



# THE CAMP NEWS

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## RSIC's Robert Dressler Honored by Reno City Council

*Winning timeless, simple design withstands five decades of progress, transformation*

The date was April, 1959. The Biggest Little City had 85,000 residents. The Squaw Valley Olympics were headed our way and city pride was on the rise. All this led to then-Mayor Len Harris announcing a contest to design a City flag.

There was \$100 prize money at stake.

A citizen committee selected the top design from 73 entries and the winner was a surprising choice: Robert Dressler, an 11-year-old, 5th grade student at the Orvis Ring School.

Dressler was one of 77 students bussed to school from the nearby Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

Fifty-nine years ago, the flag design judges said that Dressler's creation was timeless, simple and told a complete story.

"Robert's flag has served the City proudly and well," said Sharon Honig-Bear, Chair of the Reno Arts and Culture Commission (RACC) to a crowded Reno City Hall chambers. "We are here today to celebrate the more than five decades run of Robert's flag."

"As a kid, I remember being

excited to go downtown to parades and other events, to see my flag," Dressler told Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve and the entire city council.

"I'm as proud of that flag as I am that I served in the United States Marine Corps."

Today, however, Reno is a different town-- bigger, more complex, evolving, and very creative.

Now, in May 2018, the Biggest Little City has 237,000 residents.

Burning Man, a temporary city erected in the Black Rock Desert, has brought year-round economic development focusing on art to Reno.

Art means business.

City pride has never been higher, but before the town which continues to reinvent itself formally retired Dressler's flag, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal member was honored by the Reno's Arts and Culture Commission

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**Enduring** — Robert Dressler's flag design he created as a fifth grader at Orvis Ring in 1959 has proudly flown during parades, at city parks and other special events. In early June, the Reno City Council honored Dressler before retiring his flag. Pictured above are Reno City Council members (back row from the left): Jenny Brekhus, David Bobzien, Oscar Delgado, Hillary Schieve, Neoma Jardon, Paul McKenzie, and Naomi Duerr. Front row: Sharon Honig-Bear of the RACC, Robert Dressler, and Megan Berner also from the RACC.

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### SEND US YOUR NEWS

The deadline for all print submissions to be considered for publication in *The Camp News* is 5 p.m., the second Thursday of every month.

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

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## Important JULY dates

### 2 MONDAY

Education Advisory Committee Meeting, Education Conference Room, Noon  
Senior Advisory Committee Meeting, Senior Center, 1 p.m.  
RSIC Pow Wow Club, RSTHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 6 p.m.  
Final Constitution Revision Work Group, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 6 p.m.

### 4 WEDNESDAY

Independence Day, RSIC Administration Offices Closed

### 9 MONDAY

RSIC Pow Wow Club, RSTHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 6 p.m.

### 6 FRIDAY

Native Art Classes, RSTHC Behavioral Health, 9 a.m.  
RSIC Tribal Court & Tribal Police Community BBQ, Anderson Park, 5 p.m.

### 10 TUESDAY

Enrollment Advisory Committee Meeting, Enrollment Office, Noon  
RSIC Color Guard Meeting, 34 Reservation Rd., 6 p.m.

### 11 WEDNESDAY

Seniors Numa (Paiute) Class, Senior Center, 12:45 p.m.  
Numa (Paiute) Language Class, 34 Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m.  
Tribal Council Meeting, 34 Reservation Road, 6 p.m.  
NDOT Spaghetti Bowl Presentation, 34 Reservation Road, 6 p.m.

### 13 FRIDAY

Native Art Classes, RSTHC Behavioral Health, 9 a.m.

### 14 SATURDAY

RSIC Artown: Reawakening The Great Basin, Nevada Museum of Art, 10 a.m.

### 16 MONDAY

Executive Health Board Meeting, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.  
RSIC Pow Wow Club, RSTHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 6 p.m.

### 17 TUESDAY

Commodity Distribution, Senior Center, 8 a.m.

### 18 WEDNESDAY

Seniors Numa (Paiute) Class, Senior Center, 12:45 p.m.  
Numa (Paiute) Language Class, 34 Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m.  
Law & Order Committee Meeting, Tribal Court, 6 p.m.

### 20 FRIDAY

Native Art Classes, RSTHC Behavioral Health, 9 a.m.

### 23 MONDAY

Housing Advisory Board, Hungry Valley Recreation Center, 6 p.m.  
RSIC Pow Wow Club, RSTHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 6 p.m.

### 25 WEDNESDAY

Seniors Numa (Paiute) Class, Senior Center, 12:45 p.m.  
Economic Development Meeting, 34 Reservation Road, 6 p.m.

### 27 FRIDAY

Employee Appreciation Day, RSIC Closed

### 28 SATURDAY

Trip to Washeshu It-Deh Festival, Meet at RSIC L&C Office, 8 a.m.

### 30 MONDAY

RSIC Pow Wow Club, RSTHC, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, 6 p.m.

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# New Designs, Early Action Project Planned Announced

*NDOT makes changes to spaghetti bowl design based on RSIC community input*

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*By Scott Carey*

*Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Planner*

In February of 2017, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) kicked off the environmental review and design process to reconstruct the interchange of I-80 and I-580 (US 395) commonly known as the “spaghetti bowl”.

The spaghetti bowl is the most used route to get to, and to depart the Colony and its households, as well as the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center and three of the Tribe’s business operations—Smoke Shop I, Smoke Shop II and Three Nations Walmart.

The existing spaghetti bowl was constructed between 1969 and 1971 when the population of the Reno-Sparks was 130,000.

With the area’s current population exceeding 420,000, a new configuration of the spaghetti bowl system is needed to improve safety, efficiently move traffic and accommodate future growth in the area.

In April 2017, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) accepted an invitation from the FHWA and NDOT to become a cooperating agency and participate in the environmental review and design process for this project.

As a cooperating agency, the RSIC has access to and opportunity to provide technical input on proposed freeway designs,

environmental studies, and cultural resource reports.

The main intent behind the Colony’s participation as a co-operating agency is to limit the potential impacts to RSIC lands and protect the interests of the Colony.

Some of the key concerns for the Colony with respect to the project include: preservation of both the Mill street and East 2nd street / Glendale avenue interchanges, and to protect the RSIC’s revenues and enterprises, cultural resources, transportation access, air quality, land use, and potential impacts during construction.

Last September, as part of the environmental scoping process for the project, the Colony hosted a public meeting in Reno for NDOT to provide information to the community about the project.

At that meeting, NDOT staff presented three designs for the new spaghetti bowl.

Alternative 1 presented by NDOT, had the largest footprint and had the most impacts to the Colony and the Reno metro area.

This alternative design proposed taking about 25 percent of Walmart’s parking lot, reconfiguring the East 2nd street interchange resulting in the potential loss of Colony land on the west side of the project off of Colony road, and other potential impacts.

Alternative 2 presented by

NDOT, had the second largest footprint and fewer impacts to the Reno metro area. but it had significant impacts to the Colony.

This alternative proposed taking less of the Walmart’s parking lot, but proposed the potential removal of three or four Tribal member homes off Wa Pai Shone Circle and other Colony owned land on the west side of the project.

Alternative 3 presented by NDOT showed that the project stay within the existing right of way, had the least impacts to the Colony and Reno metro area, and proposed to reconfigure the East 2nd street / Glendale avenue interchange.

At the public meeting in September, community members provided comments and input on all three proposed designs for the spaghetti bowl project.

The top concern expressed by community members was the taking of Tribal Member homes and any RSIC owned land.

Those in attendance also voiced concerns about impacts to the community during construction, public safety impacts, keeping the East 2nd / Glendale and Mill street interchanges open, and potential impacts to the Colony’s revenue from the project.

After the meeting, RSIC staff worked with the FHWA and

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NDOT to address those concerns expressed.

In the spring of 2018, NDOT presented the RSIC staff with updated designs for Alternative 2 and Alternative 3 for the spaghetti bowl project.

The updated Alternative 2 design proposes significant

changes to accommodate the concerns expressed at the September public meeting at the Colony.

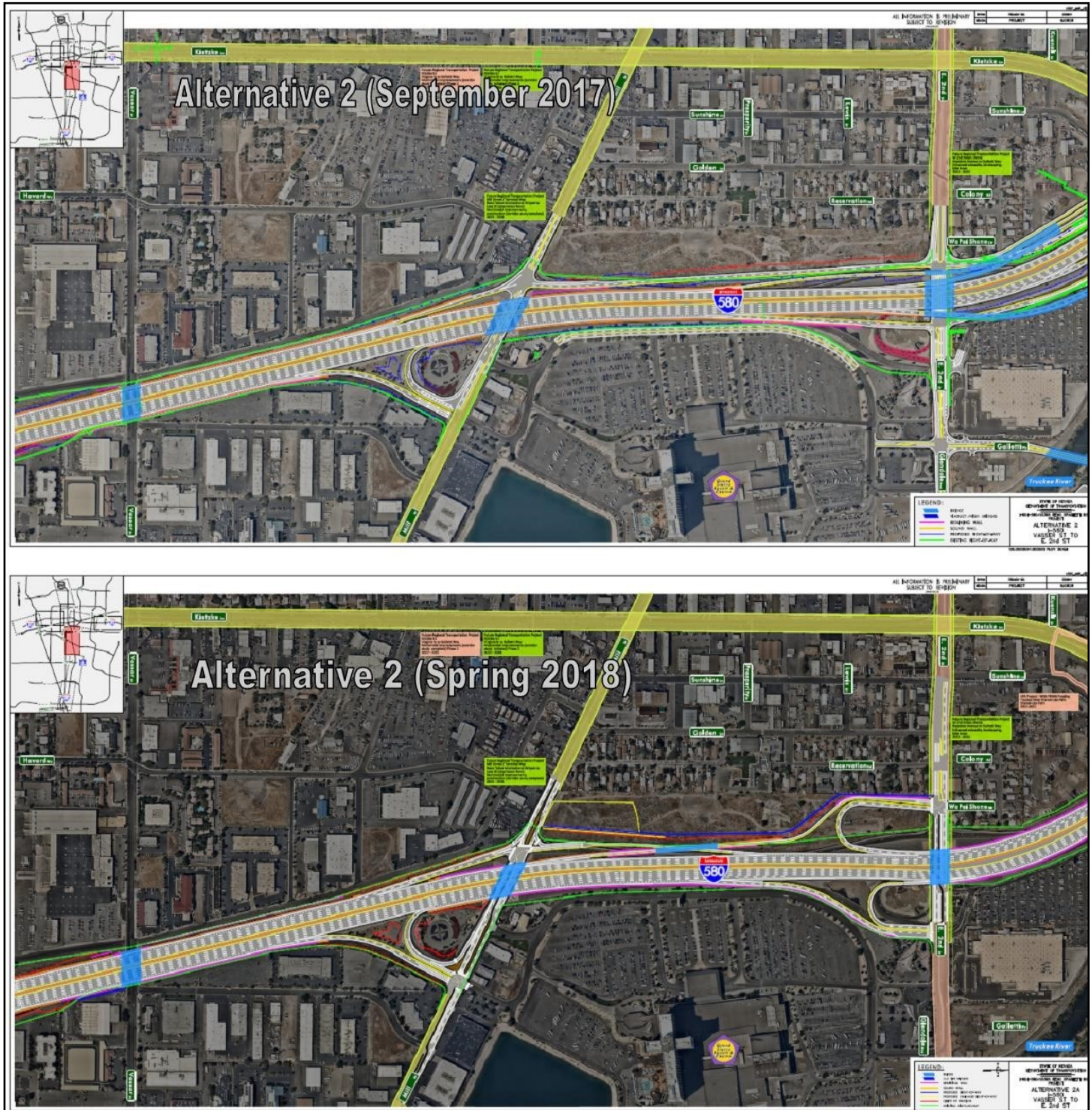
The updated Alternative 2 now proposes to change the configuration of the southbound I-580 off ramp and onramp at East 2nd /Glendale.

In order to avoid taking any

Tribal member homes, and taking any RSIC owned land, the updated Alternative 2 design proposes a new partial cloverleaf ramp configuration on the south side of East 2nd street for the I-580 southbound off ramp and on ramp.

The updated Alternative 2

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design still does not make any changes to the Mill street interchange, and it does not impact the Walmart parking lot. (On page 6, see the map showing the original Alternative 2 design vs the updated Alternative 2 design).

The updated Alternative 3 design also propose significant changes to accommodate the concerns expressed at the September public meeting at the Colony.

The updated Alternative 3 proposes to combine the East 2nd /Glendale and the Mill street interchanges into a new interchange.

The southbound I-580 on and off ramps for this new combined interchange would be located next to the RSIC administration building. The northbound I-580 on and off ramps for this new combined interchange would be located in the Grand Sierra Resort parking lot. (On page 9, see the map showing the original Alternative 3 design vs the updated Alternative 3 design).

In May, the Nevada State Transportation Board approved a contract for engineering, design and preparation of bid documents for an “early action project” for the spaghetti bowl.

The goal of the early action project is to resolve safety and operational concerns around the spaghetti bowl as soon as possible. According to NDOT research, in 2015 at least one person was injured in a vehicle crash within 1.6 miles the interchange almost every day in 2015.

The scope of the early action project includes, widening the

I-80 east to I-580 south ramp to two lanes, restoring three lanes of traffic for southbound I-580 traffic, and improving the weaving and operations between and East 2nd / Glendale and Mill street.

At the same meeting, the State Transportation Board authorized the solicitation of bids to design and construct this project.

According to NDOT, a request for proposals (RFP) to design and build this project is scheduled to go out by the end of the year, with the contract to be awarded in the summer of 2019, and construction of the early action project to start in the spring of 2020.

The preliminary cost estimates for the early action project are between \$135-\$150 million and the project could be completed in the fall of 2022. (Below, see the map showing the early action project area).

A draft environmental impact statement is currently being prepared to analyze the impacts of the three proposed alternative designs as well the impact of not changing the spaghetti bowl.

NDOT is planning to provide an update presentation to the RSIC Tribal Council at its July 11 meeting in Reno. The presentation will provide an update on the status of the project, review of the revised alternative designs, and an overview of the early action project.

NDOT is also planning on hosting another public meeting in September to seek additional input on the proposed alternative designs, environmental impact statement, and early

action project.

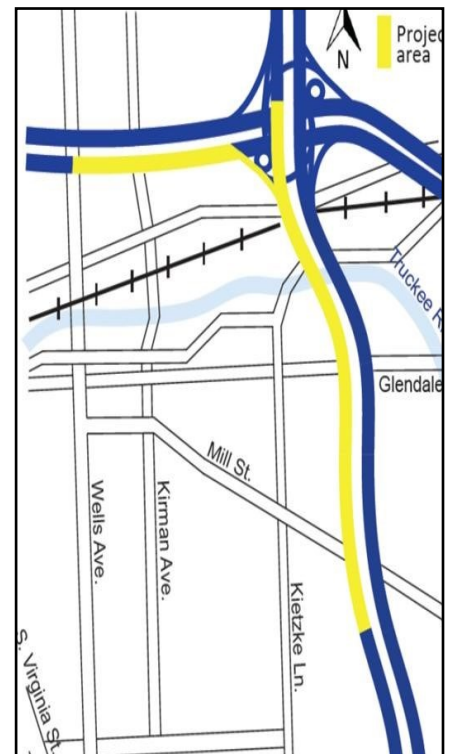
More information will be sent out about the September public meeting as soon as the details of the meeting are finalized.

A draft environmental impact statement will be available to the public for comment in November along with public hearings.

The final draft of the environmental impact statement is expected to be available for review and comment in early 2019, with a *record of decision* issued by June of 2019.

For more information on the Reno Spaghetti Bowl project please visit:

[www.ndotspaghettibowl.com](http://www.ndotspaghettibowl.com)  
call 775-622-5555, or email:  
[info@ndotspaghettibowl.com](mailto:info@ndotspaghettibowl.com).



**Early Action Project Area —**  
NDOT wants to make the Spaghetti Bowl safe as soon as possible. The redesign of south bound I-580 along with a short stretch of I-80 East from the heart of the spaghetti bowl, look be completed by 2022.



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AT THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY



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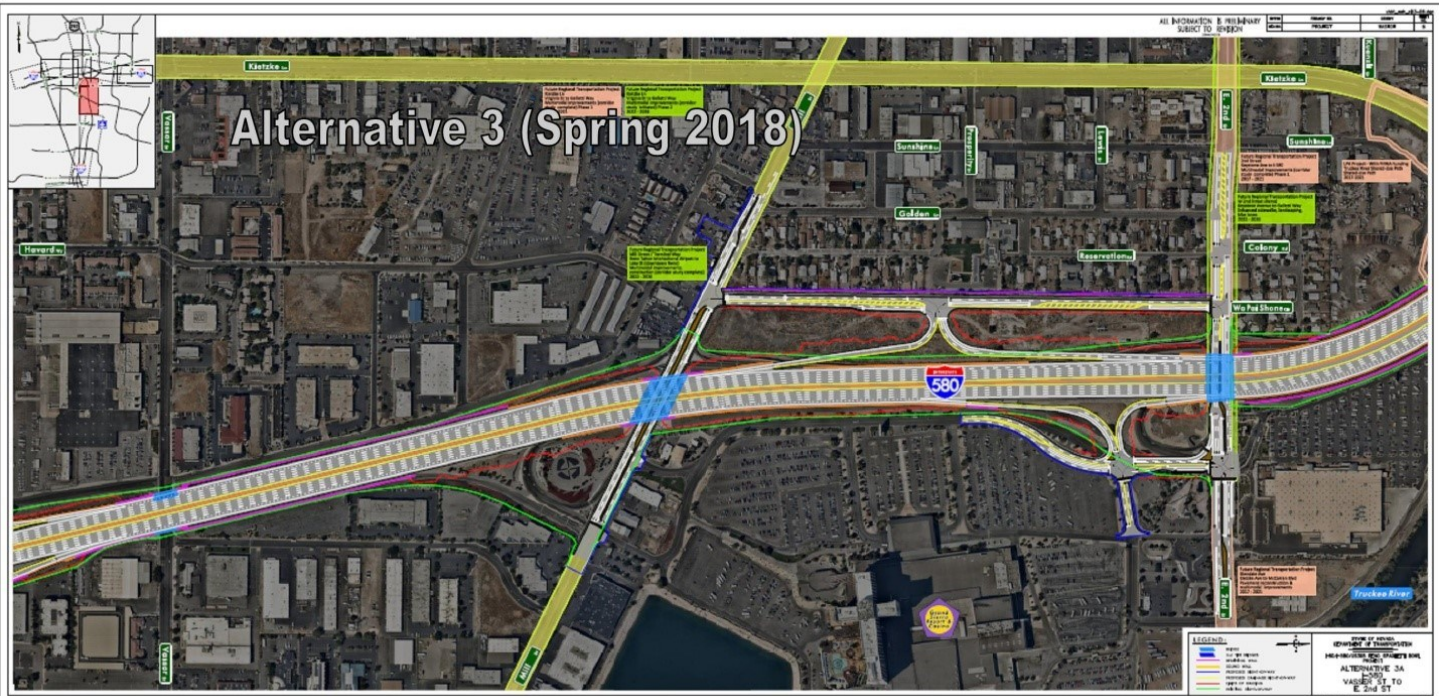
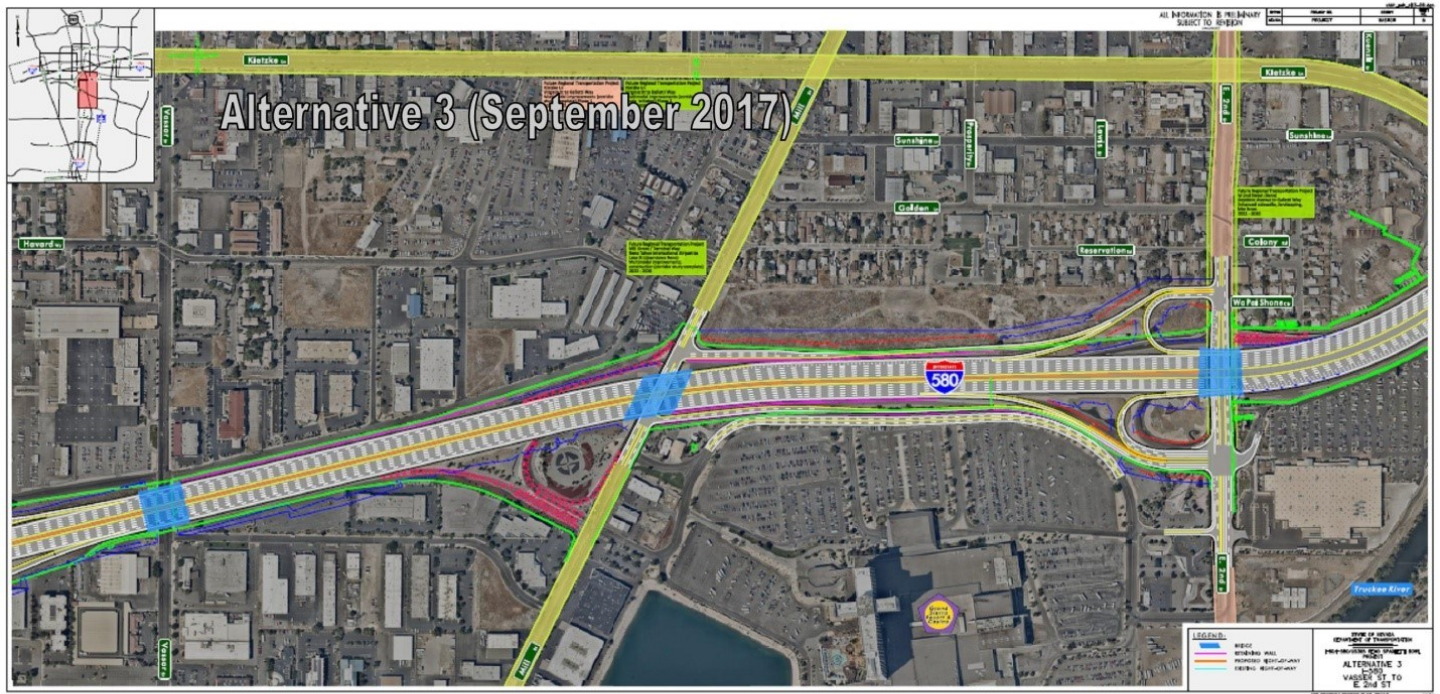
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For further information please contact Laura Gallardo, SFSP Coordinator at 775-789-5615 X5432, lgallardo@rsic.org





## PROJECT GOALS

### 1. Accelerated Delivery

Complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in 3 and a half years or less

### 2. Long Term Relief

Develop ultimate project to meet 2040 demands

### 3. Construction Delay

Minimize closures and detours during construction by design

### 4. Public Support

Secure endorsement from the local governments and a favorable opinion from the public

### 5. Right-of-Way

Minimize displacements

### 6. Safety

Create improvements targeted to high accident areas as early as possible

### 7. Operations

Create interchange system fully functional and easily navigable within project limits

### 8. Aesthetics

Enhance the community's driving experience through visually appealing improvements to the project area





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# Colony Emergency Resources, Personnel Help Region

*RSIC health center, emergency responders tested at safety, preparedness expo*

The scenario was ominous. A radiological/nuclear attack that took place in California, causes an evacuation of civilians through the I-80 corridor into Reno, Nev.

This make believe emergency provided an opportunity for regional emergency responders, healthcare staff and hundreds of volunteers to participate in a full scale exercise to support all aspects of such a disaster.

For the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the event was another chance to test the Tribe's emergency response, its teamwork, its communication plan, and moreover, its role and responsibilities in a regional catastrophe.

"All Tribal response personnel did an awesome job," said Daniel Thayer, the Emergency Response Coordinator and Safety Officer for the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center.

Deemed "Black Rain," the emergency drill, which was held for four hours near the Truckee River and the Reno Believe statue at the southeast corner of the intersection of 1st and Center streets in downtown Reno, required a Community Reception Center (CRC), a Joint Information Center (JIC) on the 7th Floor of Reno City Hall, and a Department Operations Center (DOC) at the Washoe County Health District.

In addition to a lot of room for working, the emergency exercise required multi-agency mass care services, an environ-

mental response, health and safety, public health, medical services, public information and warning devices.

The purpose of the exercise was to evaluate player actions against current response plans and procedures for a future possible need to respond to the elements of a radiological / nuclear incident.

"I enjoyed the exercise and I thought it was very helpful in terms of teaching our staff and first responders about the type of preparedness needed for this type of an event," said David Hunkup, RSIC Manager of Emergency Services.

Specifically, the 13-agency response was to an Improvised Nuclear Device (IND) which detonated in Sacramento.

The population in and around the event site self-evacuate

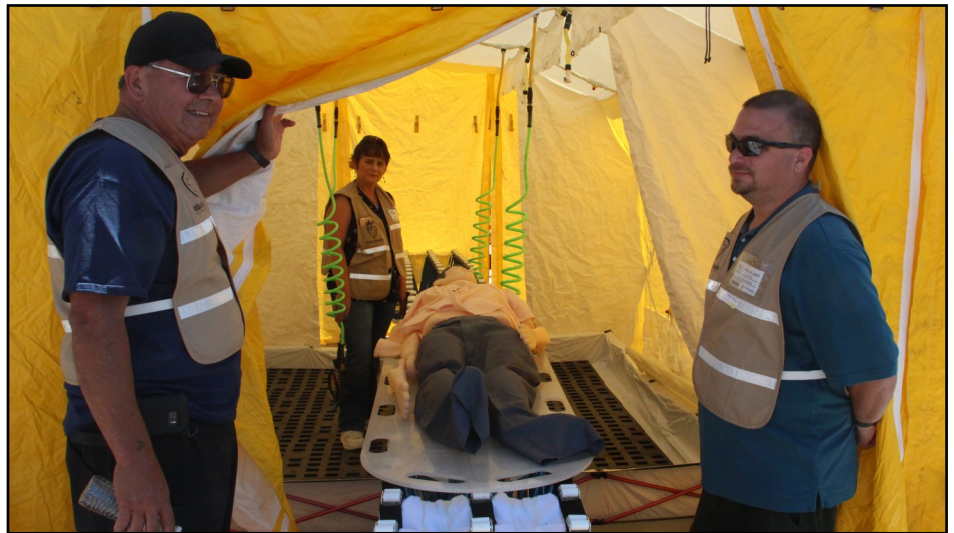
to other communities, and Reno CRCs were established to screen the evacuees for contamination and provide assistance, referrals, and any other needed information.

The response teams were tested as they activated and managed a CRC with the appropriate command structure, assets, and resources to handle approximately 100 evacuees from 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

In addition to working with travel worn, frightened victims, the staff also had to endure the reality of 93 degree heat compliments of the first day of summer.

After conducting the radiological screening of the potentially contaminated populations, the RSIC personnel and equipment came into play.

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**Radioactive** — Darryl Howcroft holds open the entrance into the decontamination tents used at a recent mock drill to train emergency personnel for an nuclear event. Mary Lask (middle) and Lance Chantler (right) were part of the 14 RSIC employees who assisted with the exercise.

*Photo by Mike Wolterbeek, University of Nevada*



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Two Hungry Valley firefighters, RSTHC healthcare providers and the RSIC emergency services manager conducted a sanitization procedure on those contaminated, 207 individuals.

This critical step in the a (CRC) was also possible because the RSTHC provided two decontamination tents.

Here, staff removed patient potentially-contaminated clothes, then slides the patient across rollers from entrance to exit, while dousing the survivors using mobile shower heads and strong water pressure.

The staff set up separate lanes for adult males and for adult females and children.

The emergency drill called for some of the patients to be processed more than once in the “decon” tents.

If needed, the responders

provide referral for medical needs to sick and injured who presented such a need.

In addition, the mock drill addressed the communication and information issues related to the operation of the CRC as qualified staff, primarily the first-responders, received prophylactics or a “radio-protection” as many were put in harm’s way via possible radiation.

These prophylactics or drugs were delivered from a Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) adding to the multiple level of coordination and cooperation.

Finally, media representatives and other observers, including elected officials, were present and evaluating the exercise.

A press conference was held two hours into the drill to test public information dissemination methods such as media releases, social media posts

and talking points for dignitaries. PIOs also escorted media throughout the CRC.

All told, there were 13 RSIC staff members involved in Black Rain.

“Our decon (decontamination tent) was the highlight of the exercise, and our moment to shine as we have the only Tribal decon in the state.”

Thayer, who served as the decontamination controller / leader during the exercise, said that due to the media exposure of not just the emergency exercise but the entire Emergency Expo, first responders from the Pyramid Lake and Fallon Tribes have requested training using the decontamination tent, its setup and operation.

Emergency responders from the Pyramid Lake Tribe and the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley also participated.



**Standard Media Briefing** — Several key personnel from “Black Rain,” conducted a press conference at Reno City Hall in conjunction with a full-scale, multiagency emergency, mock drill involving a nuclear disaster. Daniel Thayer (second from the right), represented the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony during the question and answer session as he organized 13 staff members from the Colony who were responsible for the decontamination tents. Because the RSIC has the only Memo of Understanding between a Tribe and a Nevada county, the RSTHC personnel, along with all the Colony’s first responders are considered resources during drills and would be in case of an actual emergency. Pictured above are: Stephen Shipman, Washoe County Health District; Michael Le, 92nd CST; Dr. Randall Todd, Washoe County Health District; Andrea Esp, Washoe County Health District; Officer James Pitsnogle, City of Reno; Daniel Thayer, Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center; and Matthew Brown, City of Reno.



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## LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

Encouraging Cultural Pride and Awareness

July - 2018

### 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.

Beginning/Intermediate level Paiute Language Classes will continue in July 2018. These interactive classes include grammar, storytelling, games, songs and immersion activities. The class has a knowledgeable language instructor and anyone who is interested in learning the Paiute Language is welcome to attend.

### Language Classes:

#### Wednesdays

##### Seniors Numu (Paiute) Class:

Location: RSIC Senior Center, 34 Reservation Road, Reno

Time: 12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Instructor: Thalia Dick

Dates: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25

##### Beginning/Intermediate Numu (Paiute) Class:

Location: RSIC Multipurpose RM – 34 Reservation Rd.

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Instructor: Jennie Burns

Dates: 7/11, 7/18, 7/25

#### Thursdays

##### Intermediate/Advanced Numu Class

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Date: July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Meet at the  
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We will be traveling up to Tahoe for the annual Washesu It-Deh Festival. Bring extra clothes and towels if you plan to swim. We will provide snacks and drinks – Lunch is on your own! Seating is limited!

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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](mailto:sburns@rsic.org) or 775-785-1321

# Law Enforcement Now Wearing Body Cameras

*Officers take up mandate early to build trust, transparency*

Most regional law enforcement officers are using body worn cameras (BWC) even though Nevada law does not require it until July 1.

Deputy Chief Mac Venzon of the Reno Police Department recently told the *Reno-Gazette Journal* that the cameras will help build trust.

"Across the country, there is a cry for officers to have body cameras," Venzon said. "This is just one more layer that the community can rely on to build trust even further..."

Venzon said that before Senate Bill 176 was passed last legislative session, his staff started to research best practices related to a BWC program.

Accordingly, every officer in the RPD has been trained in the operation and policies surrounding the use of the BWC system. This includes the patrol section, the traffic unit, K-9 team, downtown walking team and bicycle team, community action and outreach officers and the regional gang unit.

"...it's another tool; it's another way of capturing the deputy and citizen interaction," Washoe County Sheriff Chuck Allen told the *Reno-Gazette Journal*. "If there is a question or complaint and we have an event that takes place, it gives us all the opportunity to see what has unfolded...it adds a layer of transparency."

Both the video and audio will be used as evidence in criminal and internal investigations, Allen said.

Each officer will have a mount attached to his/her uniform. On the front, there is a lens and a microphone. The officer must press a button at the center of the camera to begin recording. The camera notifies the officers when it is turned on.

Venzon said once the camera begins recording, there is no way for the footage to "go away."

At the end of their shift, the officers push the center button to stop recording and place the camera onto a docking system at the agency's main station. All the video in the camera is then downloaded into a management system within that particular agency.

Any citizen can request footage of a particular encounter through a public records request. Authorities will need an approximate date, time and location. That particular agency then has five days to respond to the request as dictated by state law.

The agency will then review the requested footage and can redact any sensitive information for the sake of privacy. That includes any information that could violate The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

It was the 79th Nevada Legislature which passed Senate Bill 176 (SB176), spearheaded by Senator Aaron Ford, which requires uniformed peace officers employed by a law



**Morning Briefing** — Reno, Sparks and Washoe County use Axon Enterprise, Inc., for body worn cameras. Nevada Highway Patrol uses TASER International cameras which cost \$1,414 each.

enforcement agency and who routinely interact with the public to wear a BWC device effective July 1.

The bill provided approval to use the enhanced 911 telephone line surcharge fund managed by Washoe County to purchase and maintain BWC, vehicle cameras and associated costs.

The Sparks Police Department has chosen to deploy vehicle cameras in addition to BWC.

Washoe County School District Officers are not required to use body cameras, while the officers with the University of Nevada, Reno have been using body cameras for more than a year.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Tribal Police Department officers are not required to wear body cameras, although there has been staff discussion about developing policies and procedures for BWC.



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# A Native American Arts & Cultural Gathering

*Reawakening the Great Basin at the Nevada Museum of Art during Artown*

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony comes together with the Nevada Museum of Art at *Hands ON! on Second Saturday* to celebrate our Native American art, culture, community, and tradition.

During this free Artown event, the public is invited to meet several established and emerging Native American visual artists from across the region, who will be selling their traditional and contemporary creations, and sharing their knowledge.

Numerous performing artists will demonstrate a variety of traditional dances, including Grindstone Patwin Dancers, Owens Valley Paiute War Dancers, the RSIC Pow Wow Club, the Eagle Wing Pageant Dancers and more.

The gathering also features basket weaving, creation of Tule duck decoys, hand game demonstrations, language and culture youth storytellers, Indian tacos, Native American royalty, hands-on art projects, gallery talks, and storytelling.

Bring the whole family and celebrate during the largest, most comprehensive Native American cultural gathering in Northern Nevada.

To view the entire, day-long schedule, see:

<http://www.nevadaart.org/calendar/2018/07/14/>.

For more information, please contact : Michon R. Eben, RSIC Cultural Resource Manager/  
THPO: 775/785-1326



## PERFORMANCES PRESENTATIONS:

- 10:30 am** | Opening Ceremony featuring RSIC Pow Wow Club with drumming by The Mankillers and Battle Horse
- 11:30 am** | Owens Valley Paiute War Dancers
- 11:30 am** | RSIC Language and Culture Youth Storytellers share Great Basin Creation Stories
- 12:30 pm** | Hoop Dance by Sage Romero
- 12:30 pm** | Grindstone Patwin Dancers
- 1:30 pm** | RSIC Eagle Wing Pageant Dance Group
- 2:30 pm** | Hoop Dance by Sage Romero
- 3:30 pm** | Opening Ceremony featuring RSIC Pow Wow Club with drumming by The Mankillers and Battle Horse

## PRESENTATIONS/DEMOS:

- 10 am – 5 pm** | Toi Ticutta Traditional Paiute Tule Duck Decoy Demonstrations with Joey Allen
- 10 am – 5 pm** | Demonstrations by the Great Basin Native Basket Weavers
- 10 am – 5 pm** | Hands-on project for Kids – Pictographs on Slate inspired by the Great Basin Tribes with Visiting Artist, Sara Paschall, Pyramid Lake Paiute

## GALLERY TALKS:

- 11 am and 2 pm** | Gallery Talk with artist, Jack Malotte and Museum curator, Ann Wolfe
- Noon and 3 pm** | Gallery Talk on the Eagle Dance

## VENDORS/BOOTHS:

*Basin to Bay Designs* | *Beaded Items, Pillows and Blankets* by Ramona Darrough and Linda Jones | *Beaded Goods and Ribbon Shirts* by Charlotte Frye  
Art work by Melissa Melero, Steve Nighthawk, Ben Aleck, Jack Malotte and Jean LaMarr | *Great Basin Baskets* by Leah Brady, Frances Shaw, Sandra Eagle and Tammie Henry | *Beadwork and Sewn Materials* by Sandra Talancon | *Val and Trish's Beadwork* | *Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum "Winnowing Basket"* | *Beadwork and Handmade Jewelry* by Leasha Wyatt Tom's *Family Native Jewelry* | *Dentallium & Beaded Acorns Accessories* | *Coastal Jewelry* by North Coast Apparel

**INDIAN TACOS BY GUEST CHEF NATALIE SMITH**

# Hungry Valley Voting Station OK'd For Upcoming Election

*November races loom large for Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, all Native Americans*

If you live in Hungry Valley, you can cast your vote for the next governor of Nevada and all the important general election races at a polling station at the recreation center Nov. 6.

"Since we have received your request, we are committed to providing voting at this location..." wrote Deanna Spikula, Washoe County Registrar of Voters in a reply to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council's application. "I am looking forward to...providing voting in Hungry Valley for your community."

Two years ago, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Walker River Paiute Tribe won an emergency court order in a federal lawsuit accusing the Republican secretary of state and two counties of discriminating against them under the Voting Rights Act.

United States District Judge Miranda Du issued a temporary injunction requiring the establishment of satellite polling places on the two northern Nevada reservations.

Then in 2017, the Nevada Legislature passed a law to provide all Indian Tribes with the ability to request support from local election officials to increase access to elections.

Nevada Revised statute 293.3572 outlines that Indian Tribes may submit a request for the establishment of a

## Chairman Endorses Ford

*Candidate for AG owns proven record with Colony*

**Las Vegas, Nev.** — Today, Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and longtime leader of Nevada's Native American community, announced his endorsement of Aaron Ford in his campaign to become Nevada's next attorney general.

"As a proud member of Nevada's Native American community, I am honored to endorse Aaron Ford for Attorney General," said Melendez. "The Native American community is a critical force in Nevada's economy, history, and culture. We deserve an Attorney General who understands the special political status of Tribes in Nevada, as well as the unique challenges Tribal members face. I am confident that Aaron Ford will be a great Attorney General for Native Americans in Nevada."

"I am grateful for the endorsement of a Nevada leader like Chairman Arlan Melendez," Aaron Ford said. "Chairman Melendez has been a powerful force for good in Nevada, and I am honored to have his friendship. As Nevada's next Attorney General, I will work with Tribal representatives such as Chairman Melendez to protect all Nevada families."

Chairman Melendez has held the highest elected position at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony for over 26 years. The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony was established in 1938, about 80 years ago, and consists of 1,343 members from three Great Basin Tribes: the Paiute, the Shoshone and the Washoe.

Chairman Melendez was first elected to the Tribal Council in 1987, and Melendez has served as treasurer and vice-chairman of his tribe. Under his direction, the Colony has maintained a strong and fiscally sound government.

As a leader of the Native American community, Chairman Melendez has served on many national and state committees, including the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the National Congress of American Indians, the U.S. Health and Human Services' National Tribal Advisory Committee, the Nevada Gaming Policy Committee, and is the past president of the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. Chairman Melendez served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam Era. He graduated from Truckee Meadows Community College and attended the University of Nevada. He lives on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony with his wife Joyce. They have four grown children.



*Senator Aaron Ford*

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polling place within the boundaries of the Indian reservation or Indian Colony, which the RSIC Tribal Council did in May.

According to the *New York Times*, there are 6.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in the U.S., representing about two percent of the population. However, many live in America's most remote places and access to a ballot box has often been less visible than that of other groups.

Less than 100 years ago, in 1924, Congress granted American Indians the right to vote, however for generations afterward, local and state governments have blocked them from doing so.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was a critical moment, prohibiting election practices that discriminate on the basis of race, which promoted the Nevada Tribes to sue for equal access.

Again in 2018, the Nevada general election is expected to be a race of national interest and will define the future course of our state.

Political pundits have said that with Democrats all but guaranteed to control the Nevada Legislature, gubernatorial candidates Steve Sisolak, a democrat, could be the conduit for more progressive policies,

while Adam Laxalt, a republican, would likely use a lot of ink if he inherits the governor's veto pen.

During last month's primary election, Laxalt easily emerged the winner in the gubernatorial contest for his party's nominee.


Laxalt even received an support from United States President Donald Trump, who tweeted that he "strongly" endorses the first term attorney general.

State Senate Republican Leader Michael Roberson also advanced in his race to replace Lt. Gov. Mark Hutchison.

Wes Duncan, a former Nevada Assemblyman and Laxalt's once-top deputy in the attorney general's office, emerged victorious from a bitter primary challenge, while Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske easily won her May race.

Besides Sisolak and Laxalt, other election battles include Democrat Kate Marshall against Roberson, Nevada Senate Majority Leader Aaron Ford versus Duncan; and Democrat Assemblyman Nelson Araujo against Cegavske.

For a complete list of all the Primary Election winners including county and city races, please see:  
<http://silverstateelection.com/>



## ELECTION 2018

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### General Election Voter Registration

### DEADLINES

Oct. 9 – by mail  
Oct. 16 – in person  
Oct. 18 – on line

#### General Election Early Voting


Oct. 20 – Nov. 2

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### Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 6

Colony Residents vote  
at Vaughn Middle School,  
1200 Bresson Ave.  
Hungry Valley Residents  
vote at Hungry Valley Gym  
9075 Eagle Canyon Dr.



## 2018 Nevada Primary Registered Voters, Turnout

REGISTERED VOTERS	Democrat	Independent American	Libertarian	Nonpartisan	Other	Republican	Total
	553,543	64,153	14,307	306,208	13,933	490,642	1,442,786
Election Day Turnout:	146,239 (10.13%)						
Early Turnout:	157,200 (10.89%)						
Absentee Turnout:	26,058 (1.80%)						
	<b>Total Turnout: 329,497 (22.82%)</b>						



# Women's & Children's Alliance Honors Tribal Volunteer

*Howard recognized for dedication, work with underserved victims*

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During the recent 25th anniversary of Women's & Children's Alliance (WAC) annual recognition of outstanding professional women, Virginia C. Howard was recognized for her volunteerism.

"We celebrate...leadership and strength," said the WAC Executive Director Bea Black. "Your contributions have allowed many in our community to heal from trauma, break the cycle of abuse and create a healthy life for themselves and their children," Black said all the WAC honorees.

Howard was a TWIN award winner, which celebrates women leaders while supporting the work of an organization that provides safety, healing and freedom to those who have suffered domestic abuse and sexual assault.

Howard, a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and resident of the Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, has been the director of the tribe's vocational rehabilitation programs since 2009.

With WAC based in Boise, Idaho, Howard's role focuses on working with many Native Americans with disabilities. She has worked for over 40-years as a program manager and supervisor in many states.

Her roles have included academic support coordinator/counselor, substance abuse counselor/parenting skills instructor, health educator and criminal justice liaison.



*Virginia C. Howard*

"In a nutshell, I am involved with things that benefit my community," Howard said after being recognized by WAC. "I love doing this work because it allows me to give back to those who need services and cannot afford it."

Some of Howard's WAC volunteer projects including donating toys to needy families at Christmas, providing survival purses to victims of rape, donating infant supplies including formula to teen mothers, and helping bi-annually, to teach women and teen girls about financial literacy.

"I got the TWIN award and was totally humbled by it because in my profession, no one pats you on the back and ever says, 'thank you,'" Howard said.

Howard's accomplishments over the years include becoming president of the American Indian Organization in Reno, a fellowship at the Youth Policy

Institute in Washington, D.C., and receiving the Indian Health Service Exceptional Performance Award in Phoenix.

Moreover, Howard said that one of her proudest moments was when she was crowned "Miss Indian Nevada" in her senior year of high school in 1972.

She is married to Ted Howard, Chairman of the Duck Valley Shoshone Paiute Tribes.

She is the mother of two and she has 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Her RSIC siblings are David Hunkup, Velma Melendez, Vicki Moore, Patty Bennett, Verna Melendez and Jenny Lowery.

She is the daughter of the late Viola Zuniga and the late Nober Zuniga.

A graduate of the University of Nevada, Reno with a bachelor of science in social services and corrections, she also has a master's degree in counselor education from the University of New Mexico.

WAC annually celebrates women leaders while supporting the work that provides safety, healing and freedom to those who have suffered domestic abuse and sexual assault.

WAC's business partners have contributed more than \$2.5 million to help fund critical programs and services.

Howard was nominated for the TWIN award by Schroeder Creative, a marketing agency.



# In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

*Emergency exercise, cultural exchange, celebrating new horizons, heritage*



**Morning Briefing** — Several Reno-Sparks Indian Colony departments recently worked together on an emergency drill in Hungry Valley. The preparation exercise called for door-to-door evacuations of some of the residents of one of the subdivisions.



**In Their Element** — Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Pow Wow Club members Olivia Chasing Crow and Karianna John wowed over 75 Hungry Valley visitors during the Reno Rodeo Cattle Drive. This was the first year for the very well received cultural exchange.



**Sing, Sing Out Loud** — Students from the Hungry Valley Head Start class performed for family and friends last month during the group's transition ceremony.



**All Smiles** — Female students from the Reno Head Start Classes get ready to enact the basket dance, a traditional Great Basin dance.



# Ask Paul

The Red Road to Wellbriety shares a lesson from the Seneca Tribal leader, Handsome Lake. He said, "Whiskey is a great and monstrous evil and has reared a high mound of bones. You lose your minds, and whiskey causes it all. So now all must say, 'I will use it nevermore.'

The Elders call alcohol and drugs the 'mind changers.'

The Elders also teach us that no one makes us take the first drink and it's this first drink that makes us drunk. They teach that help is available in many ways and if we want to stop drinking or using drugs we must seek out help because we are made with free will. Conversely, a Swedish proverb says, "The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm." In many cases this is true. However, in addiction treatment people can benefit greatly from the help of others. Trust is difficult for the person in addiction, because many times the person doesn't trust him/herself. In sobriety the person in addiction can learn to trust him/herself again as well as other people.

Let's assume a person  
listens to the Elder's  
wisdom, and uses  
their free will  
to seek help, and  
they have  
stopped drink  
ing alcohol  
and/or

using drugs. One suggestion the person may hear is to go to Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings. The Red Road to Wellbriety says that if a person has read the Big Book or worked in the AA program, they know that the Great Spirit is behind all that's there. Unfortunately, many times the words and feelings a person receives in AA may be strange to a Native American because they are presented in a different cultural way. The Elders say that the 12 Steps of AA are just the same as the principles that our ancestors lived by, with only one change. When the Native American places the 12 Steps in a circle they then come into alignment with the circle teachings and they become familiar.

At this point, it is important to know that some people use AA as the only thing they need for sobriety. Some people use AA for support and camaraderie and some people say they never receive any benefit from AA. All of these points of view are ok. People stay sober in many different ways and methods that work in the beginning of sobriety are different than the methods that work later on in the person's sobriety. The idea is to try to receive benefit from the messages presented.

Also, the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous was written in the 1940s. Native Americans have been having talking circles and support groups for hundreds of years before AA came into being. The Elders share that if you want to let go of the painful spirit

of drug addiction you can't go half way with this. You must make a commitment.

Let's look at the 12 Steps as written in the Red Road to Wellbriety and hopefully these steps will bring healing to the person needing help.

- 1) We admitted we were power less of alcohol – that we had lost control of our lives.
- 2) We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could help us regain control.
- 3) We made a decision to ask for help from a Higher Power and others who understand.
- 4) We stopped and thought about our strengths and our weaknesses and thought about ourselves.
- 5) We admitted to the Great Spirit, to ourselves, and to another person the things we thought were wrong about ourselves.
- 6) We are ready, with the help of the Great Spirit, to change.
- 7) We humbly ask a Higher Power and our friends to help us to change.
- 8) We made a list of people who were hurt by our drinking and want to make up for these hurts.
- 9) We are making up to those people whenever we can, except when to do so would hurt them more.

*“...sobriety takes one day at a time as does a strong relationship.”*

- 10) We continue to think about our strengths and weaknesses and when wrong we say so.
- 11) We pray and think about our - selves, praying only for the strength to do what is right.
- 12) We try to help other alcoholics and to practice these principles in everything we do.

Notice that the word ‘alcohol’ is only mentioned in the first half of the first step. Meaning that 11 and ½ of the 12 Steps are dedicated to changing the person’s life. Consider these 12 Steps as a way to take a personal inventory. A shop keeper takes inventory to discard the products that are not serving him and then replaces the old products with good, fresh new products. The same process is beneficial for people. The person is taking a life inventory and deciding which areas, behaviors and thought processes are helping them and which are hurting them. Also, it’s not enough for a person to stop doing an addictive behavior, the person must replace the old negative behaviors with positive and productive new behaviors to grow into sobriety.

Finally, if a person wants to engage in the 12 Step process, it is best to find a trusted sponsor to help guide them through. A trusted sponsor can share wisdom, hope and strength while also relating to the person in addiction and, at the same

time, keeping the person honest.

The next question the person in early recovery asks is; how can I go about healing the hurt and damage I have caused when I was under the control of the mind changers?

Most people want a quick fix. After all, if this person wanted to get intoxicated, the alcohol and drugs worked quickly. Why can’t sobriety work just as quickly? The answer is, sobriety is a process and earning trust in a relationship takes time.

Think about the relationships you have with other people. How do people earn your trust? Usually people earn your trust by their consistent behaviors. If someone is consistently intoxicated or leaves their home for a binge or a bender, the other people in that home learn to survive and live without the using person. Sure, they miss the person, but eventually they have to move on with their life. The family or loved ones are forced to accept the using person’s decision to choose addiction over spending time with them.

Being a loving partner, mother/father and family member is an honor that takes effort. Using a substance does not take effort. Here’s an example, think about work, do you show up early? Do you do a good job? Do you get along with everybody? Do you leave on time? If the answer is yes, then your boss usually appreciates you. If you show up late, avoid work, gossip and are a negative warrior, the boss usually will correct these behaviors because they are not only bad for the

business, these behaviors are bad for morale with the other hard working employees. It’s the same at home, if the home keeper mother/father allows the substance user to insert their drama and chaos into the family, the family will be weakened.

Sometimes when a person seeks help and they meet with me and their loved one, the person who was using substances proudly talks about not using for a week or so, and shares how they’ve been home every night taking care of the children and their home. The other person in the relationship looks at them like they are crazy. The sober person is always home taking care of their children and home life. Now, the substance using person decides to stay home and take care of their responsibilities for one week and everyone is praising this person! This is not fair! Be patient with the person in the beginning stages of recovery. The process of sobriety takes one day at a time as does a strong relationship. Don’t worry this is a marathon, not a race and the rewards will be plentiful. Next month we’ll discuss creating and enjoying healthy relationships. Until then, honor and take care of your community, family, partner and self.

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# Feds Separating Families Not New to American Indians

*U.S. immigration policy causes uproar across nation, across globe*

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Since early May, 2,342 children have been separated from their parents after crossing the Southern United States' border, according to the Department of Homeland Security, as part of a new immigration strategy put in place by the Trump administration.

Last week, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order reversing his zero tolerance policy of separating families and replaced it with a policy of family detention.

Under Trump's leadership, an entire family, including children, now can be detained indefinitely.

Previously, a 2015 court order, based on the Flores settlement, had prevented the government from keeping migrant children in detention for more than 20 days.

Days ago, Trump instructed his Attorney General, Jeff Sessions, to ask the federal court to modify that agreement in order to allow children and/or unified families to be kept in detention without a time limit.

In response, Jefferson Keel (Chickasaw), President of the National Congress of American Indians released the following statement on the forced separation of immigrant families.

*"The forced separation of immigrant children from their families is simply immoral and harkens back to a dark period for many Native American families.*

*For decades, the U.S. government stole Native children from*

*their parents and forced them into boarding schools hundreds and sometimes thousands of miles away.*

*Our communities know too well the intergenerational psychological trauma that will flow from the actions that the United States is taking today.*

*Congress and the President should take heed of such abhorrent mistakes from the past and actually live the moral values this country proclaims to embody by immediately ending this policy and reuniting the affected children with their parents. Families belong together."*

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of tribal governments and communities, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

All four democratic members of Nevada's congressional delegation have issued forceful statements opposing Trump's border separation practices and Nevada's republican elected leadership has issued statements, too.

Following are excerpts from each representative.

*"Like millions of Americans, we have read with increasing alarm reports of children being separated from their parents at the southern border. Although enforcing our immigration laws is an essential responsibility of the federal government, it must be done in a way that is consistent with our values and ordinary human decency. The current family separation crisis has multiple contributing causes, including court decisions that require release rather than detention of children but not parents who enter our country illegally. We support the administration's efforts to enforce our immigration laws, but we cannot support implementation of a policy that results in the categorical forced separation of minor children from their parents."* --- **U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-Nev.)**

*"The family separation issue is just the most recent consequence of our broken immigration system. I joined my Republican colleagues in the House...in favor of legislation that will secure our border, strengthen workplace enforcement, robustly enforce our immigration laws that are working while fixing the ones that aren't, and move the DACA...to a small step in the right direction. ...authorize border wall construction and call for an additional 5,000 border patrol personnel and 5,000 ...officers along the border; Provide a legislative solution for current beneficiaries of DACA to receive a 3-year renewable legal status in perpetuity."*

--- **U.S. Congressman Mark Amodei (R-Nev.)**

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# Employee of the Month



*If you have spent anytime at Anderson Park, or just driven or walked by, the pristine grounds can't be missed.*

*The grass is lush and green. The sidewalks are clear, the parking lot is free of debris, mostly thank to one individual.*

*Though the entire Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Public Works staff works together and tackles landscaping throughout the Colony as a*

*team, Mamerto Munoz's above-and-beyond efforts have been noted by his supervisor and co-workers alike.*

*"I always see Muerto working very hard in our community," said the director of public works, Rick Castro. "He is a very friendly person and his positive character is what stands out the most."*

*An American by way of his native Philippines, Mamerto is the proud father of three grown children and he also*



*has one granddaughter.*

*Like all good fathers, Mamerto not only is as extremely hard worker, but he is willing to stop what he is doing and help others when needed.*

*"He is always smiling and has nothing but good words to speak," Castro said.*

*After being named Employee of the Month, the always humble Muerto said he wanted to thank everyone, especially Chairman Arlan Melendez and all the RSIC leadership for giving him the opportunity to work at the Colony.*

*"I've been here two years and I really love it," he said.*



## **Congratulations—**

*Mamerto Munoz has been selected the May 2018 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Employee of the Month. Munoz works in the RSIC Public Works Department and focuses on landscaping. He is pictured at the left with KC Eben (far left) and Rick Castro of RSIC Public Works and Steven Saari of the human resources department at the Colony.*



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*"Separating families is not only inhumane, it is against everything we stand for as a country. I've co-sponsored legislation to stop tearing families apart and protect children's rights. But let me be clear: this crisis was not caused by Congress. It was caused by President Trump. He only has to say the word in order to stop the internment of thousands of innocent children and release them back to their parents."*

*President Trump's executive order still enforces his cruel immigration policy that prosecutes parents fleeing violence to protect their kids.*

*Millions of Americans have stood up in opposition to the cruel separation of kids from their parents and the detention*

*of innocent immigrant families.*

*The President has not shown heart with this executive order that will still target families and keep children behind bars.*

*This President created crisis after crisis and used human beings to advance his political agenda. I challenge him and Republican leaders in Congress to show compassion, respect human rights, and work in good faith with Democrats to pass bipartisan legislation that addresses the immigration challenges our country faces.*

*We must end the criminal prosecution of asylum seekers, ensure families get a fair chance to make their case before a judge, and explore alternative forms to detention for families."*

**--- U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.)**

*"This is not a Republican or Democratic issue. This is a humanitarian issue."*

**--- U.S. Rep Ruben Kihuen (D-Nev.)**

*"All the while, Republicans have turned a blind eye to the children and families being ripped apart at the southern border thanks to the Trump Administration's 'zero-tolerance' policy."*

**--- U.S. Rep. Dina Titus (D-Nev.)**

*"This brutal behavior tearing families apart needs to stop. The administration's cruel decision to implement this callous family separation policy is making an already dire humanitarian crisis along the southern border even worse."* **--- U.S. Rep. Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.)**

## Kids Help Kids

*Postcards raise money*

A mother of two and a career lawyer from Massachusetts started [a children postcard-writing campaign](#) as a way to take action.

"We're moms, we have children, and many of us have been trying to figure out how to do something that can make a difference," Karen Ross told several media outlets.

For every child that writes a postcard and it is posted on Facebook or on Twitter using the hashtag:

#postcards4families, \$5 will be donated to [RAICES](#), a Texas-based organization that has offered free and low-cost legal services to immigrant kids and families for the past 30 years.

See: #postcards4families for more information.

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# Legal Terms Removed From Future Dictionary Editions

*Black's Law Dictionary includes definition of discovery only in 6th printing*

*Submitted by Steve Melendez  
American Indian Genocide Museum*

In 2007, the Houston Public Library had a used book sale. There were bargains galore on every subject you could imagine. We would go every year and in the history section you could always find books on Native Americans.

One of the books I would always see at these used book sales was entitled *The Indians of Texas*.

When I first got to Texas in the 1970s, I had a bit of a culture shock because it seemed like there were no Native Americans.

What really got my attention was the chapter called "Extermination." The title of that chapter pretty much put the history of Texas in a nutshell. It answered my question as to why there were so few Indians in Texas.

For example, when the second President of the Republic of Texas, Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, delivered his first message to the Texas Congress, on December 21, 1838, he spoke of "...an exterminating war upon their warriors, which will admit of no compromise and have no termination except in their total extinction or total expulsion."

As a young boy, I used to wonder how we once owned everything and now the Whites own practically everything.

As it turns out, the answer is

as complex as it is diabolical. It seems that this idea of extermination of a race of people took a century of the English studying how the Spanish did it, and by the time Texas was settled, they had another century to learn from the mistakes made in the thirteen original colonies along the east coast.

The trick for the English was to do it, but not to be found guilty of doing it.

Even before the English landed at Jamestown in 1607, they had a plan to play one Tribe against another. Soon after arriving at Jamestown, John Smith suggested to the chief, an alliance to go and fight his enemies. The chief wisely

responded that he could fight his own battles. American history is a history of deception.

In 1578, Richard Hakluyt, the lawyer wrote, "Nothing is more to be endeavored with the Inland people than familiarity. For so may you best discover all the natural commodities of their country, and also all their wants, all their strengths, all their weaknesses, and with whom they are at war, and with whom confederate, with peace and amity, and which known, you may work many great effects of great consequence... if change of religion or civil wars should happen in the realm, which are of great benefit".

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**Hiding History?** According to the President of the American Indian Genocide Museum, history is being removed or edited from legal books. In the 8th Edition of *Black's Law Dictionary*, the definition of "Indian reservation," is different than the definition in the 6th Edition.

*File Photo*

Today, the deception of hiding history takes on the form of books being removed from libraries or edited to hide the truth.

At the book sale in 2007, I came across a *Black's Law Dictionary 7<sup>th</sup> Edition*.

To begin with, I had no idea there was such a thing as a "law dictionary."

The first word I looked up was the word "treaty."

The definition was, "an agreement, league, or contract between nations or sovereigns" and also said it was the "supreme law of the land" as stated in article 6 of the U.S. Constitution.

This book was very enlightening and thorough because it also said that a treaty had to be ratified by the United States Senate and signed by the president of the United States.

In the appendix of this book, it also had one of the United Nations declarations. I believe it was on the rights of Indigenous peoples.

I could be wrong because I no longer have the book.

I finally found another one on Amazon.com but it was the Sixth Edition printed in 1990.

It was in this old dictionary that I finally came across this definition of the word: "discovery." With a little investigation, I found that this very important definition is missing from the Eighth Edition.

Out of curiosity, I texted my brother and asked him if this definition of "discovery" was in his Seventh Edition of Black's Law Dictionary.

The definition I was looking for said, "*Discovery, International Law: As the foundation for a claim of national ownership or sovereignty, discovery is the*

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***"Those who  
do not  
remember  
the past are  
condemned  
to repeat it."***

—George Santayana  
American Philosopher

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*finding of a country, continent, or island previously unknown or previously known only to its uncivilized inhabitants."*

Well, it wasn't in his dictionary. It seems to me, that they, the powers that be, printed this racist and discriminatory law only for the 500 year anniversary of Columbus' alleged discovery of America.

This definition is found only in the 1990 printing of Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition. When the lawyers representing William M'Intosh presented their position before the Supreme Court in 1823 they said, the Indians were: "an inferior race of people, without the privileges of citizens."

Why do we have such a racist law hidden in out-of-print law books today?

Because the Supreme Court took that argument right out of the mouths of the land speculators such as M'Intosh and made it its own. It validated

colonial law and ruled, "... discovery gave exclusive title to those who made it."

The speculators loss was the federal government's gain of plenary power over all land.

If you think about America's hidden history of genocide, the mandate for race wars is hidden in this law of discovery. If you have a stranger suddenly showing up on the horizon, strutting around like he owns the place, of course the landowners who have lived here for thousands of years are going to fight. If we don't learn from history and teach it to our children, as the philosopher, George Santayana once said, "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

The effects of this law played out again recently at Standing Rock, with the American Indians being called trespassers and terrorists. The effects of this law can be seen in every action this government takes towards Native Americans.

As they used water cannons on our people in freezing temperatures, they were offering \$1.3 billion dollars in exchange for their treaty rights. The amount of money was based on "the time of taking", a euphemism for "the time of discovery." The original \$17 million (one dollar an acre) has grown with interest since the 1970s. Along with the cash, they are now offering "trust land," another euphemism for: "the right to occupy federal land."

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials would say, "Take the money, you are not selling

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**Make your Dental and Physical Appointment now as appointments fill up fast.  
When making your appointments let them know it 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 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.*

Children must be 3 years of age by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

One classroom at Hungry Valley. Two classrooms at Reno-Sparks Indian 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 26, 2018 at 4:30pm.**



the land.” That is what the BIA officials told the Paiutes and Western Shoshone of Nevada, “Take the money, you are not selling the land.” There is a reason our ancestors gave men like these, the name, “forked-tongued devils.”

What is “trust Land?”

In order to discover the stark reality of the situation, you can either believe former Senator Harry Reid or you can look up the legal definition of “Indian land.”

According to Black’s 8<sup>th</sup> Edition it is, “Land owned by the United States, but held in trust for and used by American Indians.”

We must realize that the law of discovery, (*Johnson v. M’Intosh*), is not just one law but a mindset of racist Jim Crow laws in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Now, you can either believe the White man bearing gifts or you can look up the forked-tongued definition of: “Indian title” as found in Black’s 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Editions.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Edition definition says: “A right of occupancy that the federal government grants to an American Indian tribe...” but censored was a phrase found in the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition which

read: “it is mere possession not specifically recognized as ownership and may be extinguished by the federal government at any time.”

It is like the fairy tale of “The Emperor’s New Clothes” with the Indian chief parading down the street thinking he is covered with fine garments of sovereignty until the little boy shouts, “The Emperor has no clothes on.”

The grand scheme behind Richard Hakluyt’s 1578 plan of “civil wars” being “of great benefit” has always been, as it is now, death by semantics. They wanted the Indians dead but they wanted them to kill themselves off.

Today, it is a war of words.

The tale of the three dictionaries illustrates the constantly moving, ever changing definitions which are the semantics of dispossession.

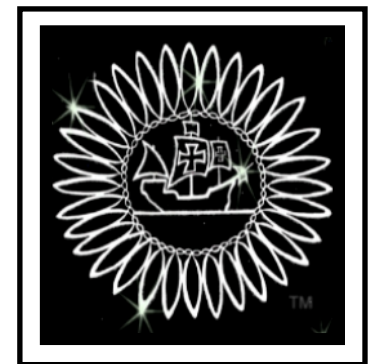
Gone from the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, but present in the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition is the phrase defining “Indian Reservation.” It says, “public domain ...under the superintendence of the government which retains title to the land.”

The white man owns everything because he “discovered” it? Anything that unreasonable should not be law, and anyone

who does not protest the government’s refusal to honor treaties is a part of the bamboo-zelement.

Thirty-eight years ago, I wrote to the *Nevada State Journal* that the government had tricked the Indians into filing a lien against the government’s title with the formation of the Indian Claims Commission, which we now know, was based on this doctrine of discovery.

I think if we can get our leaders to at least say something about an obviously white supremacist law, it would go a long way in forcing America to fulfill its promise of liberty and justice for all.



**Editor’s Note:**

The proceeding was submitted by Steve Melendez, a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and the President of the American Indian Genocide Museum.

# HEAT ALERTS: Know the difference.

## HEAT OUTLOOK

Minor

Excessive  
heat event in  
3 to 7 days

## HEAT WATCHES

Excessive  
heat event in  
12 to 48 hours

## HEAT WARNING/ADVISORY

Excessive  
heat event in  
next 36 hours

Major





# SCRAP HAPPY CROP

September 8, 2018 - 9 am to 9 pm

September 9, 2018- 9 am to 6 pm

34 Reservation Road, Reno (Reno-Sparks Indian Colony building)

Registration Fee: \$25 for Saturday, \$20 for Sunday, OR \$40 for both

Come spend the weekend with your friends doing what you do best  
– scrapbooking, card making or any crafting.

Guaranteed EIGHT foot table all to yourself. Lunch, coffee, tea, ice and water are provided on both days. There will be at least one silent auction item and ways to earn & purchase raffle tickets towards prizes – not all crafting related.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

I want to sit with : \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend \_\_\_\_ Saturday (\$25) \_\_\_\_ Sunday (\$20) \_\_\_\_ Both (\$40)

Number of attendees is limited to **30** so get your registration in soon.

Please contact Margaret Emerson @ [emerson3468@gmail.com](mailto:emerson3468@gmail.com) if you'd like to attend.  
Payment will be sent to Velda (Jenny) Lowery at 50 Colony Cir, Reno, 89502.

# Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Youth Success Spotlight

*Colony trio leaves mark as graduates of Sherman Indian High School*

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**Moving Mountains** — Gabriel Miller, Kolin Wadsworth and Colbey Astor proudly display the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's flag just after the three graduated. Now alums of Sherman Indian High School, an off-reservation boarding high school for Native Americans, Miller, Wadsworth and Astor are well equipped for the challenges our young American Indian people face.

In 2018, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony boosted 21 high school graduates including Miller, Wadsworth and Astor. Furthermore, 10 other RSIC members completed four or two-year college degrees. Those students included: Lucas Crain, Shelley Skenandore, Kayleen Harjo, Alisha Numan, Randa Deluna, Shirley Cypher, Katie Shaw, Rita Imus, Bridgette Stump and Deidre Quimayousie. See next month's [Camp News](#) for more coverage of the graduates.

## ***Spotlight Search: Sharing Student Success***

Do you know an outstanding youth at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony who deserves to be recognized for his or her hard work or contributions to our neighborhoods, schools and tribe? Do you know an outstanding young scientist, activist, athlete, dancer, or all-around outstanding ambassador within Indian Country?

The Camp News wants to highlight young people who are honoring themselves and his or her family with dignity, pride and humility. Tell us about your youth's success story at:

smontooth@rsic.org



# Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Youth Success Spotlight

*Pyramid Lake High academic achievers celebrate milestone*

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## Congratulations

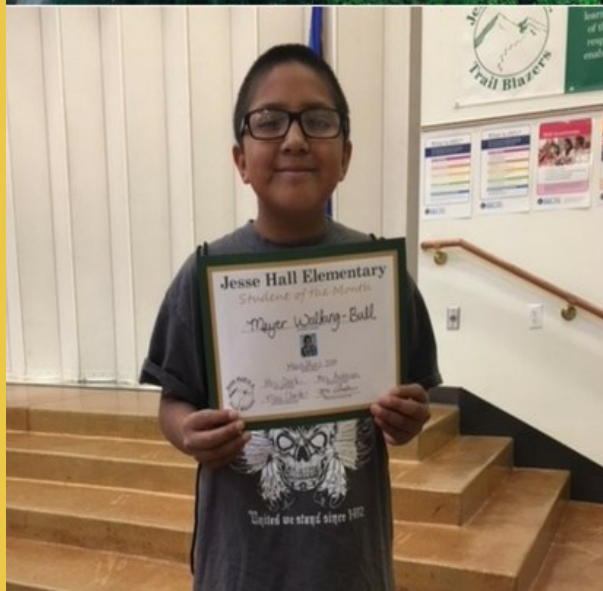
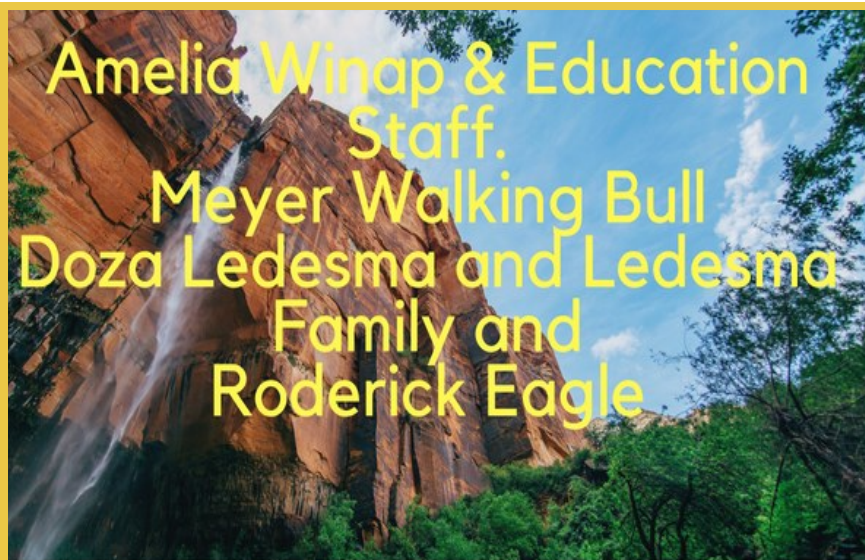
Pyramid Lake Graduating class of 2018  
Dariek Bill\*Matthew Wells\* Andy  
Perez  
Darissa Smith and Lillianna Sam





# Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Youth Success Spotlight

*Jesse Hall Elementary Students of the Month recognized, celebrated*



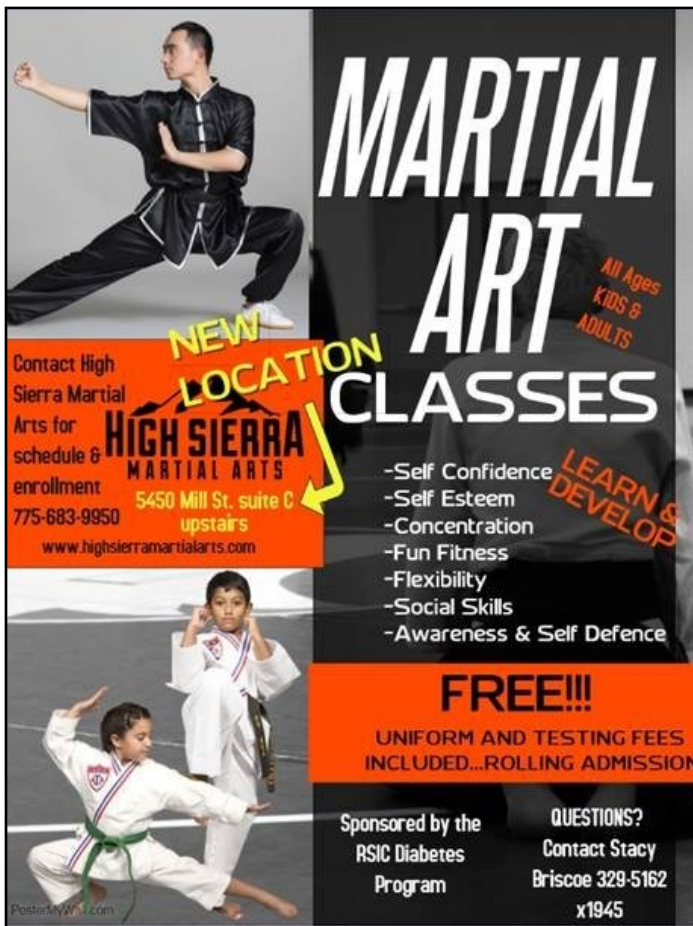


# Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Youth Success Spotlight

*Elementary school spotlights excellence, cooperation, responsibility, independence*







**MARTIAL ART CLASSES**

**NEW LOCATION**

**HIGH SIERRA MARTIAL ARTS**

5450 Mill St, suite C upstairs

775-683-9950

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**ALL AGES KIDS & ADULTS**

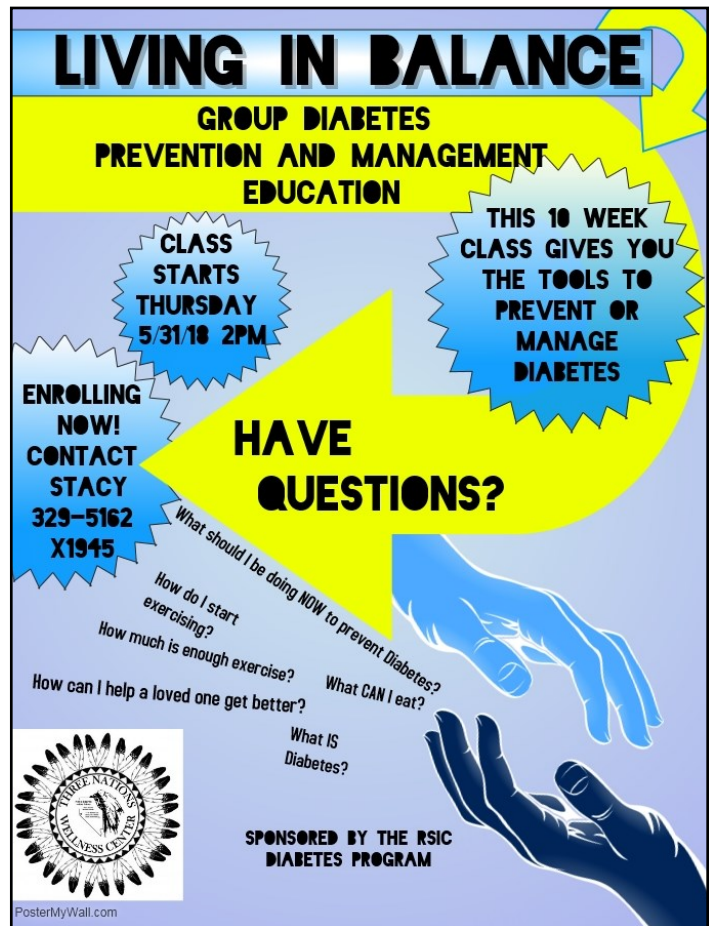
- Self Confidence
- Self Esteem
- Concentration
- Fun Fitness
- Flexibility
- Social Skills
- Awareness & Self Defence

**FREE!!!**

UNIFORM AND TESTING FEES INCLUDED...ROLLING ADMISSION

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QUESTIONS? Contact Stacy Briscoe 329-5162 x1945



**LIVING IN BALANCE**

**GROUP DIABETES PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT EDUCATION**

**CLASS STARTS THURSDAY 5/31/18 2PM**

**ENROLLING NOW! CONTACT STACY 329-5162 X1945**

**HAVE QUESTIONS?**

What should I be doing NOW to prevent Diabetes?

How do I start exercising?

How much is enough exercise?

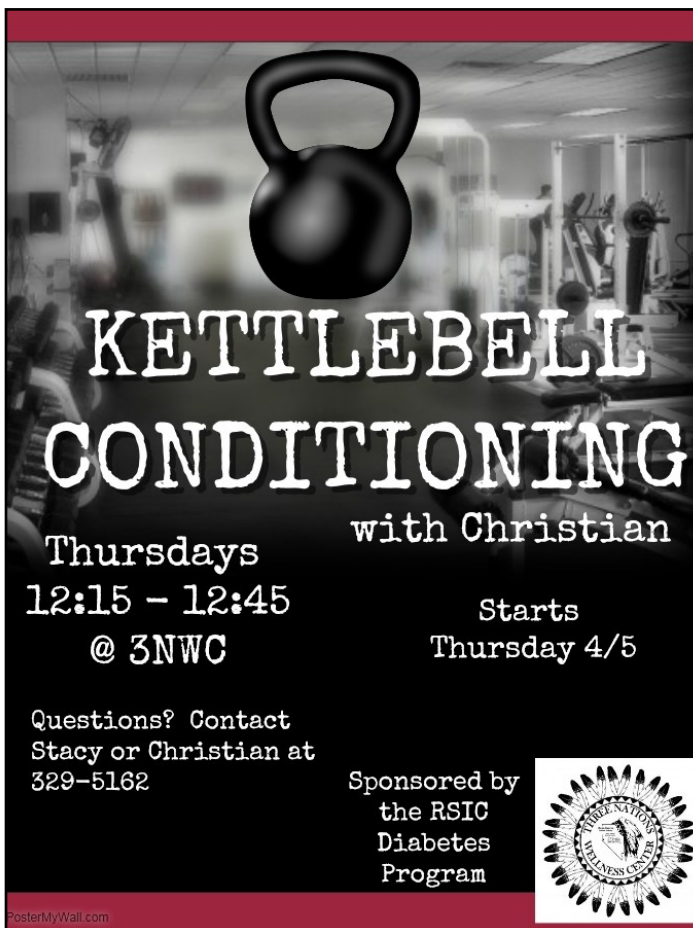
What CAN I eat?

How can I help a loved one get better?

What IS Diabetes?

**THIS 10 WEEK CLASS GIVES YOU THE TOOLS TO PREVENT OR MANAGE DIABETES**

**SPONSORED BY THE RSIC DIABETES PROGRAM**



**KETTLEBELL CONDITIONING**

with Christian

Thursdays 12:15 - 12:45 @ 3NWC

Starts Thursday 4/5

Questions? Contact Stacy or Christian at 329-5162

Sponsored by the RSIC Diabetes Program



**YOGA WITH KIM**

**NEW CLASS ADDED!**

**TUESDAYS 12:10-12:50pm**

**Vinyasa HIIT Fusion Yoga** (ADD CARDIO TO YOUR YOGA PRACTICE WITH CARDIO CIRCUITS)

**LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 12:10-12:50pm** (INCREASE FLEXIBILITY WITH NO MAT WORK)

**Gentle Chair-Based Yoga**

**THURSDAYS 12:10-12:50pm** (SLOW FLOW FOR ALL LEVELS)

**Vinyasa Yoga**

**ALL CLASSES AT RSTHC 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

OPEN TO RSTHC PATIENTS AND EMPLOYEES

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

SIGN UP NOT REQUIRED

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

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QUESTIONS? CONTACT STACY AT 329-5162 X1945



add you

# LET'S SPINN

SPINNING WITH MICHELLE

# FITNESS

AWESOME CALORIE BURNER AND FITNESS BOOSTER

WEDNESDAYS 5:30-6:30PM &  
FRIDAYS 12:15-12:45PM  
@ 3NWC

Questions Contact Michelle @ 329-5162

Gentle yoga for joint troubles or to gently increase flexibility

# chair yoga



**Chair-Based Yoga @ RSTHC** No Mat Work!

Last Tuesday of every month  
12:10-12:50  
RSTHC 1st Floor Conference Room


All ages and abilities welcome  
All equipment provided  
Sign Up not required

### Benefits of Yoga

- Increased flexibility
- Increased muscle strength and tone
- Improved respiration
- energy and vitality
- Improved athletic performance
- Protection from injury
- Maintaining a balanced metabolism
- Weight reduction
- Cardio and circulatory health

Questions? Contact Stacy 329-5162 x1945  
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## The 2018 Diabetes Shoe Program

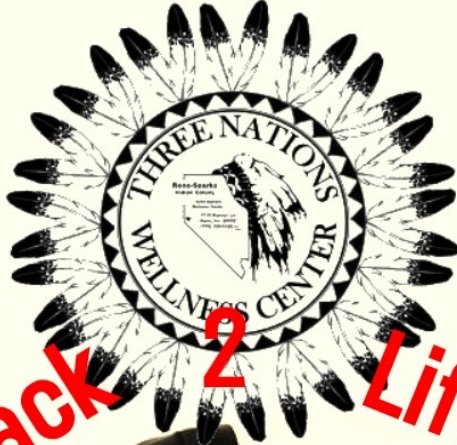


Keep two Diabetes Checkups in RSTHC Medical in 2018 and you're eligible for shoes through the RSTHC Diabetes Program! Appointment required.


**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact Stacy 329-5162 x1945  
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**The RSIC Diabetes Program reserves the right to end the program at any time.**





# Back 2 Life



It's time to get rid of the aches and pains and get **back** to living.

Gradually get back into exercise with help from a trainer.

Referral required.  
Please contact Stacy or Christian at 329-5162



## **YOU ARE INVITED**

**Reno-Sparks Indian Colony members are invited to the final meeting of the 2018 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Constitution Revision Work Group. This meeting will be convened in Hungry Valley. The focus of the meeting is three proposed amendments to the Constitution. One amendment related to TERRITORY and two on MEMBERSHIP.**

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**WHEN: July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (Monday) 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Hungry Valley Recreation Center – Downstairs Conference Room**

**WHAT: The Constitution work group will be meeting to discuss amendments proposed to the RSIC Tribal Constitution; as follows: Article 1-TERRITORY and Article 2-MEMBERSHIP (amendments).**

The Reno-Sparks Tribal Council supports the establishment of a Constitution Revision Work Group (“the Work Group”) for the purpose of:

- (1) Soliciting input from Colony members and other sources regarding potential amendments to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony’s constitution
  - (2) To gather information on those potential amendments
  - (3) To conduct colony membership meetings to discuss those potential amendments and
  - (4) To prepare proposed amendments to bring forward to Tribal Council for approval.
- This may result in a secretarial election by the end of 2018.

The Membership and Territory Articles are important and affects all RSIC Members. Article II- Membership is particularly significant as it determines who is eligible to enroll in the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

**If you are unable to attend you may submit written comments to:**

**Senior Staff Attorney  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502**

**Your written comments will be read at the meeting and taken into consideration along with in-person comments from those in attendance. All Tribal members who are unable to attend are encouraged to submit comments.**



**NOW ACCEPTING**  
**BIDS**

*(Bid should include the price for before, during, after event)*

## 4 ITEM MENU MINIMUM *(main dish, side, drink, desert)*

*Pow Wow Committee  
34 Reservation Road  
Reno, NV 89502*

DEADLINE:  
Friday, Aug. 17

# - Numaga Indian Days - Princess Pageant



Tiny Tot  
1-5 Yrs.

Junior Girl  
6-11 Yrs.

Teen Girl  
12-17 Yrs.

Applications available at:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Administration Office  
34 Reservation Road, or download from: [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org)



# Legal Notices, Public Announcements

*Tribal committee recruitment, civic responsibility, volunteer opportunity*

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## Law & Order Committee

The Law & Order Committee is currently recruiting for one new member. Appointments made to the Committee are for a four-year term and members are appointed by the Tribal Council. The Committee, pursuant to the bylaws, is scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of each month, but the date can be changed by the Committee.

The Committee shall be compensated at a rate approved by the Tribal Council.

The Standing Rules for Committees and Advisory Boards of RSIC have been revised and were adopted by the Tribal Council on 10-31-2012, Resolution No. 2012-RS-53. All Committee members must abide by these rules. Please see the Tribal Administrator's Office for a copy of the Standing Rules.

Any interested RSIC enrolled member may submit an applications to the Tribal Administrator's Office located at 34 Reservation Rd.

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## Recruitment for Pow Wow Committee Members

The Numaga Indian Days Pow Wow committee is seeking Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal members to serve on its 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 Days Pow Wow committee member, please submit your completed application to:

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

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**MAIL KEYS FOUND** at the mailbox on Prairie Moon Lane on Saturday 06/16/18. Go by or call RSIC Housing at 775/785-1300 to identify the keys.

## Education Advisory Committee

The Education Advisory Committee advises and comments on Education Department programs that serve RSIC children, families and community members. The Education Advisory Committee membership consists of five members who meet monthly and are provided a monthly meeting stipend for participation. The committee members will consist of three tribal members and two community residents. Under the Federal Guidelines 25 CFR §273.15, "Indian Education Committees are elected from among parents or legal guardians of eligible Indian students enrolled in the school(s) affected by a contract(s)." The members are appointed by the Tribal Council and shall serve a term of two years. The committee members must abide by the Tribal Council Standing Rules & Statement of Confidentiality.

Please submit a letter of interest to:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Education Department  
34 Reservation Rd.  
Reno, NV 89502

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## Recruitment for Housing Advisory Board

HAB is actively seeking **two** interested community members 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

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## KTMB's Truckee River Cleanup Day

*Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m.—noon*

A Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful event where RSIC commits to keeping its part of the river clean and healthy. Meet behind the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center. KTMB will host a BBQ afterward, with the location TBD closer to the date.

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual

NUMAGA INDIAN DAYS

# POW WOW



Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018 • Hungry Valley, NV • [rsic.org](http://rsic.org)

**FREE  
ADMISSION**



**OPEN TO  
THE PUBLIC**

## HEAD STAFF

**Master of Ceremonies:** Bart Powaukee

**Arena Director:** Randy Woods

**Head Judge:** Wesley Windyboy

**Head Man:** Nathan Nez

**Head Lady:** Willow Abrahamson

## SPECIALS

### TINY TOTS

Outgoing Numaga Tiny Tot Aurelia Sanchez

### MMIW RED DRESS • JUNIOR & TEENS

Traditional, Jingle & Fancy

Outgoing Miss Numaga Tziavi Melendez

### WOMEN'S FANCY TRICK SONG • OVER 16

Outgoing Miss Numaga Amelia Henry

### MARCARIO PADILLA GRASS DANCE • OVER

15 \$1,000 Winner-Take-All, Plus Jacket

### FAMILY TEEN DANCE, 3+ MEMBERS

RSIC Pow Wow Club

### COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHTS

Women's Fancy & Men's Grass

## ACTIVITIES

Numaga Walk/Run, Saturday

Registration at 7:30 am, Run at 8 am

Saturday Community Dinner

## DRUM CONTEST

### 1st Place:

\$10,000

### 2nd Place:

\$5,000

### 3rd Place:

\$4,000

### 4th Place:

\$3,000

### 5th Place:

\$2,000

Consolations

## VENDORS

Marla Dressler 775/399-0594

Summer Dressler 775/203-5017

## GENERAL INFO

Toby Stump 775/470-1100

Lydia Bonta 775/842-6388

## MEDIA

Stacey Montooth 775/842-2902

## TRIBAL COUNCIL LIAISON

Marlene Yarrow 775/329-2936

## GRAND ENTRY

Friday at 7pm

Saturday at 1pm, 7pm

Sunday at Noon

**EVENT  
LOCATION**

Hungry Valley, 266 Loop Road  
Sparks, Nevada 89441

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



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and all of the City's leadership.

"We can only hope that the City's new design will be appreciated for another 58 years," said Honig-Bear.

The new Reno flag was officially adopted by City Council by resolution on April 25.

The approved design by the City of Reno Council is public domain and the City encourages citizens to adopt it and make it their own.

The new Reno flag was designed by Tucker Stosic, a 23-year-old Renoite.

The design incorporates the surrounding geography and history in a symbolic way.

Stosic has shared about his design that... "The rich blue of the flag is representative

of the state of Nevada, to which Reno is a proud part.

The bottom notch of the circle is silver to represent the silver mining boom in the area, which ultimately led to the rise of the city of Reno itself.

Above lays the bright blue Truckee, which is not only a landmark of the area but essential drinking water to the current residents and was crucial to early Reno.

Above that stands the Sierra Nevada mountains, which are both a landmark of Reno and a provider of natural resources to the area. The mountains are outlined by the color gold, to represent the rich desert Reno calls home.

The star in the corner is the star on top of the Reno arch, a

symbol of Reno, unifying its residents under it."

The launch of a competition to designate a new flag for city was in part to celebrate Reno's 150th birthday.

The contest was also in an effort to better represent the modern Reno and the RACC led the effort to create an official municipal flag for the City of Reno.

The project, based on community involvement, educated the public about flag design and Reno history in order to produce a meaningful symbol of civic pride while better following the rules of good flag design.

RSIC Tribal Council member Shawn D. Johnson helped with the flag judging.



**New Friends** — Even though the Hungry Valley land base expanded in 2016, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony leadership voted to continue its historic relationship with the Reno Rodeo. This year, on the final night of the Cattle Drive, the RSIC Pow Wow Club shared the history of pow wow dancing and provided demonstrations. The grand finale, a friendship dance, brought about 75 cowboys and cowgirls into the circle. Participating RSIC Pow Wow Club members included: Jason Lopez, Plume Mckaney, Dania Wahwasuck, Athena Bill, Bridgette Stump, Lorri Chasing Crow, Emileigh Mason, Elias Dressler, Dae Furst, Olivia Chasing Crow, Wyliann Brady, Naki'e Williams, Jett Williams, Powma Williams, Karianna John, Gabriella Shaw, and Waylon Shaw. Also pictured is Clare Andriola, Executive Director of the Charitable Foundation of the Reno Rodeo in the back row, far right.

**Photo By Bucky Harjo**