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Tribal Elder, Veteran Recognized at Nevada Legislature

Beatrice Thayer honored during National Women's History Month

Move over Sandra Day O'Connor, Beatrice Thayer is in the house.

At 92-years-young, Thayer has observed, and helped nudge history along.

For her spirit, perseverance and dedication to her country, Thayer recently was recognized at the Nevada Legislature as a woman of historical significance.

"She is a tremendous gift to the state of Nevada," said Nevada Senator Julia Ratti as she introduced Thayer on the senate floor. "I am incredibly honored to have you here today..."

A Veteran of World War II, Staff Sergeant Thayer enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, now known as the Air Force, in 1945. Despite a segregated and male dominated military, Thayer attained top secret clearance and delivered important war correspondence to the Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Forces in Europe.

A member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and a student from the Stewart Indian School, Thayer was honorably discharged from the military in October of 1958, and joined

the Nevada Army National Guard in 1973. She finally retired in 1982.

Ratti told her fellow elected officials and a gallery of on-lookers that Thayer's military service included doing KP (kitchen patrol) with German prisoners of war as armed guards stood watch.

Plus, Ratti explained that Thayer witnessed the Berlin Wall being constructed.

In addition to recognizing the elder Thayer, Ratti addressed Daniel Thayer, who accompanied his mother to the Senate chambers.

"He says that he is her bodyguard and driver, and she says that he is her ears," Ratti explained. "What I see is so much love, so much support and so much companionship."

A mother of two sons, a

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The Upper House — Nevada Assistant Majority Leader Julia Ratti (right) shares gripping milestones of Beatrice Thayer's service to her country and community. A World War II Veteran and a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Thayer (middle) was recently honored by the Nevada Legislature as a woman of historical significance in conjunction with National Women's History Month. Her younger son, Daniel (left) is also pictured.

Photo By Becky Wood



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WHO: ANYONE IN NEED

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

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Important APRIL dates

- 6 Kids Cooking Class, Nothing To It Culinary Center, 10:30 a.m.
- 7 Beginner Paiute, RSIC Library, 4 p.m.
- 8 Grad Cap Beading Class, RSIC Library, 5 p.m.
- 10 Senior Paiute Classes, Senior Center, 1 p.m.
Drum, Sing, Learn, Hungry Valley Education Center, 6 p.m.
Tribal Council Meeting, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 6 p.m.
- 11 Shoshone Language Class, RSIC Library, 4 p.m.
Intermediate Paiute, RSIC Senior Center, 6 p.m.
- 12 Financial Beginnings Managing Personal Credit, RSTHC, 11:45 a.m.
- 14 Beginner Paiute, RSIC Library, 4 p.m.
- 15 FBNN Mobile Food Harvest, Hungry Valley Rec Center Upper Lot, Noon
Grad Cap Beading Class, RSIC Library, 5 p.m.
Executive Health Board Meeting, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Commodity Distribution, Senior Center, 8 a.m.
- 17 Senior Paiute Classes, Senior Center, 1 p.m.
Drum, Sing, Learn, Hungry Valley Education Center, 6 p.m.
- 18 Shoshone Language Class, RSIC Library, 4 p.m.
Intermediate Paiute, RSIC Senior Center, 6 p.m.
- 19 Good Friday, RSIC Administration Offices Close at Noon
- 20 RSIC Rec Department Easter Egg Hunt, Anderson Park
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 22 Earth Day
Grad Cap Beading Class, RSIC Library, 5 p.m.
- 23 Adult Cooking Class, Nothing To It Culinary Center, 6 p.m.
- 24 Senior Paiute Classes, Senior Center, 1 p.m.
Drum, Sing, Learn, Hungry Valley Education Center, 6 p.m.
Economic Development Meeting, Hungry Valley Rec Center, 6 p.m.
- 25 Shoshone Language Class, RSIC Library, 4 p.m.
Intermediate Paiute, RSIC Senior Center, 6 p.m.
- 26 *Stewart Indian School: Home of the Braves* documentary,
KNPB Public Television Channel 5, 10:30 p.m.
- 27 Great Clean Up, Eagle Canyon Road, Mile Marker 1.5, 8 a.m.
Search & Rescue Community Disaster Training, Hungry Valley Community Center
- 28 Truckee Meadows Earth Day, Mayberry Park, 9 a.m.
Search & Rescue Community Disaster Training, Hungry Valley Community Center
Beginner Paiute, RSIC Library, 4 p.m.
- 29 *Stewart Indian School: Home of the Braves* documentary,
KNPB Public Television Channel 5, 1 p.m.

For a listing of all of the Tribe's activities, meeting and events, log onto:

www.rsic.org.

Chose the **News** tab, and pull down to **Events**.

Financial Beginnings

Join us for an informational presentation on understanding and managing personal credit

SESSION OBJECTIVES

In today's economy, it would be rare not to use credit to pay for large purchases, such as car repairs, buying a house, or any type of emergency situation. Credit can be an overwhelming topic, but understanding credit is critical for managing one's finances responsibly, as credit can affect many aspects of your life.

By the end of this session you will:

- Understand what credit is, how it works, and why you need it.
- Understand the different ways of establishing credit.
- Know your responsibilities as a borrower.
- Know how to monitor credit using a credit report and credit score.
- Understand loans, credit cards and how to borrow responsibly.

Date: April 12, 2019

Place: RSTHC Clinic Conference Room

1715 Kuenzli Lane, Reno, NV 89502

Time: 11:45am to 1:15pm

***RSVP to Angela Wilson at awilson@rsic.org or 775-785-1300**



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grandmother of five, and great grandmother of nine, Thayer, affectionately known to all in her community as Aunt Bea, embodies Native American

***“She is a
tremendous
gift to the
State of Nevada.”***

—Senator Julia Ratti
on Beatrice Thayer

Warrior strength, perseverance and pride.

In addition to Thayer, other notable women honored by the Nevada Senate included: Senator Bernice Mathews, Anna Bailey, a Broadway dancer, Felice Cohn, a pioneering legal mind, Thalia Dondero, a public servant and mother of a current Nevada senator, Judith Rudnick and Sally Ride, NASA astronauts, Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female supreme court justice, Barbara Ross, an educator and medical physician, Harriet Trudell, a social activist, along with the entire female majority of the Nevada Legislature.

According to the Library of Congress, Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981, when Congress passed a law which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week."

Throughout the next five



Living Legend — Reno-Sparks Indian Colony elder and World War II Veteran Beatrice Thayer (center) was honored by Nevada Senator Julia Ratti during a National Women's History Month celebration at the state legislature last week. At 92 years old and incredibly humble, Thayer, has witnessed and sacrificed for the advancement of Native Americans and women.

Photo By Becky Wood

years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week."

In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed a new law which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month."

Since 1995, Presidents

Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

Today, several federal and state agencies commemorate and encourage the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.



April is...Child Abuse Prevention Month

A month dedicated to bringing awareness to prevent child abuse and neglect,
and keep our most vulnerable safe.

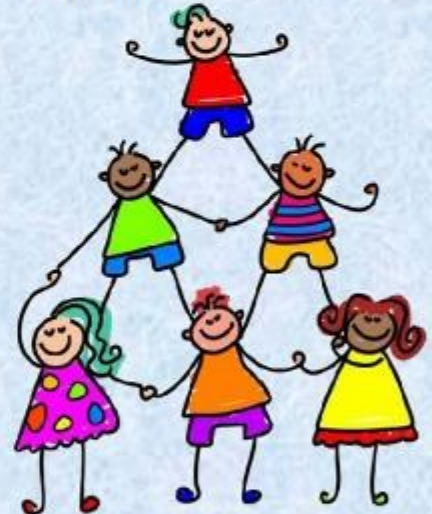
We invite you to the events listed below. There will be raffles and free
goodies at each event. First 30 participants will receive a T-shirt.



•April 12th, 2019 @ 9am- 11 am A cup of brewed Blue Coffee with Human
Services. 405 Golden Lane
Reno, NV 89502

•April 16th, 2019 @ 11am-1pm—Pinwheel Sandwiches with
Human Services at the Transitional Living Center in Hungry
Valley.

•April 23rd, 2019 @ 11:00-1pm—Wear Your Blue with
Human Services at the multipurpose room in building 34.
We will have a **special guest speaker Dr. Martinez**
and **lunch** will be provided.



For additional information please call Human Services
775-329-5071



Thanks To Observant Driver, All's Well That Ends Well

Quick thinking community member alerts authorities to suspicious activity

She saw something, she said something, and now, Mother Earth is happier.

Earlier this month, Hungry Valley resident Elena Sampson spotted an industrial truck parked off the side of Eagle Canyon road as she was returning home from work.

What really gave Sampson pause was the gushing liquid pouring out of the truck onto the ground.

"If I hadn't see a lot of liquid coming out of the back of the truck, I may have just driven by," Sampson said. "However, I noticed that they were watching me as I drove by slowly."

Undeterred, Sampson explained that she made a U-turn, parked her vehicle, and pulled out her cell phone.

"I wanted to take a picture and have it checked out because the liquid could have been something really toxic," Sampson said.

She added that the suspicious behavior and shocked expressions of the strangers gave her pause, but she managed to photograph the license plate of the truck.

Sampson wisely shared her experience with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Environmental Manager, Bhie Cie Ledesma, who quickly got the Tribal Police involved.

As an illegal dumping on Tribal lands had occurred, the possibility that the discharge could have been toxic, Ledesma took soil



Poor Judgement — On her way home from work, a resident of Hungry Valley managed to safely get a photograph of illegal activity taking place in Hungry Valley. Elena Sampson took information to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Environmental Program, which worked in conjunction with Tribal Police to hold the construction company accountable for illegal dumping on Tribal lands.

Photo Provided By Bhie Cie Ledesma

samples and other RSIC authorities contacted the company which openly admitted that the construction company's driver had released "muddy water" from large tank on its truck onto the land just off Eagle Canyon road.

The construction company readily agreed to pay for the expedited testing, lab interpretation and eventual clean up.

H2O environmental declared that the tested soil samples were non-hazardous and below actionable levels.

Moreover, the employees who cleaned the infected ditch by spraying it with clean water and using their vacuum hose to collect water as it ran off the ditch, were very contrite.

Ledesma wrote in her official incident report that the employees apologized for their error in

judgement as they admitted to dumping the liquid instead of properly disposing of it as they are required.

"The RSIC Tribal Police Department was an enormous support in this," Ledesma said. "They were right on the case."

And for her vigilance, Sampson received a certificate of recognition.

"I would never directly confront anyone," Sampson said, "but I was sure the situation needed to be checked out. It was the right thing to do."

In fact, since the Nevada Native Nations Land Act was signed by United States President Barack Obama in 2016, and the RSIC Tribal Council, along with Tribal Police and Hungry Valley Fire

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departments have encouraged all community members that a community where people intervene for the good of others is a safer community.

As the RSIC is the steward of 15,354 acres in Hungry Valley, all residents and visitors play a role in keeping our land pristine and our residents safe.

"Hungry Valley shouldn't be a trash can," Sampson said. "Everyone needs to keep this Earth clean."

If you see or hear illegal activities—shooting, dumping, alcohol use, or off-road vehicle activity outside designated routes and areas in Hungry Valley or at the Colony, please call **911** or the RSIC Tribal Police dispatch, non-emergency, at: **323-2677**, or Monday through Friday, during business hours, phone the RSIC Tribal Police at **785-8776**.

9-1-1 Tips

◀ Always know your location and be ready to give directions to the **9-1-1** call taker using cross streets, mile markers, landmarks and cities. Give your precise location or the location of the emergency.

◀ Always know your cell phone number. Provide your 10-digit phone number, so the operator can call you back in needed.

◀ Describe the emergency clearly. Tell the **9-1-1** call taker what the exact emergency is.

◀ Stay on the line until the operator tells you to hang up.



"See Something, Say Something" — Reno-Sparks Indian Colony employee and Hungry Valley resident Elena Sampson (right) was recognized by the Tribe's environmental program manager Bhie Cie Ledesma (left) for reporting recent illegal dumping off Eagle Canyon Road. *Photo by the RSIC Environmental Program*

The Value of Community Policing

"If You See Something, Say Something" engages the public in protecting our homeland through awareness-building, partnerships, and other outreach.

There can be moments in our day that cause us to pause and ask, "Is this typical of my every day?" If it's not, speak up. Don't be afraid to say something if you see something that doesn't seem right.

Whether you are on your way to work, walking in your neighborhood, or out and about in your community, remember: We all play a role in keeping our communities safe. Remember to stay vigilant and say something when you see signs of suspicious activity.

Familiarize yourself with the signs of illegal, suspicious activity and when you notice something out of the ordinary, report who or what you saw, when you saw it, where it occurred and why it's suspicious to local authorities.

Public safety is everyone's responsibility. If you see suspicious activity, report it to local law enforcement or a person of authority.

For more information on how you can help keep our community clean and safe, contact Bhie Cie Ledesma, RSIC Environmental Program : 785-1363 or Tribal Police Chief Stewart Handte: (775) 785-8776.

RSIC LIBRARY & LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

GRAD CAP BEADING CLASSES

Please join us at the RSIC library for a 6 part series on how to bead a graduation cap. All materials will be provided for anyone with a graduating high school senior. Seating is limited. Sign -up required.

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New Provider Joins the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center

Nurse Practitioner Julie Cope serving as interim co-medical director

Her career in Indian Country started with a two-month, temporary assignment. Now, Julie Cope, a family nurse practitioner (NP), has joined the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center, as a medical provider and, the acting co-medical director.

"This building is amazing," NP Cope said of the RSTHC. "She looks forward to working with staff members to improve patient care, and with patients to improve their health and well-being."

NP Cope comes to the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony after working for two years with the Uintah & Ouray Indian Health Service of Utah.

Her time in the Fort Duchesne area changed the focus of her career.

"What motivates me to work with tribal communities is seeing how much positive changes can help the community," NP Cope said. "The kindness and respect I was offered by the Northern Ute community motivated me, too."

While working with Native Americans including Northern Ute, Shoshone, Goshute, and Paiute Indians, NP Cope provided care to a variety of patients and managed two specialty programs, one in women's health and the other related to diabetes.

NP Cope provided well woman checks, PAP or papanicolaou smear tests, long-term birth control, and urgent women's visits.

She also helped patients with diabetes improve their symptoms, and helped patients with chronic illness manage their medications.

***"I plan to stay at the
Reno-Sparks Tribal
Health Center
long-term..."***

— NP Julie Cope

She ran educational booths at pow wows and community health fairs, and twice was a presenter at Tribal women's health conferences.

In addition, as a provider, NP Cope has experience in behavioral health, and she previously worked at a state mental health hospital and a substance abuse treatment facility.

"My goals were to help each

client with mental health struggles, develop a plan to improve his or her symptoms and live in harmony with his or her beliefs," NP Cope said. "my philosophy is that I am a guide and a partner, not a director."

NP Cope said that she is a good listener, and works with people where they are in their lives.

"I have that same philosophy with managing staff," NP Cope said. "When we work together, we will come up with the best solutions."

Though she had never been to Nevada, NP Cope has a brother, a sister-in-law, and their children who live in the area.

"I plan to stay at RSTHC long-term," NP Cope said. "My goal is to build consensus and use teamwork to solve challenges."

NP Cope said that she believes that collaboration and teamwork are the keys to improving the care delivered to patients at the RSTHC.

"I have clear expectations around patient care," NP Cope said. "If a provider is not delivering the standard of care expected, or is not treating clients with respect, I will hold them accountable."

When not serving the 1,160 Colony members and the 7,000 eligible Urban Indians, NP Cope will be starting a part-time doctoral program at Nevada for addition training in leadership and specialty patient care.



Joining The Team — Julie Cope, *who used to work for the Uintah and Ouray Indian Health Service, has joined the RSTHC. A nurse practitioner, Cope will also be the RSTHC Interim Co-Medical Director.*

Roadway Safety: How Can You Reduce Injuries, Fatalities

Driver, pedestrian simple steps to save improve odds, save lives

By Todd Morrison

Tribal Technical Assistance Program

With 2,840 known fatalities on Tribal lands from 2011 to 2015, most of us have either lost a loved one or know someone who has.

You don't have to feel powerless to stop it. There are many ways that each of us can work to prevent roadway fatalities. Small efforts put forth by all can make a mountain of a difference and turn the tide.

To figure out how we can prevent these fatalities, we first must study the data.

The data tells the story of why these fatal collisions are occurring. Even that is a struggle as we have known under reporting of crashes in Tribal areas.

This leads us to the first thing you can do: report any crashes that you know of. In addition to calling 911, contact your Tribal transportation planner or grants manager, and let them know, especially about serious crashes or fatalities.

The more data that we have; the clearer the picture will be.

Also, our chances of obtaining grant funding to correct safety issues are greatly enhanced by good data.

A Tribal Transportation Committee, formed from many Tribal governments and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), reviewed the crash data for Native Americans.

It's startling to learn that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death from unintentional injury for Native Ameri-

cans and Alaska Natives ages 1 to 44.

In some states Native Americans are four times more likely to die from a motor vehicle crash than the general population.

From this review, the committee found five emphasis areas of special concern.

The first one is occupant protection (seat belts, car seats, helmets, air bags, etc.).

In 51 percent of Native American fatalities, occupant protection was not used.

In Tribal areas seat belt usage has been tracked at 78 percent, while the overall United States' average usage is 90 percent.

Here's the second thing that you can do: **wear your seat belt**, make sure everyone else in the vehicle does, and

make sure to use car seats even for short trips.

The second emphasis area is roadway departure. Sixty-three percent of Native American fatalities happened when someone left the travel way resulting in a crash. Twenty-five percent of these were in curves. How can you reduce this? Stay on the road. Easier said than done at times.

For most of us, we need to make sure that we are not distracted. No texting or using electronic devices while driving.

There's also a lot that Road Departments can do to keep you on the road and help prevent fatalities if you leave the road.

They accomplish this with good maintenance of gravel or unpaved roads, striping, sign-

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Use Your Seat Belt — In 51 percent of Native American automobile fatalities, occupant protection was not used per the research of Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP). This program was recently established by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Innovative Program Delivery's Center for Local Aid Support. For more information about roadway safety, please see: <https://ttap-center.org/>.

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age, a clear roadside, and gentle slopes to name a few items. You can also help with this. Report any signs that are down, that have been vandalized or are no longer reflective at night to your public works.

Also report drainage issues and damaged guardrail. They can't be everywhere at once and rely upon you to be their eyes.

The third emphasis area is impaired driving. Forty-percent of Native American fatalities involved impaired driving. This is compared to 36 percent of fatal crashes across the U.S. having an impaired driver.

You can help to reduce this by drinking responsibly and helping others to do so. Don't drive if you've been drinking.

Offer to give someone a ride if

they have been drinking and you have not. Be a good friend and take the keys away from a buddy that's been drinking.

The fourth emphasis area is pedestrian safety. Eleven percent of roadway fatalities for Native Americans occur when a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle. This number is 3.5 times greater than other portions of the population.

The majority of these are at night in rural areas. Seventy-seven percent of the time the individual was walking along or in the road.

What can you do? Walk on a sidewalk or path when it's available. If you must walk on the shoulder or in the road, face traffic. Be seen by wearing reflective or bright clothing. Never walk near the road while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The fifth emphasis area is availability of public safety services. Forty-four percent of fatalities on Tribal lands have more than an hour from the time EMS is notified to when the victim arrives at the hospital. This number is 23 percent on average for the U.S.

Road safety experts have a term called the "golden hour." If you can get medical attention within an hour of sustaining severe injury, your chances of living are much higher.

How can you help? Consider becoming a community volunteer and take some basic medical training. Contact Reno Sparks Indian Colony Emergency Services for information of training 785-1373.

It's quite possible you could be first on the scene and provide lifesaving assistance.

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March 1, 2019

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing regarding your administration's recent disregard for the sovereignty and the lack of consultation with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and all Nevada Tribes.

As one-half ton of weapons grade plutonium was illegally transported to, and is now being stored on Tribal ancestral homelands of the Western Shoshone people at the Nevada National Security Site, I implore you to respect our government-to-government relationship as we look to resolve this untenable situation which endangers our people, our land, and continues to erode any trust between your Department of Energy and the United States' original citizens.

According to Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak, the shipment of waste without any notification violated the spirit of the 2014 Memo of Understanding which addresses the shipment and deposit of waste between the State of Nevada and the DOE.

As the Chairman of my Tribe, I have been entrusted to represent and protect our community. I ask that you accept Governor Sisolak's meeting request and that your DOE Secretary work closely with our Tribal and State leaders to address the specifics of this recent shipment, and to ensure that no more hazardous material is sent to and/or left behind on our land.

Respectfully,

Arlan D. Melendez
Tribal Chairman

cc: Nevada Indian Commission

Tribes Object to Secret Shipment to Yucca Mountain

Nevada Native American leaders outraged over plutonium shipment, storage

Carson City, Nev. – Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman Arlan D. Melendez along with leaders from 12 additional Nevada Tribes have sent letters to the United States President Donald Trump and Energy Secretary Rick Perry protesting the federal government's shipment of a half metric ton of weapons-grade plutonium to the Nevada National Security Site without informing the Tribes or state government officials.

"I implore you to respect our government-to-government relationship as we look to resolve this untenable situation which endangers our people, our land, and continues to erode any trust between your Department of Energy and the United States' original citizens," Chairman Melendez wrote.

In addition, Tribal chairs from the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe, the Elko Band Council, the Ely Shoshone Tribe, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute, which encompasses parts of Eastern Nevada and Western Utah, all expressed concerns that they

were not informed or consulted about the shipment, which happened prior to November of 2018.

"As a Southern Nevada Tribe, our reservations – one in downtown Las Vegas and another in the northwestern part of the Las Vegas Valley – are in direct proximity to the transportation routes that may have been utilized for this shipment to the Nevada National Security Site," Chris Spotted Eagle, Tribal Chairman of the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, wrote in a letter to Perry. "Were an incident to occur during such transport, our tribal citizens would be exposed to potentially harmful impacts."

Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak [sent a letter](#) to President Trump on Feb. 27 requesting a meeting to discuss the plutonium shipment and the

administration's plans for the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste site.

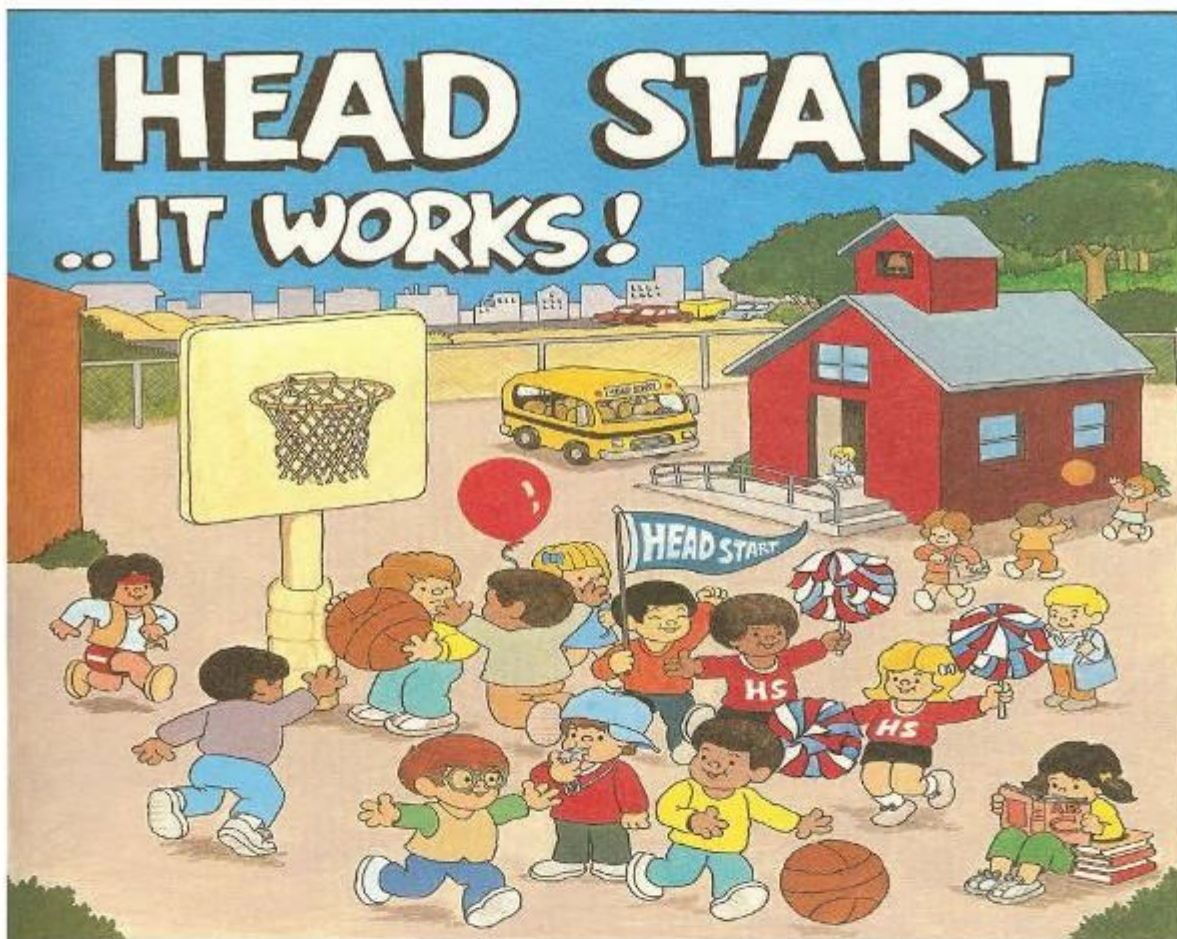
President Trump has yet to acknowledge or respond to Governor Sisolak's request for a meeting.

Chairman Rupert Steele of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation wrote, "By sending and storing a half ton of radioactive plutonium to the State of Nevada without consultation, the United States government failed in its duty to protect Indian Tribal resources. Furthermore, by taking such a reckless and careless action, the United States government completely ignored its legal and moral responsibilities under the United States Constitution to consult with Indian Tribes on actions with Indian Tribal implications."



Red Rock Canyon — Native American people used this area for thousands of years, living in the desert valley during the fall and winter and migrating to the hills and mountains during spring and summer. In February, Tribal and Nevada leaders learned that the federal government shipped and stored hazardous materials to this sacred area at the end of 2018.

Photo Contributed By Nevada Indian Commission



The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Head Start Program is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year!

Head Start is a free early childhood education program for low income families with children between the ages of 3 to 5 years.
Children must be 3 years of age by September 30th.

Head Start offers:

One classroom at Hungry Valley
Two classrooms at Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Nutritious breakfasts and lunches provided
School readiness skills

For application and/or information, call 775-789-5615. To pick up an application, stop by the Head Start Program at 34 E Reservation Road

**Make your Dental and Physical Appointments now, as appointments fill up fast.
When making your appointments, let them know it is for Head Start.**

**Deadline for completed applications to be received:
Thursday, July 26th at 4:30 p.m.**

Should RSIC Explore the Marijuana Industry?

Leadership asking for input, holds two public meetings with question, answer sessions

The Tribal Council of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has been considering the potential benefits and pitfalls of the Tribe entering into the cannabis business.

As both medical and recreational marijuana are legal in the State of Nevada, the business opportunities for growing marijuana, processing and packaging marijuana products, and retail sales, seem substantial.

As directed by the Tribal Council, the Colony's Chairman, Arlan D. Melendez, and the RSIC Economic Development and Business Enterprises staff have done extensive research on the marijuana industry.

To be transparent and encourage respectful dialogue in a structured, safe setting, the Tribal Council recently held two community meetings—one on the Colony and one in Hungry Valley—to give an overview of the industry.

Plus, the leadership brought in professional experts who have been in the industry not only in other states, but with other federally recognized Tribes.

In addition, Las Vegas Paiute Tribal Council member Benny Tso, addressed the current trends in the marijuana industry, along with the challenges the business has presented, as well as the benefits, and long-term outlook for the business.

With a crowd between 40-50 persons at each meeting, RSIC Economics Development Director Steve Moran gave a brief history of the industry.

He said that medical marijuana use was legalized in Nevada by ballot initiative in 2000, while recreational use of marijuana was legalized in Nevada by ballot initiative in 2016.

However, even as 10 states and Washington, DC, allow marijuana, the federal government still strictly prohibits pot.

HISTORY

Under the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) scheduling system, the government classifies marijuana as a Schedule 1 drug, which means it doesn't believe that marijuana has medical value, and that marijuana has a high potential for abuse.



New Revenue Source? — *While the cannabis industry might be incredibly appealing as a revenue source and job creator, some Tribes struggle with the possible ethical opposition.* **File Photo**

Even though criminal punishments for marijuana are not as harsh, legally cannabis is in the same drug category as heroin, moreover, cannabis is in a more restrictive category than cocaine and meth.

Reclassifying a drug is not a simple process, however, last year, President Trump signed into law a provision legalizing hemp, a species of cannabis.

Despite federal prohibition, the Obama administration took a hands off approach to marijuana, providing the Cole Memo which focuses on 9 priorities such as not allowing minor children access to legal pot, or not to do business across state lines.

Currently, the 2014 Wilkinson Memo a "Policy Statement Regarding Marijuana Issues in Indian Policy" which was DOJ policy guidance to U.S. District Attorneys, is in effect.

Initially, the Trump administration took a tougher line, but the latest Attorney General, William Barr, told the U.S. Senate on Jan. 15, that "...marijuana companies which are operating legally according to state laws where the cultivation and sale of the drug is allowed, will not face action by the Justice Department."

Still, banks overwhelmingly are not comfortable dealing with any businesses that are essentially breaking federal law.

In those states in which

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Topics

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Participants

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 - Youth Organizations
 - Community Emergency Response Teams
 - Interested Members of the Community
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cannabis is legal, federal restrictions require the cannabis business to be operated with only cash—no checks, no credit cards, no debit cards, just cash.

From paying employees in cash, to purchasing product in cash, to paying taxes in cash, this restriction makes the business very cumbersome.

Just this month, though, the federal stance seemed to soften as members of Congress introduced a bipartisan bill aimed at protecting federal employees who use marijuana in accordance with state law.

At the RSIC's community meetings, Moran explained that specific to American Indian Tribes within Nevada, the State Legislature has adopted a law which provides cooperation between Tribes and the State which would allow state licenses to do business with Tribe.

Furthermore, according to the

Tribe's legal department, creating compacts or legal agreements is intended to prevent potential conflicts between state and tribal laws relating to marijuana.

Moran outlined that to date, seven Tribes in Nevada have entered into marijuana compacts with the State.

Each of these intergovernmental contracts between the State and the applicable Tribe spells out the rules, oversight, scope and standards for participation in the cannabis industry.

The Tribes which currently have marijuana compacts are: the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, the Fort McDermitt Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, the Ely Shoshone Tribe, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the Lovelock Paiute Tribe, and the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

In fact, the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe's NuWu Cannabis

Marketplace is the largest marijuana store in the world.

Having signed one of the first compacts in Nevada, representatives from NuWu Cannabis Marketplace gave a promising report about the continued business opportunities with marijuana during the RSIC community meetings.

The Nevada's Department of Taxation has reported that thus far this year, marijuana sales for the state are about \$52 million per month.

In 2018, the sales were \$41 million per month.

Washoe County, which comprises 16 percent of the overall market, collected \$8.3 million per month.

There are currently 13 retail stores in the Reno area, with six more setting up shop, based on 2019 licenses awarded by the city.

Of course, more money could

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In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

Fitness fun, rock & roll history, preparing for emergencies, civic duty



Team Flab-U-Less – The winners of a recent Three Nations Wellness Weight Challenge, Ryan Lia, Teresa Bill and Mary Lara lost 45 pounds. Ten teams entered the 12-week program sponsored by the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center's 3 Nation's Wellness Center. The next challenge will be June 6.



Come And Get Your Love – Though participants were forced to relocate to a different viewing area, about 30 people enjoyed a screening of RUMBLE, and a question and answer session with Red Bone cofounder Pat Vegas and his son, PJ, who is a contemporary hip hop artist.



What If There's A Fire? – Last month, a fire drill was conducted for all employees, students and visitors at 34 Reservation Road. The 10:01 a.m., drill was activated by a horn and strobe lights to alert everyone in the facility. According to Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Emergency Services Manager David Hunkup, the evacuation was very orderly and immediate. According to the United States Fire Administration, (USFA), African American males (19.7) and American Indian males (18.6) have the highest fire death rates per million population.



For The Good of The Community – Darlene "Dolly" Gardipe recently took an oath of office and she joined the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center's seven-member, executive health board. Appointed by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council, the board provides input into the policies and procedures, as well as oversight to the traditional medicine and other programs. The board helps guide the RSTHC staff which is committed to enhancing the quality of life of all of American Indians by providing a culturally competent and patient-centered continuum of care.

In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

Helping the home front, feedback from elders, building a force, speedy athlete



To Serve and Protect – New Police Officer, K. Leslie, recently swore to support and defend the Constitution of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. A former officer for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Leslie joins the RSIC Tribal Police Department which is made up of nine officers, plus a criminal investigator, three sergeants, and the police chief.



Fierce Competitor – At 9 years of age, Jack Quoetone, son of James Quoetone and grandson of Jacqueline and Lanny Quoetone, joined the Sunlight Ski Club U-10. This season, Jack took 2nd place twice, and a 3rd place. Jack finished his season at the Powderhorn Ski Resort in Mesa, Colo., competing in the giant slalom. He also raced in the U-14 division with athletes five years older than him, and earned 2nd place with a speed of 46 mph this year.



Listening Session – The Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum staff recently met with alumni and family members to share the upcoming plans of its new cultural center which is slated to open this year at the historic site of the Indian boarding school. During the three-hour session, community members provided comments on the future operation and mission of the cultural center and museum. Many attendees shared memories, many which were promoted by the school memorabilia displayed.



Official – Randy Melendez recently took an oath of office to serve on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Housing Advisory Board. The RSIC Housing Department was formed to improve the quality of life for residents of the Colony by assisting tribal members obtain and maintain an affordable, comfortable, safe and sanitary home. The seven-member advisory board which is appointed by Tribal Council, provides general oversight and community involvement for about 320 households, 165 on the Colony and 155 in Hungry Valley.

be made from cultivation and processing, but then the Tribe would need to spend more money to operate a larger, more integrated business.

The RSIC Economic Development Director believes that the marijuana business would provide substantial new revenue.

INDIAN COUNTRY

In a case study by Evergreen State College with cooperation from 42 Tribes, authors Amber Seachord and Barbara Leigh Smith found that one of the biggest fears that Tribes have about legalizing recreational marijuana is the impact it might have on their youth.

According to the study, Native Americans have the highest addiction rate of any racial or ethnic group in the U.S., and many Tribes do not want to give their youth the wrong idea about drug use.

Some studies have shown that continued use of marijuana containing high levels of THC by youth could change the way still-developing brains grow.

Another study showed mice born from mothers who were injected with high doses of THC during pregnancy were very anxious, not social, and also very uncoordinated (Sides, 2015).

The case study noted that marijuana smoke is also an irritant of the respiratory system and actually produces more tar in the lungs than cigarettes (Inciardi, 1999).

This would be true if it is smoked, but many alternative

means of ingesting it are now available.

Some Tribes also are concerned about the social impact that might occur from legalization and profitability from marijuana. One consequence might be attracting criminal or other destructive elements to Tribal communities.

The report concluded that even within states approving legalization, there are often cultural conflicts about the use of and association with cannabis.

However, for the RSIC, at this preliminary phase, the Tribal Council is still seeking Tribal member input to assist the governing body in reaching a final decision on marijuana

that is consistent with the goals and values of its members.

During the Wednesday, April 10, RSIC Tribal Council meeting, the agenda will include a request for leadership to vote to proceed, and possibly an item for approval to direct staff to take the steps necessary to pursue participation in the business of cannabis.

That monthly meeting will be held at 6 p.m., in the Hungry Valley Recreation Center.

STAND FOR SOVEREIGNTY

In January, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak announced the members of his advisory panel tasked with preparing enabling language for a Cannabis

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Sunday Sunrise Service—April 21—7am

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Sunday Easter Service—April 21—11am



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Cortez Masto Introduces Bill to Address Suicide

Bipartisan initiative offers intervention, prevention for Natives in Indian Country

Washington, D.C. – The suicide epidemic on Native American reservations continues to reach crisis levels. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Native people ages 10-34.

In February, United States Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) joined Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and 13 Senate colleagues to introduce the bipartisan Native American Suicide Prevention Act.

This legislation would help address the alarming suicide rate in Native communities by requiring collaboration among states and tribal nations in the design and implementation of statewide suicide intervention and prevention strategies.

For American Indians and Alaska Natives ages 15-34, the suicide rate is 50 percent times higher than the national average. In some tribal communities, the youth suicide rate is 10 times greater than the national average.

“Our Native communities are in the midst of a suicide crisis, and we must do more to support them as they fight to end it,” Senator Cortez Masto said. “The Native American Suicide Prevention Act would ensure that Tribal leaders play a role in the development and implementation of suicide prevention programs so that these strategies are culturally competent and effective.”



Epidemic — *Despite the strengths of Native American families and communities, suicide remains a devastating and all too frequent event. Complex, interrelated factors contribute to an increased suicide risk including: mental health disorders, substance abuse, intergenerational trauma, and community-wide issues.*

File Photo

Despite the devastating scope of this crisis and the clear need for Native communities' involvement in the development of suicide prevention strategies, tribal nations and tribal organizations are too often left out of planning and execution of statewide suicide prevention programs.

“Each Tribal nation understands how to best serve their respective communities and should be part of any conversation that affects the livelihood and wellbeing of their people,” Senator Elizabeth Warren said. “This bipartisan legislation is a necessary step in ensuring that Tribal nations are heard and empowered to create suicide prevention programs tailored to the needs of their tribal communities.”

The Native American Suicide

Prevention Act would help address this epidemic by ensuring that in carrying out existing Public Health Service Act programs, states or state-designated entities are required to collaborate with each federally recognized tribal nation, tribal organization, urban Indian organization, and Native Hawaiian health care system in the state in developing and implementing statewide suicide early intervention and prevention strategies.

“Alaska consistently tops the charts with some of the highest suicide rates in the country, with a disproportionately high rate in Native communities.

When someone takes their own life, families and often entire communities are impacted by the shock and grief that follows,” Senator Lisa Murkowski said. “Our goal is to save lives and to give hope and support to so many Alaskans in need.”

A study by the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth found that as a result of historical trauma, chronically underfunded federal programs, and broken promises on the part of the federal government, American Indians and Alaska Natives experience many health, educational and economic disparities compared to the general population.

Such disparities, specifically health disparities, which includes behavioral health are believed to be the cause of high rates of suicide for Natives.

Podcast Explores Indigenous Identity, Native Connections

Project 562 creator uses another medium to continue changing the way we see ourselves

All My Relations is a podcast hosted by Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip) and Adrienne Keene (Cherokee Nation) to explore our relationships—relationships to land, to our creatural relatives, and to one another.

Each episode invites guests to delve into a different topic facing Native peoples today as we keep it real, play games, laugh a lot, and even cry sometimes during a podcast where we explore what it means to be a Native person in 2019.

To be an Indigenous person is to be engaged in relationships—relationships to land and place, to a people, to non-human relatives, and to one another.

All My Relations is a place to explore those relationships, and to think through Indigeneity in all its complexities.

On each episode hosts Wilbur and Keene delve into a different topic facing Native peoples today, bringing in guests from all over Indian Country to offer perspectives and stories.

“We dive deep, play some games, laugh a lot, cry sometimes, and hope that you’ll join us on this journey together,” Wilbur said.

The podcast came from a desire to have more Indigenous voices accessible in mainstream media—both Wilbur and Keene are surrounded every day in life and work by brilliant Native folks who are fighting and resisting settler colonialism,

while also celebrating and uplifting their communities and cultures.

The majority of Americans never see this side of Indian Country, and instead only see stereotypical Hollywood Indians set in the historic past or sad, dark poverty.

“We want to offer an alternative, to move beyond bland stereotypes and misrepresentations, and engage in the messy, beautiful, and complicated parts of being Indigenous,” Wilbur said. “We want this space to be for everyone—for Native folks to laugh, to hear ourselves reflected, and give us a chance to think deeper about some of the biggest issues facing our communities, and for non-Native folks to listen and learn.

The first season covers a wide range of topics from food sovereignty to Native mascots, fashion, literature, sex, relationships, DNA, identity, politics, and more.

During each pod cast, Wilbur and Keene ask their guest what the phrase “*All My Relations*” means to them.

Thus far, the answers have been delivered with a variety of descriptions however, this widely used phrase was addressed in Sioux teachings: “The phrase Mitakuye Oyasin has a bigger meaning than just our blood relatives. Yes, it’s true; we are all one human race. But the word Mitakuye means relations and Oyasin means more than family, more than a Nation, more than all of humankind, everything that has a spirit. The Earth herself is our relation, and so is the sky, so are each of the two-leggeds, the four-leggeds, those that swim, those that fly, the root nation and the crawling beings who share the world with us. We are all interconnected.” We are all One.”

To find the *All My Relations* podcast, see:

www.allmyrelationspodcast.com



Tune In — Born from the desire to have more Indigenous voices accessible in the mainstream media, *All My Relations* podcasts explore Native Americans’ relationships to land and place, to a people, to non-human relatives and to one another.



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Cost: Free

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Who should attend safeTALK?

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Q: What is your exact job title?

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

I look forward to learning as much as I can about the RSIC. I hope to put that knowledge to use in resolving issues and identifying opportunities for improvement.

Q: Do you have a Tribal Affiliation?
If so, where?

No

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

It is really nice to be part of an organization that is so focused on serving its community.



Diane Phipps



Jared Harvey

Q: What is your exact job title?

Police Officer Recruit

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

I hope to become a valuable asset to the police department and the community.

Q: Do you have a Tribal Affiliation?
If so, where?

Yes, I am a registered at the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

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

Not at this time.

New Employees

Q: What is your exact job title?

Retail Clerk at Smoke Shop 4

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

I hope to become more familiar with the Native community.

Q: Do you have a Tribal Affiliation?
If so, where?

Yes, I am Eastern Shoshone.

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

Hello, people ☺! I went to school at Chema-wa from 2001-03. If you know me, I am here.



Leslie Phillips



April Hardin

Q: What is your exact job title?

Accounts Receivable Technician, Finance Department

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

I would like to accrue more financial experience and grow with the organization

Q: Do you have a Tribal Affiliation?
If so, where?

Yes, I am from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

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

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Is Easter a Christian Holiday?

I get this sincere, legitimate question, from time to time, to have a better understanding of this holiday or Holy Day.

The simple answer is no, *but wait; there is more to this answer.*

Early first century, Memorial of Jesus of Nazareth death and resurrection was on the Jewish Passover (a major Hebrew holiday celebrating the freedom from slavery). Emperor Constantine wanted Christianity to be totally separated from Judaism and did not want Easter to be celebrated on the Jewish Passover.

The "official" holiday was declared in 325 A.D. when Emperor Constantine convened the Council of Nicaea.

At that time it was determined that the church would celebrate Easter on the first Sunday that occurs after the first full moon on or after the vernal equinox.

This is why the actual date of Easter varies from late March to early April every year due to the variances in the timing of the full moon. From European antiquity, Easter was a celebration of fertility, and many cultures associated the celebration with the Germanic (Norse) goddess of fertility, Eostre, which is where the holiday's name came from.

Some cultures called the holiday Ishtar or Isis, celebrated by an ancient Egyptian sect called Semiramis.

The Easter Bunny is a result of folkloric tradition. Its association with the holiday comes from their ability

to procreate, making them symbols of fertility. German settlers brought the Easter Bunny tradition to America in the 1700s.

My "Easter Egger" chickens begin laying naturally colorful blue, green eggs in Spring.

According to Christian tradition, the week leading up to Easter is called The Holy Week, or "Passion Week", and includes Palm Sunday (the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and was celebrated), Maundy Thursday (the "Last Supper" where Jesus met with his disciples to observe Passover), and Good Friday (when Jesus would be crucified on the cross).

Sunday is Resurrection Day (the day Jesus rose from the Dead).

This is the moment and purpose Christians celebrate Resurrection Day.

This is the single most important holy day of the Christian Church, for it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the central event in Christianity.

To Christians, the resurrection backs up Jesus' claim that he had the authority to die for the sins of the world and the power to come back to life again. It also gives hope to Christians that they too will experience.

Throughout history civilizations have taken and mixed customs.

Many Christians celebrate Easter with eggs, baskets, family dinners as an American

or public holiday. Just as with Thanksgiving, Valentine's



Day, 4th of July, Halloween (harvest day), etc.

However, there are Christians who do not recognize or celebrate these holidays for religious reasons.

Actually, Colonial American history teaches us that Easter was dismissed as a pagan holiday by the nation's founding Puritans and did not begin to be widely observed until just after the Civil War.

I believe Christians remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ every day. Without the Lord's death and Resurrection, we would still be in our sins and would have no hope:

"For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins."

1 Corinthians 15:16-17.

The fact that He rose is certainly a reason to rejoice. Happy Resurrection Day and have a joyful Easter!



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**KETTLEBELL
CONDITIONING**

**Thursdays
12:15 - 12:45
@ 3NWC**

with Christian

Questions? Contact
Stacy or Christian at
329-5162

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the RSIC
Diabetes
Program



**THE
WALKING CLUB**

**GET SOME
FRESH AIR!**

**FRIDAYS
12:10-12:50
MEET AT
3NWC
LOBBY**

**STARTS
FRIDAY 4/13**

**NO
SIGN UP
REQUIRED
SIGN IN AT
3NWC DESK**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT
STACY OR TIFFANY
AT 329-5162**



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PROGRAM**

Hungry Valley



Christian Fellowship

Believing God For Greater Things!

Sunday Worship Services: 10:30 AM
Potlucks every month!

Location: Hungry Valley Community Center
For more information, contact:
Pastors Augustin & Cindy Jorquez 775-425-5886

New Activities & Events Starting Soon!



Legal Notices, Public Announcements

Call to artists, couriers, committee members, name change

CALL TO ARTISTS

Indian Health Service/California Area Office welcomes exhibits from Tribal governments, Indian healthcare programs, non-profit health organizations and federal/state/county governments, during the 2019 Annual Tribal Consultation at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino.

Exhibits can be set up on the evening of April 8.

To reserve exhibit space, please contact:
Terri O'Shea at: terri.oshea@ihs.gov or
916/930-3981, ext. 315.

COURIERS NEEDED

We need couriers to deliver *The Camp News* door-to-door in Hungry Valley and on the Reno Colony.

Please contact RSIC Admin Office at 329-2936, if you are interested.

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

www.rsic.org

Recruiting Representative for Executive Health Board

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

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:

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 and attend a Health Board meeting for introductions. For more information, please phone, 329-5162, ext., 1901.

IN THE RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL COURT IN AND FOR THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY RENO, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Viola Pearl Gomez who is a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No. CV.NC. 2019-0009, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Viola Pearl Gomez, to the name of Viola Pearl Astor, 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 89502, within ten (10) days after publication of this notice.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2019.

/S/
Jeraldine Magee, Court Administrator
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court















Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Senior Program – Menu
Reservation Road, Reno, NV
775-329-9929

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1) Potato Soup with Green Onions and Bacon Turkey and Swiss on Rye Bread Lettuce & Tomato+ Baked Sun Chips Apple* 	2) Shredded Green Chili Pork Burrito on Whole Wheat Tortilla Southwestern Corn and Black Bean+ Mix Strawberries and Kiwi*	3) Shepherd Pie with Shredded Roast Beef, Peas, Carrots+ Mashed Potatoes, Sharp Cheddar Green Salad*+ with Tomato Wedges Mandarin Oranges*	4) Chicken Zucchini+ Tomato Whole Wheat Pasta Bake Green Beans+ Peaches* 	5) Brunch 10:30 am French toast Boiled Egg  Turkey Bacon Banana+ Orange Juice*
8) Baked Lemon Garlic Tilapia over Wild Rice Seasoned Zucchini and Corn Mix+ Apricots*	9) Romaine Chef Salad with Sliced Turkey, Ham, Egg, Tomatoes, Purple Onions, Cucumbers, Kidney Beans*+ Bread Stick Orange* 	10) Steak Fajita on Whole Wheat Tortilla with Grilled Red and Green Bell Peppers and Onions Spanish Rice with Black Beans & Corn Cantaloupe* 	11) Baked Italian Seasoned Pork Chop Corn Bread Stuffing Mix Veggies+ Fresh Pear* 	12) Brunch Multi Grain Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Link Mix Berries* Cranberry Juice*
15) Rotisserie Chicken Asian Salad with Butternut Squash, Red Bell Pepper, Carrots, Purple Cabbage, Green Onions, Cilantro, Won-ton Strips and Dressing Mandarin Oranges*	16) BBQ Pork Ribs Steamed Broccoli and Cauliflower with Shredded Cheese Melon Mix* 	17) Chili Beans with Ground Chuck and Onions Corn Bread with Honey Butter Dark Green Salad+ Fresh Strawberries* 	18) Birthday Bingo Baked Ham Sweet Potatoes Asparagus+ Whole Wheat Roll Apple* 	19) 9:30-11:30am Brunch English Muffin with Egg, Turkey Sausage and Cheese Carrots and Celery Sticks with Ranch Tropical Fruit*+ V-8 Juice*+ 
22) Turkey Lasagna with Bell Peppers, Onion, Tomatoes, Corn and Black Beans Spring Salad*+ Fruit Cocktail* French Bread	23) Commodities BBQ Pulled Pork Slider Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bun Sweet Potato Tots Coleslaw+ Strawberries* 	24) Herbed Pot Roast with Baby Carrots, Pearl Onions and Red Potatoes Cucumber, Heirloom Tomato Orzo Salad+ Grapes* 	25) Chicken Parmesan with Marinara over Whole Wheat Noodles Brussels Sprouts+ Apricots* 	26) Brunch 10:30 am Biscuits with Ground Sausage Gravy Sliced Bell Peppers+ Fresh Orange* 
29) Honey Shrimp with Broccoli and Chives over Brown Rice Pilaf Steamed Vegetable Mix*+ Cantaloupe* 	30) Sirloin Steak Bites with Creamy Mushroom Gravy over Whipped Mashed Potatoes Asparagus+ Peaches* 	Please tie up your dog(s) during delivery times 10 am – 1pm. Staff will not enter yard with loose dogs.	<i>Remember to call by 10 am to cancel or add lunch delivery</i> 775-329-9929	*Vitamin C - Daily+ +Vitamin A - 3x week 1% Milk - Daily 

Menu is subject to change without notice



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Senior Center - Activities
 34 Reservation Road Building F
 Reno, NV, 89502
 775-329-9929

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1) 10 am Errand Day 12:30 pm Tone & Fit 1 pm Senior Advisory Committee Meeting	2) 10 am Thrift Store 12:30 pm Easter Wreath 	3) 12:45 pm Language Class	4) 12:30 pm Easter Basket Decorating 	5) 9 am Caregiver Support Group Meeting  12:30 pm Tone & Fit
8) 12 pm Brain Games 12:30 pm Tone & Fit 1 pm Easter Basket Decorating	9) 12 pm Tribal Police Presentation 12:30 pm Decorate a Spring Bonnet 5:30 pm Night Bingo & Potluck - <i>bring 2 prizes and a food dish</i>	10) 10 am Chair Volleyball Reno Gym 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check  12:45 pm Language Class 1 pm Spring Bonnet	11) 10 am Make Easter Sugar Egg Mold 12:30 pm Galaxy Theater Movie 	12) 10:30 am Brunch 11:30 am Decorate your Easter Sugar Egg
15) 11:45 am Leave for Food Bank in Hungry Valley-sign up for transportation 12:30 pm Tone & Fit	16) 10 am Thrift Store 1 pm Make a Spring Floral Arrangement at Sparks Florist Warehouse – <i>limited seats, sign up early</i>	17) 10 am Errand Day 12:45 Language Class 1 pm Easter Egg Decorating 	18) 11 am Easter Egg Hunt & Bonnet Contest 11:15am Blood Pressure Check  12:30 pm 	19) 9:30 am-11:30 am Early Brunch 12 pm Closed for Good Friday <i>Happy Easter Sunday April 21</i>
22) Food Pantry 12:30 pm Tone & Fit 	23) 8 am Commodities 12:30 pm Century Theater Movie 	24) 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check  12pm Environmental Presentation 12:45 pm Language Class	25) 12 pm Behavioral Health Presentation 1 pm Water Color Painting	26) 10:30 am Brunch
29) 12:30 pm Tone & Fit	30) 1 pm Cake Decorating 	Activities are subject to change or cancel without notice April 9 Night Bingo – please bring 2 prizes and a dish to share April 15 - Must be signed up for Food Bank Transportation. Leaving Senior Center at 11:45 am April 16 – Spring Floral Arrangement Class - Must be signed up for class and transportation. Class limited is 10. Leaving the Senior Center at 12:30pm for Sparks Florist Warehouse.		



April 21
 Sunday



4th Annual Tamano Craft Fair

- Tamano means Spring in the Paiute Language -

May 10-11, 2019

34 Reservation Road

Reno, NV 89502

(Off Interstate 395, take Mill Street or Glendale Off-Ramp on West side)



Open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

(Open & Close on both days)

**Come and support our local
& surrounding area Craft Vendors!**



Just in time for Mother's Day!

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|--|-------------------|
| - Beaded Items | - Native Blankets |
| - Native Jewelry | - Baked Goods |
| - Native Artwork | - Handmade Quilts |
| - Books & Music, and many one-of-a-kind items! | |

INDIAN TACOS will be sold!

Vendors: Limited space available, so don't wait to reserve your spot!

For more information, contact Joanne at (775) 636-6618

or online at: tamanocraftfair@gmail.com

Compliance Board for the Legislature's consideration this session.

Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is one of the seven members.

"This advisory panel brings together Nevadans with a broad range of experience and expertise to develop a critical component of our state's flourishing cannabis industry," said Gov. Sisolak. "I am confident that this panel's work will allow Nevada's marijuana industry to continue to thrive and set an example for cannabis compliance nationwide."

The advisory panel was established under Executive

Order 2019-03.

Areas for the advisory panel to consider include a review of potential banking solutions, the Nevada Department of Taxation's current regulatory structure and licensing procedures, and potential cannabis consumption lounges, among others.

Chairman Melendez's research indicates that Gov. Sisolak envisions a governing body for cannabis, much like the State's Gaming Control Board and Gaming Commission, which provides regulations for the licensing and the operation of gaming.

In addition to these tasks, as the leader of a sovereign Native American Tribe, Chairman

Melendez also believes that his participation on the Cannabis Compliance Board allows him to assist with the protection of Tribal sovereignty.

"Though not yet convinced that the Colony should participate in cannabis, and even if the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony never pursues a business involving marijuana, it is important that no precedents diminishing sovereignty are set for future industries that Tribes might explore for economic development," Chairman Melendez said. "We always want to be at the table when any other government is considering regulating or oversight on our Tribal lands."



Indigenous Relatives — The Nevada Museum of Art recently hosted a cultural exchange in conjunction with its exhibit: *The Inside World: Contemporary Aboriginal Australian Memorial Poles*. Above, John Mawurndjul, Michon R. Eben of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Cultural Resources Program, Ben Alleck, co-founder of the Great Basin Native Artists, Djambawa Marawili, and Billie Jean Guerrero of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Museum enjoy the new connection with each other. The 94 piece collection by Aboriginal artists from Arnhem Land and features traditional Irrkkon or larrakitj. These pieces marked the final point in the Aboriginal mortuary rites. They signified the moment when the spirit of the deceased finally returned home. Today, Irrkkon or larrakitj are made as works of art. The exhibition, organized and presented by the Nevada Museum of Art, will be displayed until June 9.

Photo by the Nevada Museum