day
Nevada Native Nations Land Act Celebration, Hungry Valley Gym, 6 p.m.
- 24 Executive Health Board meeting, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
- 25 Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
- 26 Senior Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.
Prevent T2 Diabetes Class, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
Economic Development Meeting, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 6 p.m.
- 27 Elder Aquacize, 55-years+, Alf Sorensen, 1400 Baring Blvd., Sparks, 9 a.m.
Numa (Paiute) Language Class, RSIC Library, Multipurpose Rm., 6 p.m.

Check: <http://www.rsic.org> for a comprehensive calendar

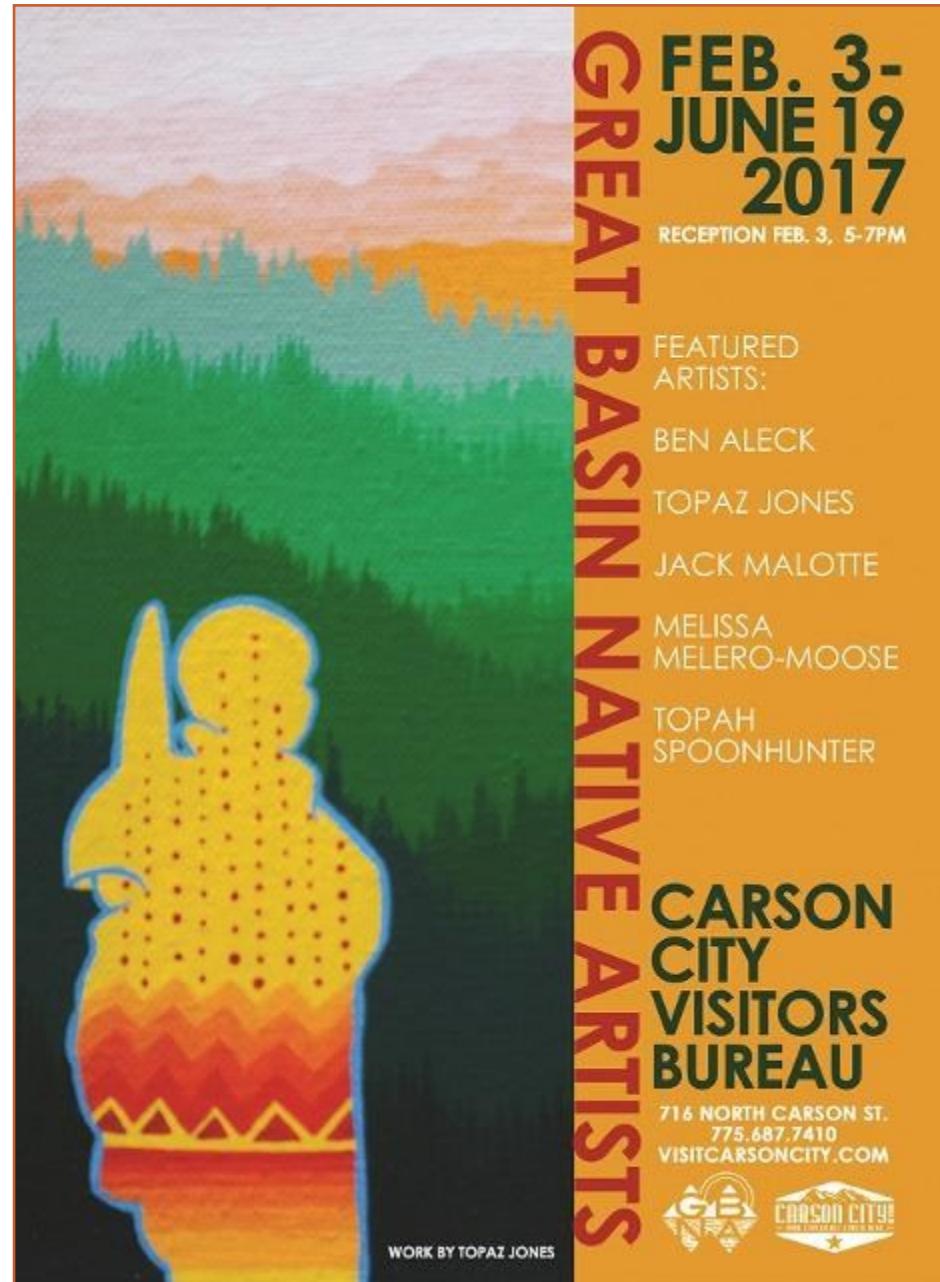
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and traditions as they can contribute to the discussions and decisions made affecting the management, treatment, and disposition of native American ancestral human remains, funerary objects, sacred items and other items of cultural significance," Chairman Melendez said. "SB244 recognizes that tribes have a standing in regard to our cultural heritage."

Chairman Melendez reminded the committee--Senators David Parks, Mark Manendo, and Pete Goicoechea, that currently, under the purview of the Nevada Museum director, cultural items deemed duplicate, surplus or abandoned can be sold to private collectors without consultation or consent of tribes. He explained that as it stands now, cultural items that are excavated and collected by a permit holder is required to give 50 percent of all cultural items to the state including human remains which can be used by the state for exhibitions and scientific study.

"We are asking that the closest affiliated tribe receive those items," Chairman Melendez said.

He also drew from a recent experience at the RSIC. He shared with the committee that his tribe is working to develop a Great Basin Native American Cultural Center. Even with the limited exhibit space,



Upcoming Cleanups & Earth Day Celebration

Save the Date!

April 22	Nevada Native Nations Land Act Celebration & Earth Day in Hungry Valley
May 6	Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Great American Cleanup on Eagle Canyon Road
May 6	Hungry Valley Community Cleanup
May 19	RSIC Colony Cleanup
Sept 23	Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful River Cleanup

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at the early stages of this project, much of the cabinet spaces remained empty. Chairman Melendez said that besides some donations by tribal members, the RSIC bought Great Basin baskets through an auction company in Boston.

"It is disappointing that state law guarantees museums 50 percent of Native American cultural items when its buildings and warehouses are full and Nevada tribes cannot even fill a shelf in a display cabinet," Chairman Melendez said.

Fallon Paiute Shoshone Chairman George also shared a personal story. He outlined the struggle his people endured when archeologists disturbed Spirit Man or Spirit Cave Man, a Native ancestor found in 1940 in his final resting place near the Stillwater reservation.

"I get emotional about this story," Chairman George said.

A story which got world-wide attention as the oldest remains in North America, Spirit Man was carbon dated, his DNA was tested, and even the contents of his stomach were examined, all against Indian Country's wishes.

Finally, last October, 80-years after the initial disturbance, the Bureau of Land Management confirmed that the agency would return Spirit Man to the Fallon tribe.

"In the interim, our relative was stored in a box at the Nevada State Museum," George said. "With this bill, I am hoping it will be easier for other tribes to repatriate their loved ones."

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Moving Remains Before Legislature

RSIC THPO stresses Native connection to ancestors

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Michon R. Eben, who is charged with the protection, preservation and respectful management of Native American ancestral remains, funerary objects, cultural resources and traditional cultural properties, has worked hard to educate elected officials about the spiritual practices of American Indians, especially regarding death.

In addition to organizing the testimony for Senate Bill 244, Eben gave her testimony on Assembly Bill 203 last month. This potential law, also sponsored by Senator Ratti, would revise provisions governing cemeteries, specifically those related to disinterment.

"In the Native American culture, when an individual dies, there are several significant aspects to the transition from the physical world to the spiritual world," Eben told legislators. "When the dead are laid to their eternal resting place here on earth that is where they are to remain---undisturbed. Any disturbance of a burial plot is disrespectful to our ancestors, the spirit world and the living relatives."

Eben believes that for far too long, our Native American ancestors have been disinterred for the benefit for archeologists that have represented science.

"Our dead ancestors have a

direct connection to our communities, to nature, the earth and to us as the living," Eben said.

Eben connected her words to the Reno Hillside Cemetery where several Native Americans are buried.

The cemetery, located near the University of Nevada was established in the 1870s and is home to many early settlers as well as, a former U.S. congressman, and five former mayors of Reno, plus RSIC community member OC Wheeler, and well-known Native American leader, Johnson Sides.

In August last year, the owner Drew Lawton, posted notices that he plans to dig up nearly 1,500 bodies to clear land for potential development. These remains would be reburied, in another area of the historic cemetery.

In mid-September Lawton's spokesman announced that the disinterment plans were "suspended."

"As Nevadans we must continue to respect our history, set guidelines to keep our historic cemeteries properly maintained and not allow disinterment..." Eben said.

If successful, SB244 would make disinterment at Hillside illegal.



HUNGRY VALLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP'S REALLY BIG EASTER CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017
HV Community Prayer Walk 3:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017
Sunrise Communion Service: 6:30 AM
Potluck Breakfast, Worship Service,
BIG Egg Hunt
HV Rec. Center - 9:30 AM

MORE INFORMATION

Food! Family! Fun! Fellowship!
Prizes and Giveaways!

Most items are provided by HVCF, but please
bring breakfast foods and egg hunt items to
share. Rides available (if needed) in our church
van.

Call for details:
Pastor Augustin Jorquez 233-0268
Pastor Cindy Jorquez 425-5886



Chairman's State of the Colony: Bright Future

Melendez outlines highlights, areas of need, fiscal health, quest for continued progress

With great optimism, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman Arlan D. Melendez gave the second State of the Tribe address of his tenure during the March General Tribal Council Meeting.

"As we are living in uncertain times, in a divided nation, we will have to prepare and adjust to anticipated changes in federal policy and funding due to the new Trump Administration and Republican controlled Congress," Chairman Melendez said.

Yet, despite that uncertainty, Chairman Melendez outlined highlights, illuminated areas of need, and shared the fiscal security of the RSIC.

Chairman Melendez reminded the crowded conference room that it has been one hundred years ago to the month, when the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony received its original twenty acre land base in 1917, from a Congressional appropriation.

He said that the most significant accomplishment last year was the passage of the Native Nations Land Act which transferred 13,434 acres of Bureau of Land Management land to the RSIC.

"Expanding our land base not only strengthens our sovereignty but gives us greater opportunity," Chairman Melendez said. "As we progress forward, we have to keep abreast of external forces of legislation and policy

changes both on the federal and state level."

The Chairman noted the importance of working with the RSIC national and state lobbyists as well as the critical role of Tribal consortiums such as the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Health Board, Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, and Native American Rights Fund, as well as others.

Chairman Melendez relayed the sentiment from a recent trip he took to Washington, D.C.

***"...our people
endured
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but they came
together in unity
and we are still
here because
of them..."***

—Chairman Melendez

to coordinate with some of these consortiums.

"Tribes were concerned about the president's appointees to federal agencies where Tribes receive most of their funding," he said. "Also, Tribal leaders' top priority is to protect the Health care Improvement Act, exemption from budget cuts and maintaining Medicaid."

At the state level, Chairman Melendez assured the audience that the RSIC has a good working relationship with Nevada Governor Sandoval which is a major benefit when working on state legislation.

Emphasizing the importance on knowing the political climate and getting involved at all levels, Chairman Melendez recounted that last November, the Colony had the highest number of registered voters, but our community can still do better and with the likely ability to hold early voting and election day voting on Tribal lands, Melendez believes the Native vote will be even stronger in the future.

Chairman Melendez explained the working constitutional amendment changes and discussed the process for a secretarial election. He said the RSIC Law and Order Committee has been working on the will and probates codes as well as an ordinance for land assignments.

"Our goal is to issue land

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2017 Las Vegas Native American National Classics Bowling Tournament July 20th-23rd 2017

USBC
Sanctioned
Tournament

South Point Hotel Casino & Spa
9777 Las Vegas Boulevard South
Las Vegas Nevada 89183
(702) 797-8050

Raffles
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Vendors

Reservation Info: Group name: Native American National Classic Dates: July 18 – 24, 2017

Group Code: NAT0718 **Rates:** Thurs. & Sun. night stay = \$60.00 / Fri. & Sat. night stay = \$105.00.

Web Link: <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=11548&Chain=6903&arrive=7/16/2017&depart=7/17/2017&adult=1&child=0&group=NAT0718>

Thursday, July 20th

9:15 p.m. to Midnight
No Tap Event

Friday, July 21st

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Doubles & Singles Event

(Mail in Entry Forms only for Sand Dunes event!)

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. &
9:15 p.m. to Midnight
Mixed Doubles Events

Contact: Cathy Marin-Wisdom
(510) 684-4714 / cawisdom@hotmail.com
19641 San Miguel Avenue
Castro Valley, CA. 94546

Saturday, July 22nd

9:00 a.m. to Noon
Junior Bowlers &
Adult Teams

Noon to 3:00 p.m. Junior
Finals & Adult Teams

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Teams
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Masters Qualifying
9:00 p.m. to Midnight
Masters Roll-Off

Sunday, July 23rd
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Doubles and Singles

Be sure to check out the Native Bowlers page on Facebook for updated information.

Trump Budget Includes Money for Yucca Mountain

Nevada governor, senators opposes nuclear waste dump in Southern Nevada

The White House's recently released budget blueprint seeks to revive spending for a hotly contested nuclear waste storage facility in Nevada.

United States President Donald Trump has asked Congress to approve \$120 million in spending to restart licensing activity at the Yucca Mountain repository and fund an interim storage program.

That would allow development at the remote site located about 100 miles from Las Vegas to start up again.

However, Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval immediately voiced his dissent.

"Regarding Yucca Mountain, let me make my position clear—for the remainder of my term I will vigorously fight the storage of high-level nuclear waste in Nevada," Sandoval said in a written statement. "Any attempt to resurrect this ill-conceived project will be met with relentless opposition, and maximum resources."

According to a Center for Western Priorities poll released in June 2016, most Nevadans oppose the plan, which would consolidate the U.S. nuclear waste load currently spread across the country in their state.

The project has essentially been on ice since 2010, when then-President Barack Obama suspended licensing for the Yucca Mountain facility.

The poll was conducted by a nonpartisan conservation organ-

ization which polled both republicans and democrats.

Recently retired Democratic Nevada Sen. Harry Reid, one-time majority leader, used his influence to block funding for the project in past budgets.

Now, Democratic Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, who holds Reid's seat, has introduced legislation that would require states to consent to storing high levels of nuclear waste — giving Nevada the ability to refuse to accept it.

"The proposal to invest in Yucca Mountain is a nonstarter — it is dead, it has been for years, and that will not change," Cortez Masto said.

Cortez Masto's *Nuclear Waste Informed Consent Act*, would permit the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to authorize construction of a

nuclear waste repository only if the Secretary of Energy has secured written consent from the governor of the host state, affected units of local government, and affected American Indian Tribes.

The measure was co-sponsored by Sen. Dean Heller, Republican of Nevada.

"Washington needs to understand what Nevada has been saying for years: We will not be the nation's nuclear waste dump," Heller posted on his website. "This project was ill-conceived from the beginning and has already flushed billions of taxpayer dollars down the drain."

Congress directed the U.S. Department of Energy to study Yucca Mountain as a nuclear waste repository in 1987. The

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Nuclear Waste — President Trump's recently released budget asks for funding to store high-level waste in Southern Nevada. Many Nevada elected officials have spoken against the idea. *File photo*

agency filed for a construction permit there in 2008.

The budget proposal puts Energy Secretary Rick Perry in a tough spot.

While serving as governor of Texas, he said Nevadans shouldn't be forced to house the country's nuclear waste in their state if they don't want to and when asked during his Senate confirmation hearing whether that was still his view, Perry told Cortez Masto he would "happily salute" her legislation if it were passed.

"Hopefully this is the beginning of seeing real movement, real management of an issue that I think no longer can sit and be used as a political football, one that must be addressed," Perry said during his confirmation hearing.

Under a 1982 law, the federal government was supposed to begin moving nuclear waste by 1998.

There is currently more than 70,000 metric tons of waste stored at U.S. nuclear power plants.

The industry has pressured D.C. to find a solution. Energy companies have mounted legal challenges that have cost the government more than \$5 billion in settlements — a figure that could balloon to \$29 billion by 2022, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute, a lobbying group.

States that currently store nuclear waste have also pushed for a resolution.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has sued the federal government to force a vote on the Yucca Mountain site.

"Yucca is dead and this

reckless proposal will not revive it," Heller said.

Last week, Sandoval met privately with Perry and the governor later issued a statement reiterating his point of view.

"More than a decade ago, when I served as Nevada's Attorney General, I litigated this issue and I feel as strongly today as I did then that Yucca Mountain is incapable of safe storage of the world's most toxic substance. Nevada will oppose any federal government effort to dump nuclear waste here that will threaten our health and economy for centuries to come,"

Sandoval said. "The site itself is fractured rock, on top of a fault line, that sits above an aquifer. It is an unsafe site and developing Yucca Mountain is a bad idea."

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assignments or leases this year," Chairman Melendez said.

Thanks to a sales tax increase in Washoe County of just under a half percent and the increased tobacco excise tax in California, which will increase cross border sales at the Verdi Smoke Shop, Chairman Melendez anticipates that the Tribe will take in more revenue in 2017.

He said the overall health of all the RSIC business enterprises is solid and is reflected in the tribe's BBB investment grade rating, the highest rating the Colony has ever received.

Chairman Melendez said that with this good credit, the RSIC will refinance the health center construction debt, which will save the Colony over \$1 million dollars over the next 10 years. He said the tribe has reduced our debt considerably and that the RSIC's owns an ample savings portfolio.

"Though there is uncertainty in Federal funding, the Tribal Economy remains strong due to the fact that our government doesn't rely totally on federal revenue," Chairman Melendez said. "The revenues to fund our government and provide programs and services primarily come from sales tax reve-

nues and lease revenues from businesses located on tribal land."

The Chairman said that Tribal Council will be meeting in the near future to consider priorities for funding capital projects which include water rights, a new snow plow and economic development property upgrades.

"The list of capital projects is too long to fund in one fiscal year, therefore we can only fund a certain number of projects each year," Chairman Melendez said.

Touting the successful launch of two new businesses—Stone

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MARCH MADNESS

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

#GoNEVADA #backthepack



Prepare, Manage Electrical Power Outages

Hungry Valley, downtown Colony residents frequently combat utility issues

*Submitted by David Hunkup
RSIC Emergency Services Manager*

Power outages can happen for a number of reasons.

They can occur when electrical equipment such as a transformer fails, when transmission lines go down, or they can happen during thunderstorms when lightening, high winds, heavy rains or snow cause failures in the distribution system.

Also, high summer temperatures along with the high demand for power by customers using air conditioners can cause failures, like the ones that happen frequently in California.

When the power goes out, there is not any way of knowing for how long it will be out. Most of the time it goes out for short periods, but sometimes it can be out for longer periods.

It is always best to be prepared. For example:

- ✖ Do not open the freezer door if you can help it
- ✖ Refrigerator – if out longer than two hours, pack food in ice coolers to prevent spoilage
- ✖ Turn off all lights and unplug appliances such as televisions and stereos
- ✖ Use water for essentials only such as drinking and cooking
- ✖ No outdoor watering – since our only water will be coming from the existing

supply in the storage tank.

- ✖ Drink plenty of water if temperatures are high to prevent dehydration
- ✖ Dress warmly if temperatures are cold to prevent body heat loss
- ✖ Stay indoors during lightning and thunderstorms to prevent injury
- ✖ Have at least one corded telephone or cell phone in the house. They will usually work if the power goes out. Cordless phones will not work without electricity

✖ Phone the power company to report your outage

NV Energy Emergency

(775) 834-4100

- ✖ Have an emergency kit – flashlight and spare batteries and first-aid kit, etc.

Please phone the RSIC Emergency Services at (775) 783-1373, immediately, if for some reason there are special priority requirements, such as medical considerations at your address.

If you have to leave your home, make sure all doors and windows are locked.

Also, check on elders and family members to see if they are safe.

If the power is out longer than four hours, an RSIC facility will be opened to provide emergency shelter and some provisions.

Not all RSIC facilities have

emergency back-up generators.

The gym in Hungry Valley is equipped with emergency power and will be utilized as a sheltering facility for all RSIC tribal members and residents.

Please bring blankets, food and other personal items when coming to a shelter.

Also, volunteer help would be appreciated to assist during power outages.

**IMPORTANT EMERGENCY
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
PHONE NUMBERS:**



Emergency Services
(775)783-1373

Hungry Valley Fire Dept.
(775) 785-1304

Fire Chief's Cell
(775) 232-8116

TRIBAL POLICE:

Hungry Valley Office:
(775) 785-1365

Reno Office
(775) 785-8776

Non-Emergency:
(775) 323-2677

Hungry Valley Gym
(775) 785-1360

Downtown Colony Gym
(775) 329-4930



NEVADA TRIBES LEGISLATIVE DAY

CARSON CITY, NV

**Kiera Bill, Preston Sam , Brianna Yahola,
Payton Yarrow,
Danae Astor and Christian Lopez**

Students From Shaw Middle School



Elders, Children, Tribal Members, Employees Kick Butts

National health initial makes big impact at downtown Colony, Hungry Valley

*Submitted by Brie Cie N. Ledesma, MPH
RSIC Environmental Specialist II*

Kick Butts Day (KBD), March 15, is a National day of activism that empowers youth and communities to stand out, speak up and seize control against the problems associated with commercial tobacco abuse.

We have made great strides in the fight against commercial tobacco abuse, but every day, more than 3,000 kids under 18 try smoking for the first time.

This is separate from ceremonial use.

Tobacco use is still the leading cause of preventable death in this country killing more than 480,000 people every year. And, there is an environmental cost as well, cigarettes are the most littered item on Earth.

The RSIC Environmental Program teamed up with the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center's Community Health Division and organized four cigarette butts clean up days in common areas throughout our community along with a team-trivia contact called Tobacco Jeopardy 101.

All participants got souvenir tee-shirts, while trivia winners earned door prizes.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make the Earth a cleaner place during our 15-minute clean ups.

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Mother Earth Lovers — Several people, young and elders, participated in the RSIC events in conjunction with National Kick Butts Day. Participants include: Carolyn Chavez, Teri Larson, Valentine Lovelace, Jason Hill, Sumoo Alley, Brittany Lloyd, Paul Snyder, Victoria Kane, Billy White, Susan Quartz-Holling, Janice Stump, Gene Evans, Mary Lou Short Horn, Darlene Gardipe, Ralph Sobola, Martin Clayton, Naomi Hanczrik, Leo Grass, Doza Rosemary Ledesma, Karla Conway, Char Johnson, and Cheryl Johnson. Bhie Cie Ledesma and Michelle Leon.

Photos provided by RSIC Environmental



National Safety Council Shares Alarming Driver Stats

2016 deadliest year on roadways since 2007 with 6 percent more fatalities

*Reprinted from Safety + Health,
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Council Congress & Expo*

The National Safety Council (NSC) has released [preliminary data](#) showing that as many as 40,000 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in 2016.

That figure is 6 percent higher than the number of fatalities in 2015 and marks a 14 percent increase from 2014 – the largest two-year spike since 1964.

This estimate indicates that 2016 may have been the deadliest year on American roadways since 2007.

NSC also released the results of [survey](#) that found 83 percent of participants believe driving is a safety concern.

However, many participants admitted they are comfortable engaging in unsafe or distracting acts, including speeding (64 percent), texting manually or through voice controls (47 percent), driving while impaired by marijuana (13 percent), or driving after they felt they had consumed too much alcohol (10 percent).

To combat this issue, NSC has launched the [Road to Zero](#) coalition with the goal of ending roadway fatalities within the next 30 years.

“Our complacency is killing us,” Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of NSC, said. “Americans believe there is nothing we can do to stop crashes from happening, but that isn’t true. The United States lags the rest of the

developed world in addressing highway fatalities. We know what needs to be done; we just haven’t done it.”

Organizations including the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) are eager to assist in the mission of ending preventable deaths on roadways. In a Feb. 15 statement, GHSA declared NSC’s estimates a call to action for highway safety.”

“The good news is we know what works to save lives – high visibility enforcement of strong traffic laws coupled with public education and awareness,” the GHSA statement reads. “At the same time, state highway safety offices need the flexibility to try new approaches and strategies to administer the federally funded programs.”

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Mother Coffee Roasters and Alluring Beauty Skin Care, the Chairman held up these young people as pioneers.

“Owners Josh and Joel Zuniga and Johni Bill demonstrate true self determination,” Chairman Melendez said.

Besides outlining successes in many RSIC programs—Tribal Police, cultural resources, emergency services, public works, education, and recreation, the Chairman mentioned areas with great need.

“Housing is still a priority

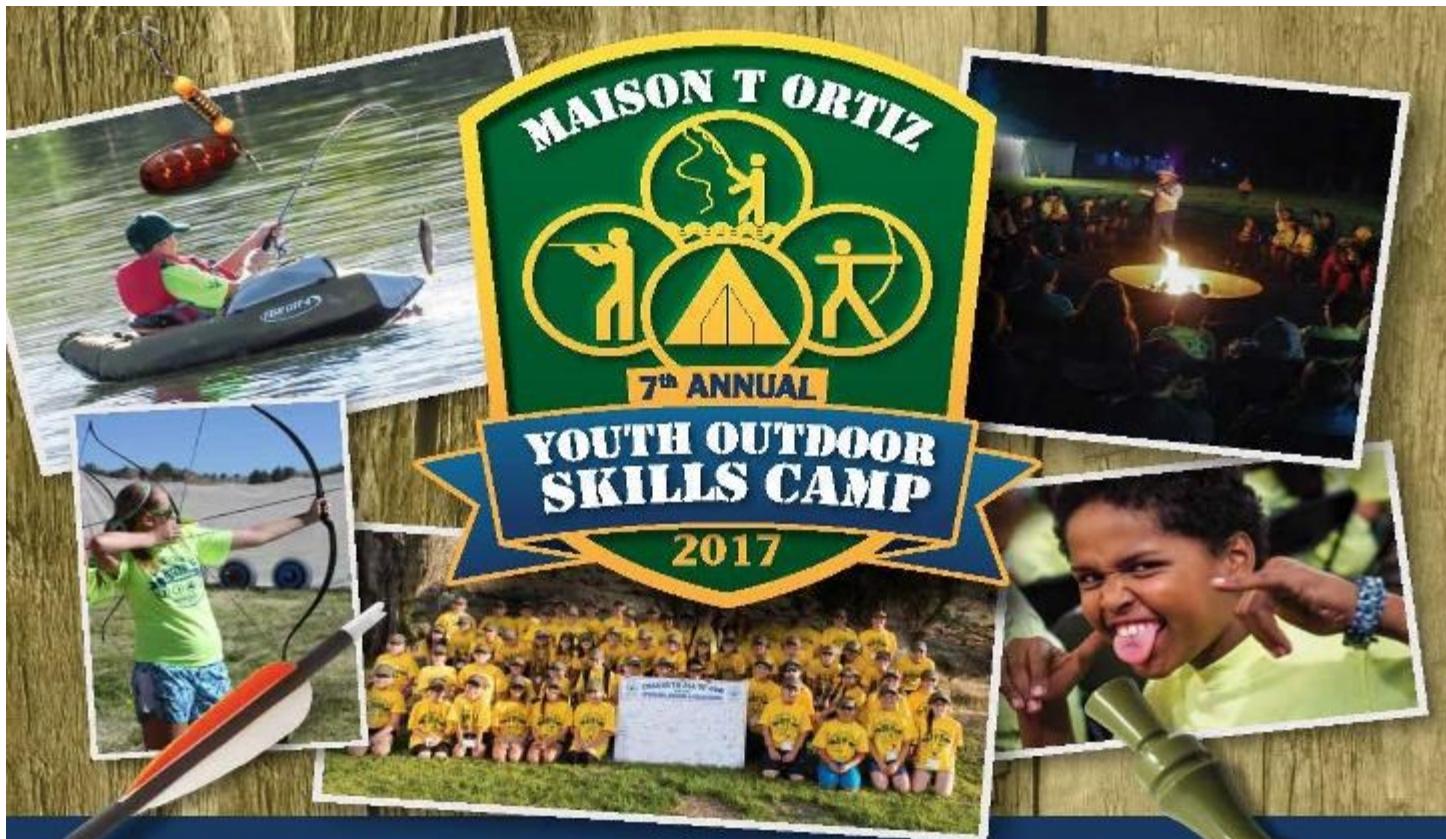
to alleviate the waiting list and make sure everyone has shelter,” Chairman Melendez said. “We need to do more for our seniors because as our elders get older, life should get easier not more difficult.”

Chairman Melendez also referred to the abuse of drugs and alcohol, plus domestic violence as major problems.

“We need to really work on these issues and we need involvement from the community,” Chairman Melendez said. “The opiate crisis and addictions are destroying our people.”

To close, Chairman Melendez echoed his opening remarks about the uncertain times of which all Native Americans and the American public are confronted.

“We have to keep progressing forward and do what has worked best for us, if we remain stagnate, we will fall back,” he said. “One thing is certain and that is that our people before us endured tribulation and trials even greater than what we may face today, but they came together in unity and we are still here because of them.”



SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS!

JULY 14-16, 2017

A WEEKEND OF FUN. A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES.

About the Camp

Founded in 2011, the **Maison T Ortiz Youth Outdoor Skills Camp** is a weekend-long event designed to give youths outdoor skills training and a fun overnight camping experience.

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Camp safety is our number one priority. We have a dedicated **Camp Health and Safety Director** as well as REMSA EMT's who are present during daytime events and in radio contact with emergency services.



\$49

INCLUDES:

- Sleeping Bag
- Backpack
- Headlight
- Fishing Rod
- T-shirt & Hat
- Survival kit
- All Meals
- Snacks & Drinks

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You can submit your completed application electronically from our website or print a hard copy and submit to any of the addresses indicated. The deadline for Camper Applications and Volunteer Interest forms is **Sunday, April 30th**. All fully completed forms must be in our regular mailbox or email inbox by midnight.

Financial assistance is available.

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Maison T Ortiz
Family Charitable Fund

Rotary
Club of Sparks

Zinke Sworn In as Department of Interior Secretary

Former Navy Seal to oversee Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education

*By the Office of the Secretary of the
U.S. Department of Interior*

WASHINGTON – Ryan Zinke (pronounced Zink-EE) was confirmed with a 68-31 United States Senate vote, and sworn in as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior on March 1.

“I am honored and humbled to serve Montana and America as Secretary of the Interior,” Zinke said. “I shall faithfully uphold Teddy Roosevelt’s belief that our treasured public lands are ‘for the benefit and enjoyment of the people’ and will work tirelessly to ensure our public lands are managed and preserved in a way that benefits all Americans for generations to come. This means responsible natural resource development, increased access for recreation and sportsmen, and conservation that makes the land more valuable for our children’s children. Importantly, our sovereign Indian Nations and territories must have the respect and freedom they deserve.”

In nominating Congressman Zinke, President Donald Trump said, “Ryan has built one of the strongest track records on championing regulatory relief, forest management, responsible energy development and public land issues in Congress.

***“Importantly,
our sovereign
Indian Nations...
must have the respect
and freedom
they deserve...”***

—Ryan Zinke,
Secretary of DOI

As a former Navy SEAL, he has incredible leadership skills and an attitude of doing whatever it takes to win. At the same time, my administration’s goal is

to repeal bad regulations and use our natural resources to create jobs and wealth for the American people, and Ryan will explore every possibility for how we can safely and responsibly do that.”

As a fifth-generation Montanan who grew up in a logging and rail town near Glacier National Park, Zinke has had a lifelong appreciation for conserving America’s natural beauty. He has consistently led the efforts to renew the Land and Water Conservation Fund in Congress, and has also been a firm advocate for our nation’s sportsmen and women to gain access to our public lands.

Zinke also co-authored the 2015 Resilient Federal Forest Act, which initiated new reforms for revitalizing America’s timber areas and preventing wildfires by emphasizing local collaboration on responsible timber harvest projects.

As Secretary of the Interior, Zinke leads an agency with more

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Reno Sparks Indian Colony Earth Day

SAVE THE DATES!



If you would like to participate, volunteer, or set up an environmentally themed booth, call Bbie-Cie Ledesma, Environmental Specialist II at 785-1363.

SPARTAN RACE LAKE TAHOE 2017 CALLING FOR TEAMMATES

TAHOE

Call or email by May 5 if you are interested in building a team for the race held in late September.

Michael Ondelacy 775.560.8440 or mondelacy@rsic.org



Mother's Day Raffle



**Drawing May 12, Friday
12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center**



**Tickets \$1.00 each
purchase from Senior Advisory Committee members**

Call Vicki Moore 775-425-8540

Will also be at the senior center every Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm

**Garden Basket, Beauty Basket, Exercise Bag,
Spring Cleaning Basket, Car Wash Basket**

Happy Mother's Day



Ask Paul

Client: "This is BS. First the court says I have to go to AA and meet with you, then you guys are taking away my anxiety meds! I just got a DUI."

Me: "What happened?"

Client: "I caught a DUI and the court said I had to pay fines and do all kinds of stuff like go to AA meetings and see you. Then I went to see the doctor who said that I've been taking my anxiety pills way too long and needed to stop."

Me: "Ok, so we have two different things going on. Let's start with the DUI and AA then we'll talk about your anxiety medications. What do you like about AA and what don't you like?"

Client: "I don't like anything about it. It's a bunch of old white guys telling their war stories."

Me: "Let's explore what AA is about, then maybe it will be more beneficial to you. Also, we have a group that's AA specifically for Native Americans on Thursdays from 9:00am to 10:00am at our Behavioral Health Department, called

The Red Road Group. This group can count as one of your AA meetings and keep you compliant with the courts requirements.



First, let's look at what AA is. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is a program which is based on a few guiding principles which help people with the goal of not drinking. The program actually says "The only price for admission is the desire to stop drinking." Another principle is to get a sponsor and work through the 12 Steps. Also, regular attendance with other people who are in recovery is beneficial for people who are building a sober environment. It's relatively simple, and they'll serve you coffee. The idea of the 12 Steps is to do a personal inventory. In the 12 Steps you'll notice that alcohol is only mentioned once in the first step. It says, "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable." So, the first half of the first step mentions the word "alcohol." The other 11 1/2 steps are devoted to personal life changes. Here's where the individual person's responsibility comes in to play. The person has to decide what past behaviors have served him/her, what past behaviors hurt him/her and how he/she want to behave and act going forward - kind of like a shop keeper taking inventory of his stock. If the shop keeper has some products in his back room that are not selling and are just keeping space or cluttering up his stock room, he gets rid of them. Here's the great part; he doesn't just leave the space vacant. He fills up the new space with all kinds of good stuff! That's what AA does through the 12

Steps. It guides people through their life inventory so they can decide which behaviors to discard, which behaviors they want to keep, and which new behaviors they want to add. How cool is that? Actually, I think everyone can use this tool to help create a plan for their life, you just happen to be one of the lucky ones who have to go to AA. If you start thinking like this, you will change your perception. If you change your perception, you change your world. Think more about how many blessings you have and how grateful you are for these blessings and your new road map for your life. As far as the old white guys telling their war stories, try to relate to where they were with their story. Watch them as they share their experience, strength, and hope, and see if you feel better after you hear about their personal stories of recovery. Also, if you get bored, offer your story or try to bring some insight to a person who may be new and struggling like you were. This is the warrior spirit. Actually, AA has been around since the 1940's, Native Americans have had support groups for hundreds of years. Yep, in a way your Elders started the healing process of support groups.

Native Americans recognized the positive power these meetings can have in a person's quest for sobriety and developed the Red Road to Wellbriety. In this book, the Native

American elders share insights and add a spiritual and cultural perspective. The elders called alcohol a "spirit" because it "changed our minds and made us foolish." Pg. j. The elders talk about overcoming this mind changer and say one way is not to drink it, and another way is to "find a power greater than ourselves and ask it for help." Pg. k. "Our Elders are very clear that if we have a problem with alcohol or drugs, we need to find this power and ask it to help us. This is our Elder's opinion." Spirituality with the Native American culture is amazingly beautiful and powerful. If you have a chance, stop by and we can talk about the Red Road to Wellbriety and if I have extra copies I'll give you one!

Now for the anxiety medications. Most worrisome in the anxiety medication world is a group of medications called benzodiazepines. Here are some of their names: diazepam, lorazepam, alprazolam, temazepam and clonazepam. They are used a lot to treat anxiety, sleep, and other disorders. These are supposed to be short term (2 to 4 week) solutions to short term problems. Research studies continue to show us the harm these medications can do when taken over a longer period of time. Because of this risk and threat to their patient's health, good doctors across the country are tapering their patients off of these medica-

tions. It's important to recognize in the beginning of taking these medications, the starting doses are usually good at easing symptoms of anxiety, agitation, and helping you sleep. However, these benzodiazepines do nothing to remove any underlying cause of anxiety, such as a life crisis. However, if your symptoms are eased, you may be able to cope better with any problems. So, the good doctor recognizes this and is looking out for your best health option when slowing down your intake and adding talk therapy. The doctor knows that if you take this medication longer than a couple weeks, the medicine may lose its effect (you may become tolerant to the effect) and you may also become dependent on it (addicted to it). Sometimes the symptoms you are left with after long-term use of these medicines are worse than the symptoms for which they were originally given. Yikes! Relaxation exercises, breathing, meditation, mindfulness, physical exercise, and many other options can be explored in behavioral talk therapy which is an effective way in helping the underlying issue that these pills mask. The good doctor wants you to live a happy, healthy, full life and not be chained to any substance, which is good medical practice. The big problem with benzodiazepines is they make your body and mind dependent on them really quickly (over 4 weeks). So, if you suddenly stop using you have the possibility of experiencing withdrawal symptoms like: Your mind may feel anxiety, panic attacks, feeling as if you are outside your body, feelings of unreali-

ty, or just feeling awful. Your body may feel sweating, being unable to sleep, headache, tremor, feeling sick, a "thumping heart" feeling (palpitations), muscle spasms and being oversensitive to light, sound and touch. Even possible convulsions. In some cases the withdrawal symptoms seem worse than the original anxiety symptoms. The time of these withdrawal symptoms varies but often last up to six weeks and sometimes longer because of how long this class of drugs stays in the person's system. Withdrawal symptoms may not start for two days after stopping the drug and tend to be worst in the first week or so. Some people have minor withdrawal symptoms for several months after using it. Therefore, you may end up taking the medicine to prevent withdrawal symptoms but, because of tolerance, the medicine is no longer helping the original anxiety or sleeping problem. But note: you are unlikely to become dependent on a benzodiazepine if you take it for a short period only. That my friend is how AA and your doctor are working to help you live a full life consistent with your core beliefs and values which are love and helping your community.

In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

Red Road visit, filming for public service, wearing green, new committee member



On Site Learning – One of several RSIC community members to be photographed by The Red Road, Vincent Stewart posed in the front room of his Colony residence. The Red Road Project is a fresh and candid collection of stories and photographs that explore the relationship between Native American people and their identity today.

Photo by Carlotta Cardana



You Outta Be In Pictures – Jeff Chavez reads with his son, Julian Chavez, while filming a video to be used by the Northern Nevada Literacy Council and the United Way to help parents with teaching techniques through reading. The RSIC Head Start is planning a film screening of all the PSAs. Stay tuned.

Photo provided by Lisa Watson



Going Green – Educators and students at the Hungry Valley Day Care Center had fun dressing up on St. Patrick's day in an array of green attire.

Photo provided by G.G. Wasson



Civic Duty – RSIC Tribal member Suzanne Thomas was recently sworn in to join the enrollment committee. Thomas also recently joined the RSTHC Executive Health Board.

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than 70,000 employees who serve as stewards for 20 percent of the nation's lands, including national parks, monuments and wildlife refuges, as well as other public lands.

The department oversees the responsible development of conventional and renewable energy supplies on public lands and waters; is the largest supplier and manager of water in the 17 Western states; and upholds trust responsibilities to the 567 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives.

Zinke represented Montana in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2014, building an im-

pressive portfolio on interior issues ranging from federal mineral leases to tribal affairs to public lands conservation.

Zinke is widely praised for his voting record that supports the Teddy Roosevelt philosophy of managing public lands, which calls for multiple-use to include economic, recreation and conservation aspects.

Zinke served in the Montana State Senate from 2009 to 2011, but the bulk of Zinke's public service was his 23 years as a U.S. Navy SEAL officer.

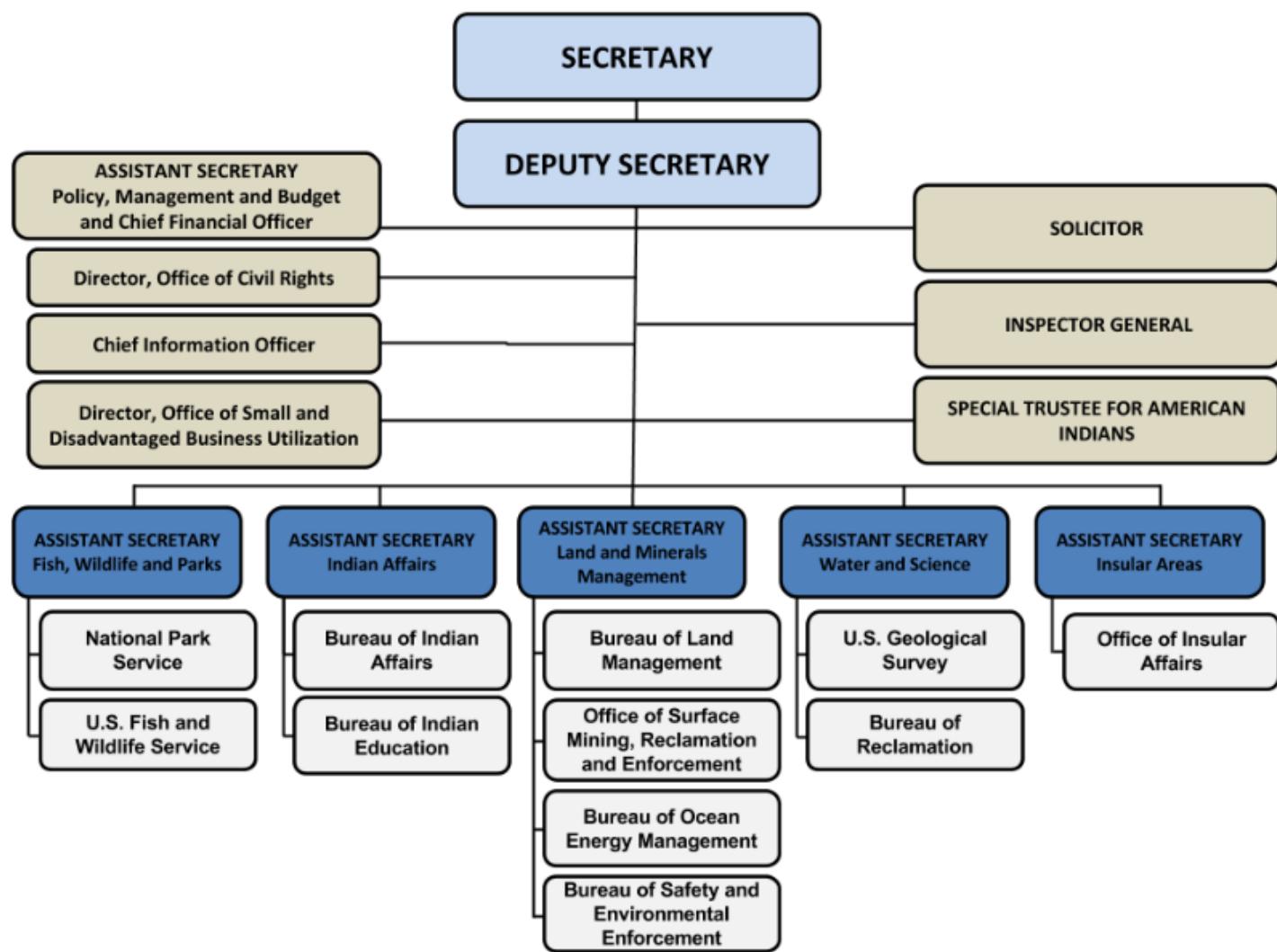
He retired with the rank of Commander after leading SEAL operations around the globe, including as the Deputy

and Acting Commander of Joint Special Forces in Iraq and two tours at SEAL Team Six.

Zinke holds a geology degree from the University of Oregon, where he was an All-PAC 10 football player; a Master's degree in business finance from National University; and a Master's degree in global leadership from the University of San Diego.

Ryan and his wife Lolita have three children and two granddaughters.

Zinke is proud to be an adopted member of the Assiniboine Sioux Tribe at the Fort Peck Reservation.





LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

Encouraging Cultural Pride and Awareness

APRIL - 2017

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 Paiute Language Classes will continue in April 2017. These interactive classes include grammar, storytelling, games, songs and immersion activities. Each class has a knowledgeable language instructor and anyone who is interested in learning one or more of the Great Basin Native Languages is welcome to attend.

Language Classes:

Tuesdays

Newe (Shoshone): ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

The program is currently seeking a Shoshone Language Instructor. This is a variable hour position, 6-hours weekly. For more information please contact the Language & Culture Program. Employment applications are available at the RSIC Human Resources Office.

Wednesdays

Washiw (Washoe): ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The program is currently seeking a Washoe Language Instructor. This is a variable hour position, 6-hours weekly. For more information please contact the Language & Culture Program. Employment applications are available at the RSIC Human Resources Office.

Seniors Numu (Paiute) Class:

Location: RSIC Senior Center, 34 Reservation Road, Reno

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Instructor:** Thalia Dick

Dates: 4/5, 4/12, 4/18, 4/26

Thursdays

Numu (Paiute):

Location: RSIC Library – 401 Golden LN.

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Instructor:** Stacey Burns

Dates: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27

Cultural Activity:

Date: April 17 & 24, 2017

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Hungry Valley Gym
(Lower Level)

Traditional Ribbon Skirt Making – Hungry Valley

For all levels of sewing. All materials will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Class size is limited. Please RSVP to the Language & Culture Program at 775-785-1321.

Everyone is invited! Anyone interested in learning about the Great Basin language or way of life is welcome to attend our language classes. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** For more information, contact the Language & Culture Program, Stacey Burns – sburns@rsic.org or 775-785-1321

Traditional Ribbon Skirt Making

Monday April 17th & Monday April 24th

Hungry Valley Gym (Lower Level)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



All materials will be provided. The class will be a 2-part series.

For all levels of sewing. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is limited!

For more information and to RSVP,

Contact the Language & Culture Program at 775-785-1321

Symptoms, Diagnosis of Macular Degeneration

Age-related vision illness linked to nutrition, nutrients

Submitted by the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center Optometry Davison

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of severe vision loss in adults over age 50.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that 1.8 million people have AMD and another 7.3 million are at substantial risk for vision loss from AMD.

Caucasians are at higher risk for developing AMD than other races. Women also develop AMD at an earlier age than men.

This eye disease occurs when there are changes to the macula, a small portion of the retina that is located on the inside back layer of the eye.

AMD is a loss of central vision that can occur in two forms: "dry" (atrophic) and "wet" (exudative).

Most people with macular degeneration have the dry form, for which there is no known treatment.

The less common wet form may respond to laser procedures and medication injections, if diagnosed and treated early.

In its early stages, the following signs of macular degeneration can go unnoticed.

- Gradual loss of ability to see objects clearly
- Shape of objects appears distorted
- Straight lines look wavy or crooked

-Loss of clear color vision
-A dark or empty area in the center of vision

If you experience any of the above signs or symptoms, contact your doctor of optometry immediately for a comprehensive eye examination.

Your optometrist will perform a variety of tests to determine if you have macular degeneration or any other eye health problems.

Central vision that is lost to macular degeneration cannot be restored. However, low-vision devices, such as telescopic and microscopic lenses, can maximize existing vision.

With "dry" macular degeneration, the tissue of the macula gradually becomes thin and stops working properly. There is no cure for dry AMD, and any loss in central vision cannot be restored.

However, researchers and doctors believe there is a link between nutrition and the progression of dry AMD. Making dietary changes and taking nutritional supplements can slow vision loss.

Less common, "wet" macular degeneration occurs when fluids leak from newly formed blood vessels under the macula. This leakage blurs central vision. Vision loss can be rapid and severe.

If detected early, wet AMD can be treated with laser treatment, which is often called



Don't Smoke — According to Charles C. Wykoff, MD, PhD, smoking cigarettes is strongly associated with the development of AMD.

File photo

photocoagulation.

A highly focused beam of light seals the leaking blood vessels that are damaging the macula. Or in photodynamic therapy (PDT), a medication is injected into the bloodstream, which is then activated by shining a laser into the eye.

Medication can also be injected into the back of the eye to slow the growth of leaky blood vessels.

None of these are permanent cures, but they can help minimize vision loss.

Researchers have linked eye-friendly nutrients such as lutein and zeaxanthin, vitamin C, vitamin E and zinc to reducing the risk of certain eye diseases, including macular degeneration.

For more information on the importance of good nutrition and eye health, please call the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center for an appointment.

Editor's Note:

Excerpts from this article were taken from the online education article from the American Optometric Association



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

Moccasin Making Class - February 27 & March 1, 2017

Thank you to the RSIC Diabetes Program for purchasing the hides for this class. Twenty-five community members participated in this 2-part class. Pesa Mu to our instructors Mary Burnette and Christine McKamey.



Legal Notices, Public Announcements

Community invited to discuss Constitution Revision Work Group proposals

NOTICE OF RSIC MEMBER COMMUNITY MEETINGS RE: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A year ago, the Tribal Council approved the formation of a Constitution Revision Work Group to consider possible amendments to the RSIC Constitution. The Work Group has held 10 meetings since that time to solicit input from the membership. While those discussions raised many issues that could be addressed by an amendment, the Work Group process narrowed the list of proposed amendments to a manageable one-half dozen areas.

The RSIC Tribal Council will hold four community meetings to discuss and seek input on the proposed amendments to the RSIC Constitution. **Each meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on April 4 in Hungry Valley, on April 11 at 34 Reservation Road, and April 18 in Hungry Valley.**

The currently proposed amendments follow this notice. The information contains the current Constitution provision, if any, and the proposed amendment, and the explanation.

Comments at the meetings will be recorded. Each member may take up to three minutes to comment on the proposed amendments. If a member is unable to attend the meetings, he/she may submit written comments to the Chairman's office and those comments will be read into the record at the next available meeting. Written comments must be legibly signed by that member.

After discussion on proposed amendments by the membership, the language of the attached proposed amendments may be revised, or new amendments may be added, or amendments may be dropped, by decision of the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council most likely will finalize the proposed amendments, and adopt a Resolution for the BIA to conduct a Secretarial Election, at its April 26th Economic Development meeting in Hungry Valley or at a special meeting to be called for that purpose.

It is contemplated that the Secretarial Election will be held in late July (within 90 days after the BIA receives the tribe's request for the election).

Since this is a "Secretarial election" (a federally administered election conducted according to federal regulations) as required by the RSIC Constitution, Colony members must register to vote with the BIA for this election. **Registration with the BIA for a previous election is not valid for this election. If a member does not register with the BIA for this election, he/she will not receive the voting packet.** The BIA will be responsible for mailing you a registration form and mail ballot, etc., after the Colony requests the Secretarial Election. The RSIC Constitution, and federal law, require a majority vote by at least 30% of its qualified voters to adopt any amendments to the Constitution, so it is important to register.

Voting will be by mail ballots sent to you by the BIA, so it is important to make sure the Enrollment Office has your current address which will be provided to the BIA.

RSIC Constitutional Draft Amendments

Proposed revisions open for public comment; April meeting target date for resolution

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Article I – TERRITORY

Section 2: The present Colony site consists of those 28.38 acres in Washoe County acquired in the Lewis and Christensen purchases and lying in section 7, T19N, R20E, M.D.M., Nevada, and recorded in Book 50 of Deeds, Pg. 34, and Book 70 of Deeds, Pg. 116, Washoe County, Nevada.

Section 2: The Colony lands consists of trust lands in Washoe County, Nevada, including but not limited to the original 28.38 acre Colony site lying in Section 7, T19N, R20E, M.D.M., the 1,999 acre Hungry Valley property acquired in 1987, the 13,434 acre Hungry Valley addition acquired in 2016, and certain other trust and nontrust properties situated in Washoe County, Nevada.

Updates description of Colony lands which may assist the Colony in future relationships and discussions with governmental agencies and private parties.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: The membership of the Colony shall consist of all persons of Indian blood who have, as of the date of approval

of this constitution and bylaws, resided on Colony land as a permittee or an assignee for at least one (1) year immediately prior thereto, their Indian spouses, and their children. After the effective date of this revised constitution and bylaws, any person not in the above category shall become a member if he shall:

- (a) Possess at least one-fourth Indian blood of the Washoe, Paiute or Shoshone Tribe and has resided on Colony land as a permittee or an assignee for a period of one (1) year.
- (b) Children of a person who qualifies for membership under Section (a) and who have at least one-fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood of the Washoe, Paiute, or Shoshone Indian tribe.

Add to Section 1:

- (c) Possess at least one-fourth Indian blood of the Washoe, Paiute or Shoshone Tribe, or any combination thereof, and who is either:
 - (i) a lineal descendent of a Colony member whose enrollment application was

approved by the Tribal Council after October 13, 1999 and pursuant to Tribal Enrollment Ordinance No. 28B (or as later revised or replaced); or

- (ii) a lineal descendent of a person whose name appears on the April 1, 1934 BIA Census of the Colony.
- (d) The base roll of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony shall consist of all duly enrolled members on the 1934 and 1940 BIA rolls and 1969 demographic survey, and those on the original Assignment list.

Changes enrollment by (1) allowing combination of Washoe, Paiute and/or Shoshone blood to satisfy $\frac{1}{4}$ degree blood requirement; (2) eliminates one year residency requirement for new members, and (3) adds requirement of lineal descendants so that new members possess direct family ties to the Colony, and (4) establishes base roll for Colony membership.

Note: Subsection (c) may be made into two or three separate amendments

AMENDMENT NO. 3

ARTICLE III – GOVERNING BODY

Section 1: The governing body shall be the Reno-Sparks Tribal Council, hereinafter referred to as the “Council.” The Council shall consist of a Chairman and eight members elected by the eligible voters of the Colony.

Add sentence to end of Section 1: Council members may not be a full or part time employee of the Colony’s tribal government or any of its subordinate entities while serving on the Council.

Eliminates possibility of undue influence on other employees while serving on Council. At the same time, this Amendment may reduce the field of candidates willing to serve on the Council as most individuals need employment income to meet everyday needs.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

SEPARATION OF POWERS

No provision in current Constitution

(insert as Article VIII and renumber present Article VIII to Article IX?)

The powers of the government of the Colony shall be divided into two (2) distinct divisions: Tribal Council and Judicial.

Section. 1: All legislative and executive powers herein granted shall be vested in the Tribal

Council, with delegation of executive powers to the Chairman of the Tribal Council.

Section. 2: The judicial power of the Colony shall be vested in the Tribal Court and a Court of Appeals, and in such inferior Courts as the Colony may from time to time establish.

Section 3. No person or collection of persons, performing the duties of one of those divisions, shall exercise any power properly attached to the other division.

Provides a distinct separation of powers for the Colony. The Tribal Council may not exercise any powers of the Judiciary as delegated by the Constitution or other Colony laws.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

By-Laws. No provision in By-Laws requiring the Tribal Council to abide by a Code of Ethics.

Add new Section 12: All Tribal Council members shall abide by a Code of Ethics, including conflict of interest provisions, adopted by the Tribal Council.

The Code of Ethics, including conflict of interest provisions, to be adopted by the Tribal Council should provide standards of conduct and disciplinary action for noncompliance.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

By-Laws. No provision in By-Laws requiring “transparency” in tribal government operations.

By-Laws. No provision in By-Laws requiring Chairman to give annual report.

Add new Section 13: All meetings of the Tribal Council, Committees, Commissions and Boards, and approved Department/Colony budgets, shall be open to the Colony’s enrolled membership, and all minutes of meetings and all reports of those bodies and the tribal government’s Program Departments shall generally be made available for inspection by the Colony’s enrolled membership, except that

- (a) executive sessions of the Council shall be closed except to legal counsel and other invited participants,
- (b) records and deliberations of the Enrollment Committee shall be kept confidential, and
- (c) any other reports that contain privileged, confidential or private information, or other information of a sensitive nature, shall generally be closed to such review.

Add new Section 14: The Chairman shall issue an annual report to members on the activities, accomplishments and issues of the Colony in the last year.

Requires that Colony members be allowed access to Council, Committee, Board and Department budgets, reports and minutes, and provides certain exclusions.

Provides Colony members with a review of the past year’s activities, accomplishments and issues.

Legal Notices, Public Announcements

Pow Wow Committee recruitment , eligible voter list, youth leadership opportunity

Recruitment for Pow Wow Committee Members

Numaga Indian Pow Wow and Indian Days committee is currently seeking Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal members to serve on the 31st Annual Numaga Indian Days Pow Wow Committee.

There are **THREE** vacancies.

Committee members will be appointed by the RSIC Tribal Council and shall serve a term of (4) years.

If you are interested in becoming a Numaga Indian Pow Wow and Indian Days committee member, please submit your completed application to:

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Pow Wow Committee**
ATTN: Tribal Administrator
34 Reservation Road
Reno NV 89502

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Eligible Voters

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony will be conducting a Secretarial Election in the near future.

A Secretarial Election is conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The BIA will use the membership list and member addresses to contact you regarding the requirements to vote in this election, including a mandatory voter registration form that must be returned to the BIA.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony will be sending the BIA that list and addresses.

If we do not have your current mailing address, we request that you update your mailing address to make sure that you receive this information.

If you have had a change of name, it must be documented by court order , or a copy of a Marriage License or Divorce Decree.

PLEASE SUBMIT TO SHEILA KATENAY, ENROLLMENT OFFICER (775-785-9165) @ THE RSIC ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

WHO: Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander 10-12th Grade High Students (in small community groups of approximately 3-5).

Accepted students will travel with one adult chaperone from their community to and from the event.

WHAT: Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

WHEN: July 9-15, 2017
Application deadline is Friday, April 7

WHERE: National Conservation Training Center (NCTC), Shepherdstown, West Virginia

COST: None (*All student travel to the Congress, lodging, and food costs at NCTC will be paid for by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other federal agency partners*).

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via e-mail at nctc_deo_programs@fws.gov or by phone at 304-876-7772 or 304-876-7388.

www.rsic.org

Legal Notices, Public Announcements

Name change, Housing Advisory Board & Executive Health Board recruitment

**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, Sara C.. Shaw, who is a member of the Reno- Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No.CV- NC-2017-0011, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name Teegan Faith Paddy-Shaw, to the name of Teegan Faith Shaw, 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 1st day of March, 2017
Henrietta A. Tobey
Clerk of Court
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Recruiting Representative
HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**

HAB is actively seeking interested community member to sit on the Housing Advisory Board.

If you are interested in being a member of the Housing Advisory Board, please submit a letter of interest to:

Tom Dressler
RSIC Housing Director
c/o 34 Reservation Road
Reno, NV 89502

**Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center
Recruiting Representative
Executive Health Board**

The Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center is recruiting for one (1) RSIC Tribal representative to fill a vacancy on the Executive Health Board.

The Executive Health Board voting membership consists of five (5) Reno-Sparks Indian Colony residents who are enrolled members, and two (2) representative from the Urban Indian population, for a total of seven (7) voting members. RSIC representatives must live on the Colony or in Hungry Valley.

The Executive Health Board members meet at least once a month, usually on the third Monday, and are provided a monthly meeting stipend for participation.

The members are appointed by the Tribal Council and shall serve a term for a four-year period.

If you are interested in being a member of the Executive Health Board, please submit a letter of interest to:

The Executive Health Board
Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center
1715 Kuenzli Street
Reno, NV 89502

All interested participants will be invited to fill out an application which can be obtained from the front desk at 34 Reservation Rd. For more information please phone, 329-5162, ext., 1901.

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Building Confident Readers



Reading is FUNDamental! In this session, we will explore routines and strategies that can be used at home to motivate and support your child in becoming a confident reader. We'll share fun and engaging ways to strengthen vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency skills while reading and understanding simple to more complex text. *This class is for Kinder – 6th grade fami-*

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Depart: RSIC Library at 8:30 a.m.
401 Golden Lane
Reno, NV 89502

Time: 8:45 a.m.

Location: Echo Loder

Elementary School - Cafeteria
600 Apple St
Reno, NV 89502

Return: to RSIC Library at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Adriana to sign-up-
(775) 785-1321 / agutierrez@rsic.org

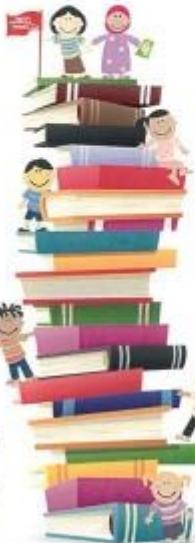
FREE BOOKS!

The RSIC Housing Department has hundreds of free books!

Come by the office and pick out a book or two, or three!

Free to everyone!

Kids and Adult Selections



RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

4T1 program

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

WORK EXPERIENCE

YOUTH SERVICES

CHILD CARE

ELIGIBILITY
QUESTIONS?

477 CASE MANAGER
SAM RAMBEAU
775-329-6114
SRAMBEAU@RSIC.ORG

EACH SPECIFIC PROGRAM MAY ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REMINDER:

The RSIC Housing Department's **SENIOR FUND** is intended for

Emergency Health & Safety Issues ONLY.

It is not intended to assist with current monthly bills on a recurring basis. If you are having problems paying your monthly power bill, please consider applying for the State of Nevada Energy Assistance Program @ www.dwss.nv.gov

Any questions please call the Housing Office at 775-785-1300.

Susanville Indian Rancheria 8th Annual Memorial POW WOW

MC
Hank Johnson
Hungry Valley, NV

ARENA DIRECTOR
Toby Stump
Hungry Valley, NV

GOLDEN AGE
ADULT MEN/ WOMEN
TEEN BOY/GIRL
JR. BOY/GIRL
TINY TOTS

GRAND ENTRY
7:00 PM Friday 5/19
12:00 PM Saturday 5/20
Plus
7:00 PM Saturday 5/20
12:00 PM Sunday 5/21

FREE DRY CAMPING

RV SITES @ \$30/Weekend

DRUM CONTEST
\$3,000 / \$2,000 / \$1,000
Rules and Regulations for drum contest will be available at registration.

May 19-21, 2017

Lassen County Fairgrounds
195 Russell Ave
Susanville CA 96130

CURRENTLY
ACCEPTING
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FOOD, ARTS AND CRAFT
VENDORS



900 SKYLINE DR.
SUSANVILLE CA, 96130
1-877-319-8514
Use Code: "MAYBELLE"
2017**
OR
Red Lion Inn and Suites
3015 RIVERSIDE DR.
SUSANVILLE CA, 96130



IN HONOR OF ALL OUR ELDERS AND VETERANS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
NO FEE ADMISSION, NO
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE LOG ON TO
WWW.SIR-POWWOW.COM
Or contact Amelia Lura @ (530) 249-7192

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SHORT FUNDED TRAVELERS
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS
THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Union-AP-1709221



Reno-Spark Indian Colony
Head Start
Enrollment for 2017-2018
School Year
Begins April 1

Make your dental and physical appointments now, as appointments fill up fast. Let the health center scheduler know the appointment is for Head Start.

RSIC Head Start offers comprehensive early childhood education services for low income families with children between the ages of 3 to 5 years from income-eligible families, including children with special needs. Families must reside on or near the RSIC.

- Children must be 3 years of age by September 30th.
- One classroom at Hungry Valley. Two classrooms at Colony.
- Nutritious breakfasts and lunches provided.
- Transportation provided at Hungry Valley site only.
- Year Round Full Day may be available to those that qualify.
- For application and/or information, call 775-789-5615.

Deadline for completed applications for the first selection to be received: by Friday, July 28, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Cardio KICKBOXING Adults
Prepare to sweat!

Wednesdays in 3NW
12:15-12:45

- increased fitness
- increased strength
- increased flexibility
- sharpened awareness
- better focus
- reduced stress & tension
- improved self confidence
- learn practical self defence

Contact Walita for any questions
775-334-0938

THE 3 NATIONS WELLNESS CENTER AND DIABETES PROGRAM PRESENT:

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN BURN UP TO 1,000 CALORIES DURING ONE HOUR OF ZUMBA?

Come join us!

Mondays & Wednesdays

Who: Open to RSIC employees and RSTHC patients
What: ZUMBA! Wear tennis shoes and bring a bottle of water
When: Every Monday night, from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Where: 3 Nations Wellness Center Gym

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED. JUST SHOW UP, READY TO EXERCISE!
 Please contact Kristie Messerk, Registered Dietitian for questions: 775-329-5162 ext. 1943
 ...call 329-5162 for details

WATER FITNESS!!

FREE TO ALL CHILDREN, DIABETIC, NON-DIABETIC & SENIOR RSTHC PATIENTS

@ Alf Sorenson Community Center
1400 Baring Blvd. Sparks
Tribal Card required @ Class Check-in

Senior Water Fitness Saturdays
(55years and older)
(Transportation not available)
SATURDAYS 12-1PM

Senior Aquacize
(slower paced for 55years and older)
(Transportation not available)
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 10-11AM

SWIM LESSONS!
Available for all ages
Build basic water safety or develop your skill.
(Enrollment Required @ Alf call 353-2385. Paid for by the RSTHC Diabetes Program)
Go to www.sparksrec.com for schedule and reg dates

Toddler Time!
(age 6years or younger)
Parents must be in the pool with the child
MONDAY THRU THURSDAYS 11:30-4:30 CLASS TIMES

Sponsored by the RSTHC Diabetes Program

Lap Swimming (all ages)
MON-THURS 6-9AM, 9-11AM, 11-1:30, 1:30-3PM
SATURDAYS 12-5:45PM

QUESTIONS? Contact Wali at 329-5162 x1947 or Stacy x1945

ACUPUNCTURE

returns

to RSTHC

with

Dr. Bruce Eichelberger

Schedule with
RSTHC Medical Scheduling

ACUPUNCTURE INCREASES:

- Energy
- Circulation
- Range of Motion
- Relaxation
- Well-being
- Immune Function

ACUPUNCTURE DECREASES:

- Pain
- Fatigue
- Inflammation
- Stress
- Anxiety

Sponsored by the
RSTHC Diabetes Program

Questions? Contact Stacy Briscoe RD/CDE at x1945

Announcing

Home ElderFit Fridays

with Echo & Tiffany



Echo (RSTHC Community Health Rep) & Tiffany (3NWC Trainer) will come to your home to provide in-home, chair-based exercise for Elders

Sessions are 20-30 minutes

Prevent Falls!

Contact Echo Conway @ RSTHC

329-5162 x1928
to schedule your session!

Workouts focus on
Range of Motion
Flexibility
Balance

Sponsored by the
RSTHC Diabetes and
Community Health
Programs

Budget Town Hall Meeting

Wooster High School Theater April 6 - 6 p.m.

We are WCSD



You are invited to attend a public Budget Town Hall meeting to learn more about the Washoe County School District's Budget for the upcoming school year.

1331 East Plumb Lane—Reno, NV 89502

New Year, New Yoga with Kim

Tuesdays
5:30-6:30pm
(RSTHC 1st Floor
Conference Room)

&

Thursdays
12:10-12:50pm
(RSTHC 1st Floor
Conf. Room or
3NWC back room)

All levels welcome
Sign up not required
All equipment provided

Sponsored by the
RSTHC Diabetes Program



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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3) Beef Stroganoff Over Egg Noodles Green Beans and Corn Mix+ Pears* Milk 	4) Chicken Salad Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Lettuce and Tomato+ Fruited Jell-O* Baked Lays Milk	5) Soft Taco with Whole Wheat Tortilla Ground Turkey Cheese Lettuce and Tomato+ Spanish Rice Watermelon* Milk	6) Turkey Stuffing Brussels Sprouts* Apricots+ Milk	7) Lemon Salmon Rice Pilaf Steamed Carrots and Broccoli+* Pears* Milk 
10) Whole Wheat Spaghetti with Ground Turkey Sauce Mixed Veggies+* Peaches* Milk	11) Chicken a La King Brown Rice Peas and Carrots+ Mandarin Oranges* Milk	12) Chef's Salad+* Mini Heirloom Tomatoes+ Cantaloupe* Milk	13) Birthday Bingo Ham Yams+ Green Beans Fruit Cocktail* Roll Milk 	14) Early Brunch Honey Nut Cheerios Boiled Egg Tomato and Cucumber Salad+* Banana Milk
17) Beef and Broccoli with Carrots+* Brown Rice Fortune Cookie Pineapple* Milk 	18) Commods Tuna Sandwich Whole wheat Lettuce and Tomato+ Orange* Sun Chips Milk	19) BBQ Pork Sandwich Roasted Sweet Potatoes+ Mixed Berries* Milk	20) Turkey Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies+* Tropical Fruit* Milk	21) Lean Hamburger Pizza Spring Mix Salad+* Tomatoes+ Watermelon* Milk 
24) Pork Chop Egg Noodles Normandy Blend Vegetables+* Apricots+ Milk	25) Chili Beans with Corn Bread Green Salad+* Mixed Berries* Milk	26) Beef Fajita Bell peppers and Onions Chuck wagon Corn+ Mandarin Oranges* Milk	27) BBQ Chicken Wild Rice Steamed Carrots and Broccoli+* Pears* Milk	28) Brunch French Toast Turkey Bacon Fresh Fruit Salad* V-8 Juice + Milk

**Serving Times: Mon - Thurs 10:30 am - 12:45 pm
Brunch 10:00 am - 12:45 pm**

**Remember to call before 10 am
to cancel your delivery**



***Vitamin C - Daily
+ Vitamin A - 3 X Week
1% Milk - Served Daily**



**Just a reminder to tie
up your doggies, please**



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



Sunday April 16

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check 12:30 pm Tone & Fit Class 1 pm Senior Advisory Committee Mtg. 	4 12 pm Tribal Police Presentation 1 pm Errand Day Shopping, Pay Bills, Pharmacy	5 12 pm Injury Prevention Presentation 12:45 pm Language Class	6 12 pm Oral History Presentation 5:30 pm Hungry Valley Night Bingo & Potluck <i>Bring a food dish and 2 prizes</i>	7 10 am Respite Caregiver Support Group Meeting
10 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check 12:30 pm Tone & Fit Class 	11 12 pm Community Service Assistance Presentation 12:30 pm Galaxy Theater Movie	12 10 am Chair Volleyball 12:45 pm Language 1 pm Egg Coloring	13 10:30 am Egg Hunt & Hat Con 12:30 pm Birthday Easter Bingo	14 9:30-11:30 am Brunch 12 pm Early Closure
17 AM - Food Pantry 12:30 pm Tone & Fit Class 1 pm Errand Day, Shopping, Pay Bills, Pharmacy 	18 AM-Commodities 5:30 pm Reno Night Bingo & Potluck <i>Bring a food dish and 2 prizes</i>	19 12 pm Nutrition Class 12:45 pm Language Class	20 1 pm Spring Wreaths	21 10 am Spring Wreaths
24 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check 12:30 pm Tone & Fit Class 1 pm Spring Crafts 	25 12:30 pm Century Theater Movie	26 12:45 pm Language Class	27 1 pm Spring Crafts	28 10 am Spring Crafts

Donations Needed for SAC Mother's Day Raffle Fundraiser - May 12 at noon



Gardening gloves, hand rake, hand hoe, starter seeds
Exercise Bag, Yoga mat, exercise bands, small towel, hand weights
Cleaning carrier basket, windex, duster, pine sol, freshener
Car Wash bucket, large sponge, car wash cleaner, windex, air freshner



Contact Vicki Moore for info, to sell or buy tickets: 775-425-8540
She will be at the center every Wednesday from 11 am - 1 pm



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL



War bonnets adorn uniform jackets at a Ton-Kon-Gah (Kiowa Black Leggings Society) ceremonial near Anadarko, Oklahoma, 2006. NMAI

Native Americans have a long, honorable tradition of service and sacrifice in the US military.

140,000 Living Native American veterans

44,000 Native American servicemen and women in World War II

31,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives active in the US armed forces today

Visit www.AmericanIndian.si.edu for additional information and to learn more about gatherings in your area.



The Honorable Arlan D. Melendez
Chairman
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony


Smithsonian
Institution
Kevin Gover
Director
National Museum of the American Indian

cordially invite Native veterans and community members to a discussion about the National Native American Veterans Memorial

Monday, May 1, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
lunch to follow

Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center (RSTHC)
1715 Kuenzli Street
Reno, NV 89502

The National Museum of the American Indian has been authorized by Congress to create a memorial honoring the service of Native Americans in the armed forces of the United States.

Led by the Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Northern Cheyenne) and the Honorable Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, the memorial advisory committee

RSVP to NMAI-RSVP@si.edu

AmericanIndian.si.edu

Congress authorized the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) to create a memorial on the grounds of the museum in Washington, DC, so that all Americans may learn of this proud and courageous tradition.

2016-17 NMAI conducts consultations nationwide to gather input

2020 Anticipated dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC

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Besides the moving testimony of all the Nevada tribal leaders, Marissa Weaselboy, a Western Shoshone Native American and a recent graduate of the University of Nevada who studies anthropology read a letter into the record penned by college professors and scientific experts who support the spirit of the legislation.

"This bill is in keeping with changes in historic preservation, not only in the Western United States, but also with national and international shifts in heritage management," Weaselboy read. "This bill is very much in keeping with those trends....it would bring Nevada in alignment with international trends..."

The three professionals---two

doctors of anthropology and one archaeologist, said that it is crucial that Native American Tribes are given a seat at the table with state agencies that manage their heritage.

The letter concluded by stating that although scientific inquiry is important, science should not trump indigenous peoples' rights over their heritage.

Along with Senator Ratti, Weaselboy, and the leaders of the four Nevada Tribes, four additional people spoke in support of the measure including: Marla McDade Williams an associate with Strategies 360 and a member of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Mike Drews, an archeologist and director of Great Basin

Consulting Group, and Donna Cossette, chair of the FPST Cultural Committee.

With an April 14 deadline to get an amended bill out of the committee, all the stakeholders, especially the tribes, will be recrafting the language of the bill with the goal of getting approval from the members of the Senate Committee on Government Affairs.

After that, most likely, the bill will be referred to the Senate Finance Committee, or it will go directly to the Senate Floor for formal adoption by the full Senate. Finally, the bill will go to an Assembly committee hearing and then to a vote by the full Assembly before being sent to the Governor for his signature.



Sharing The Wealth — Natalie Chacon hands members of the Washoe County School Board a big check in conjunction with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's revenue sharing agreement associated with Senate Bill 299. Pictured are: WCSD Trustee Malena Raymond, Chairman Arlan D. Melendez, WCSD Trustee Veronica Frenkel, WCSD Trustee, Katy Holland, Council Member Robin Eagle, WCSD Trustee Dr. Angela Taylor, Council Member Doug Gardipe, student Natalia Chacon and Council Member Ruth Sampson Guerrero. The three head start students from left to right are: Keyi TwoHearts, Syra Plummer and London Mauwee.

Photo by Trisha Calabaza