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SERVING THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY & HV COMMUNITIES

Colony Breaks Ground on Transitional Housing Project

Business collaboration, real estate transactions help all involved

To celebrate the ground breaking of the Northern Nevada Transitional Housing (NNTH) facility, Janice Gardipe, a tribal elder from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, sang a song of a sparrow spreading its wings and leaving its nest.

Gardipe said that her song was symbolic of the men and women who will live in the facility.

"I think it's good for everybody," said Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman of the Colony. "This is an example of having a vision and taking advantage of an opportunity."

The NNTH, which will be located at 1840 East 2nd Street, will be the first of its kind in the area to help newly released inmates return as productive members of society instead of returning to prison.

"What this facility will provide is the ability and the opportunity for the incarcerated to choose a pathway for employment, to be able to take care of themselves and their family, and as a result, be less of a burden on society," said Greg Cox, the Nevada Director of Corrections.

The NNTH facility, to be operated by the department of corrections, is one of the last stages of an ongoing real estate and business collaboration initially undertaken in 2003, formalized in 2005 by the Nevada State Legislature with Assembly Bill 299, by the RSIC, the Nevada State Public Works Division (SPWD), Washoe County School District (WCSD) and the Nevada Department of Corrections (DOC).

This collaboration is designed to benefit all parties through increased revenue, new community amenities, revenue sharing for education, and increased urban development and private partnerships.

This project which began over a decade ago fills several needs for the RSIC, the DOC, and the WCSD.

In 2003, the RSIC was approached by Walmart Stores

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The First Shovel — Project partners of the Northern Nevada Transitional Housing Center symbolically turned the earth to celebrate the start of construction for the facility. RSIC Chairman, Arlan D. Melendez, center, led the ceremony. The \$8 million complex should be completed next fall.

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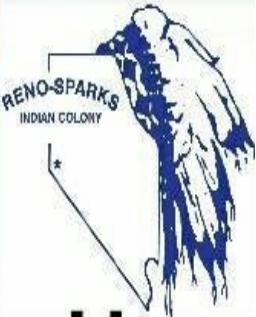
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Team Dancing Mother/Son ♡ Father/Daughter

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The Camp News Profile

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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.

CONTACT OUR STAFF

E-mail your submissions to smontooth@rsic.org or drop off your photos and suggested articles to the receptionist at 98 Colony Road, Reno, NV 89502.

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

Important UPCOMING Dates

Jan. 1

New Year Holiday, RSIC Offices Closed

Jan. 5

Education Advisory Board, Education conference room, noon
Senior Advisory Committee, Senior Center, 1 p.m.
Enrollment Advisory Board, RSIC Enrollment Office, 5:30 p.m.
Pow Wow Club, RSTHC, 6 p.m.

Jan. 6

Book Club, RSIC Library, 6 p.m.

Jan. 7

Law & Order Advisory Board, RSIC Tribal Court, 6 p.m.
Regalia Making Class, Senior Center, 6 p.m.

Jan 12

WCSD School Resumes
Pow Wow Club, Hungry Valley Gym, 6 p.m.

Jan. 14

RSIC Tribal Council meeting, RSTHC, 6 p.m.
Regalia Making Class, Hungry Valley Gym, 6 p.m.

Jan. 19

Martin Luther King Holiday, RSIC Offices Closed

Jan. 20

Commodities Distribution, Senior Center
Executive Health Advisory Board meeting, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 21

Regalia Making Class, Senior Center, 6 p.m.

Jan. 26

Pow Wow Club, Hungry Valley Gym, 6 p.m.

Jan. 28

RSIC Economic Development meeting, RSTHC, 6 p.m.
Regalia Making Class, Hungry Valley Gym, 6 p.m.

Jan. 31

Ski Trip, Heavenly Lake Tahoe Ski Resort,
meet at RSTHC, 6:30 a.m.

Don't forget: Check: <http://rsic.org/senior-activities-and-menu/> for daily activities and the menu for the RSIC Senior Program.



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Inc., to lease space for a Supercenter. This idea appealed to the Colony's leadership for two reasons. First, it would redevelop, cleanup and change the land use to the adjoining neighborhood. Plus, the addition of a Supercenter would provide sufficient revenues for the RSIC to finance, design, and construct a much-needed health center for its community.

At the same time, the DOC's needs changed. It contemplated expanding its mission from incarcerating offenders to become a transitional center which focuses on skill development. However, the current restitution center at 2595 East 2nd Street was constructed to be a penitentiary. Plus, it only accommodates male trustees and its average capacity is 85 residents.

"Ninety-six percent of all the



Offering Prayer — *Janice Gardipe began the ground breaking celebration for the NNTH center with a prayer of gratitude.*

Photo by Tony Navarro



Our Song — *Brothers Toby and Jamie Stump sang at the ground breaking for the Northern Nevada Transitional Housing. In addition, Sherry Rupert, the Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission served as the event emcee. Behind Rupert, Jeff Klippenstein, principle architect of H+K Architects looks on.*

Photo by Tony Navarro

inmates in the prison system in our state return back to our communities, so this facility provides them with the opportunity for job knowledge and educational services," said Cox. "With the NNTH, residents will have opportunities to earn their high school diploma, G.E.D, and they will hold a job."

Cox said that the purpose of the facility is to provide a stable basis from which an individual may leave the prison system, so they may be better prepared to handle their responsibilities in the community. The program also provides an economic alternative to the cost of incarceration and provides

victims of crime with monetary compensation.

"The future staff of the Northern Nevada Transitional Housing is committed to providing residents with the tools and opportunity to live and work successfully within the community," Cox said. "Along with this opportunity comes responsibility, as the residents must comply with the center's policies and procedures."

According to Cox, the state's recidivism rate is about 30 percent, compared to the nationwide average of 40 percent.

The future home of the NNTH will serve up to 119 trustees,

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Nevada Native Nations Lands Bill Stalls in Senate

Coalition, leadership ready to make bid for 114th Congress

*Submitted by Scott Nebesky,
Planning Director*

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has been working very hard at the local and national level to expand our land base in Hungry Valley.

In June of 2013, several Northern Nevada tribes joined together in support of Congressman Mark Amodei's introduction of HR 2455 – the Nevada Native Nations Land Bill.

We were successful in having the House pass the bill in June 2014. A companion bill (S.2480) was introduced in the Senate that same month.

Unfortunately, the Nevada Native Nations Land Act (HR 2455/S. 2480) did not pass the

Senate prior to the end of the current Congressional session.

The House had adjourned earlier and the Senate adjourned in the late evening of December 16 without taking action on our lands bill.

Bills are only valid for a particular Congress, in this case the 113th Congress (2013-2014), so the process will have to start again during the 114th Congress (2015-2016).

We are all disappointed that the Nevada Native Nations Land Bill did not pass. The last few days were very hectic and very political in the Senate.

Our bill and many others (e.g. HR 5701, Western Oregon Indian Tribal Lands Act) could have easily passed via unani-

mous consent, but because of politics out of our control, a hold was placed on several bills including ours. A hold must be released prior to the bill being considered by unanimous consent of the Senate.

As we were reminded by Congressman Amodei several months ago, it is highly unusual for a bill to be introduced and passed in the same congress.

A small percentage of introduced bills actually get passed at all and we came very close.

Our experience will be very helpful in the next Congress which starts on Jan. 6.

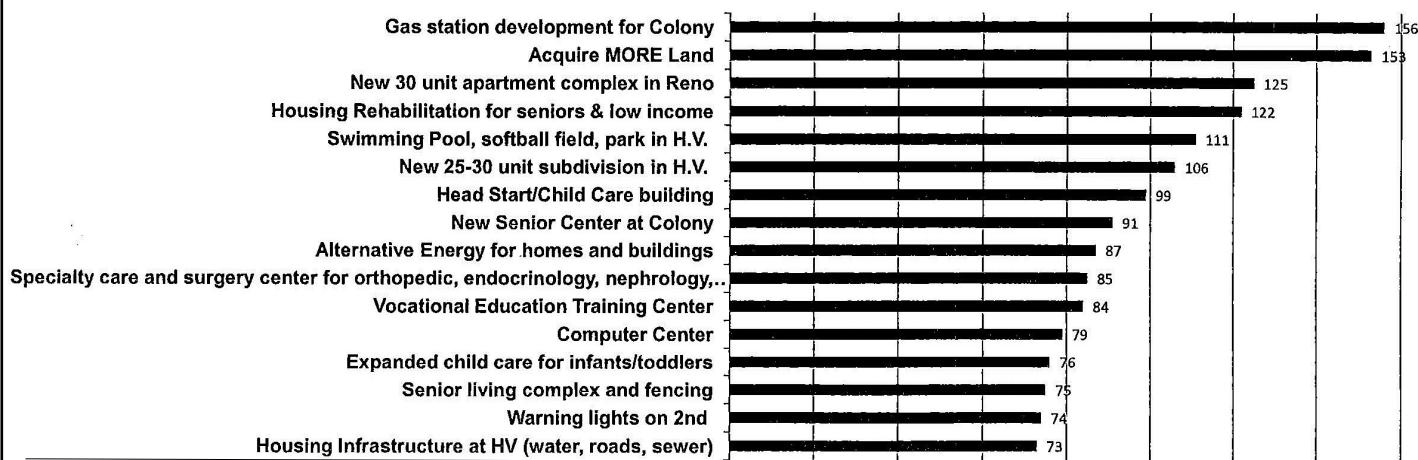
The fact that our bill passed the House, has strong support

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Community Survey Results Tabulated, Released

Gasoline station to sewer infrastructure, tribal members indicate priorities

Community Survey - November 24, 2014



Gathering Data — During the Christmas distribution, various departments from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony including fund development, planning, and economic development set up a table with survey forms (augmented with raffle prizes for those completing the forms). Three-hundred ninety-eight people responded for the best survey response we have had in years. This data will guide the RSIC in project development for future grants and priorities in the coming years.

Tribal Member, RSIC Employee Tackles Local Issues

Ondelacy to join Northern Nevada Chamber Leadership Class

Michael Ondelacy, the assistant director of economic development and business enterprise for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has been selected as one of 36 members of the Northern Nevada Chamber's Leadership Reno Sparks Class of 2015.

"I am extremely excited to be a part of the 2015 Leadership Class," Ondelacy said. "Personally, it will give me exposure to community events around the Reno Sparks area that will help me gain ideas that I can bring to the RSIC community."

The leadership class will spend much of the year connecting with community leaders and learning about issues and challenges facing the Reno, Sparks and Northern Nevada communities.

"This program will expose me to concerns Northern Nevada is dealing with, which someday, I would like to have a lead role in solving," said Ondelacy.



Class of 2015 — *Michael Ondelacy has been selected to be part of the Northern Nevada Chamber's Leadership Reno Sparks Class of 2015. The 35 participants will study issues challenging Northern Nevada communities and eventually, develop and execute a community service project.*

The class will meet for day-long workshops where they will cover the following topics: education and the community; role of government; law enforcement and criminal justice; community health and wellness; communications and the media; Truckee Meadows: history, arts and culture; and the Truckee Meadows economy.

"Professionally, this program

will help me gain long-term professional relations with government and business leaders," Ondelacy said. "The RSIC has established a pretty solid reputation in Northern Nevada and my goal is to continue that growth with local leaders."

By the end of the year, the class will be required to develop and execute a community service project of his/her choice.

The group will also participate in community volunteer experiences, including Keep Truckee Meadow's Beautiful, Adopt-A-Spot, Adopt-A-Park and Northern Nevada Food Bank.

"My position requires networking with people in outside agencies, such as project managers, contractors, bankers, politicians, etc.," Ondelacy said. "For multiple projects, and this will be a major step to getting my name out as a representative of the RSIC."

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from Senators Harry Reid and Dean Heller and Congressman Amodei—the Nevada Congressional Delegation—and has support in both committees (Senate Indian Affairs and House Natural Resources) should greatly assist in getting the bill moved

through the next congressional session.

We just need the Nevada Congressional Delegation to reintroduce the bill in early January, and work for its prompt passage.

We have already met with some important staff to start that reintroduction process of the bill.

We need couriers to deliver the newsletter and other important documents, door-to-door in Reno & in Hungry Valley. If you are interested, please call Penny at 329-2936.

President Obama Hosts Annual Tribal Conference

White House launches initiatives to further growth, prosperity in Indian Country

Last month, President Barack Obama hosted his annual White House Tribal Nations Conference.

Leaders from the 566 federally-recognized Native nations, including the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Chairman Arlan D. Melendez, engaged with the President, Cabinet Officials, and the White House Council on Native American Affairs on key issues facing tribes including, respecting tribal sovereignty and upholding treaty and trust responsibilities, lack of access to capital and credit, and protecting Native women and youth.

This year's Conference was built after the President's visit in June to the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation, where he reaffirmed his commitment to education and economic development.

Nearly half of Natives (42 percent) are under the age of 24; more than one-third of Native children live in poverty; and Native youth have the lowest high school graduation rate of students across all schools.

As part of the conference, the White House released a new Native Youth Report that explores the challenges facing Native youth and makes recommendations for a path forward.

For the first time at the conferences, the voice of Native youth was represented by 36 youth ambassadors, who joined

tribal leaders in the breakout sessions and panels, and participating in leadership development programming.

President Obama announced the launch of **Generation Indigenous (Gen I)**, a Native youth initiative focused on removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed.

This initiative will take a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to help improve the lives and opportunities for Native youth and will include:

New Native Youth Community Projects, administered by the Department of Education (ED) through the existing Demonstration Grants Program to provide funding in a select number of Native communities to support culturally relevant coordinated strategies designed to improve the college-and-career readiness of Natives.

New National Tribal Youth Network program in partnership with the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth. The Youth Network will support leadership development, provide peer support through an interactive online portal that links resources and tools, and empowers youth to become leaders within their communities. The White House, in cooperation with the Aspen Institute, will also host a high-level panel on challenges facing Native youth in February 2015.

The release of the White House **Native Youth Report** acknowledges past failures of federal policy on the education of Native students, explores the breadth of the challenges facing Native children, and makes recommendations for a path forward.

The launch of the **Cabinet Native Youth Listening Tour**, which will begin next year as part of the President's call to hear directly from Native youth on how to bolster federal policies to improve youth outcomes. In addition, the administration will expand federal outreach for youth internships and employment opportunities across the federal agencies.

The first ever **White House Tribal Youth Gathering** to engage hundreds of Native youth in a day-long event in the summer of 2015. This gathering builds on the conference hosted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the tribal youth visit with President Obama.

In addition to these efforts, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is making progress to transform the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

Since Secretary Jewell's Secretarial Order directing Indian Affairs to restructure the BIE to serve as a support

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Family Access Day

Supporting Learning at Home
and the Path to College



WCSD Parent
University

FREE
EVENT

Parents of children
of all ages welcome!

Saturday, January 31

University of Nevada, Reno
Joe Crowley Student Union
1664 N. Virginia Street, Reno

9:00am - 2:00pm

9:00am - 9:30am
Registration & Breakfast

11:50am - 12:40pm
Lunch Session

For more information about this event
or Parent University:
email: parentuniversity@washoeschools.net
call: 775-789-4685 | fax: 775-333-5372
visit our website: www.wcsdparentu.com

January 31, 2015

Spend an entire day learning how to
help your child along the path to college.
A full day of interactive workshops will
provide you with information about
how to support your child's success —
Pre-Kindergarten through high school.

Register by January 23rd

Interpretation

Breakfast and Lunch Provided

FREE Childcare*

Transportation Available

Presented by: WCSD Department of Family-School Partnerships, Diversity & Equity & UNR's Center for Student Cultural Diversity, UNR College of Education, TMCC and GEAR UP
Sponsor: Washoe K-12 Education Foundation



University of Nevada, Reno



network to schools rather than a direct education provider, DOI, along with ED has made steady progress towards implementing the administration's vision of high-achieving tribally-controlled schools.

Below are announcements and commitments that support tribal nations:

Supporting Academic Achievement of All Native American Students—

Promoting Educational Self-Determination for Tribal Nations through Sovereignty in Indian Education Enhancements. In October 2014, DOI took a critical step towards furthering tribal control over BIE-funded schools when it issued \$1.2M to six tribes to research, assess and develop implementation plans to establish tribally managed school systems.

Building tribal capacity through State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) grants—The STEP grant program is designed to strengthen Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs), and improve partnerships between tribes, states, and school districts so they can work together more effectively to meet the academic, cultural, and social needs of Native students. EDs Office of Indian Education (OIE) published a Notice of Proposed Priorities (NPP) for the STEP program on Oct. 31.

Expanding Access to STEM Programs—In September, ED entered into an agreement with

the National Park Service at DOI, and the Hands on the Land program at the National Environmental Education Foundation, to develop a project around STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills at 17 BIE funded schools and one state funded school near 21st Century Community Learning Center programs. The project will introduce students to STEM activities focused on natural and cultural resources to improve the retention of students in STEM activities during their middle and high school years.

Convening Native Languages Summit—Following the first Native Languages Summit in June, which brought together 300 participants, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, and the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums have joined ED and the DOI and Health and Human Services, (HHS) to convene a second Native Languages Summit in the Fall of 2015. The Summit will discuss best practices in preserving and revitalizing Native languages.

Improvements in ED's Special Programs for Indian Children—On Dec. 3, ED published a notice of proposed rulemaking that proposes changes to grants programs to add the **Native Youth Community Projects** mentioned above. It also makes substantial improvements to the professional development program, which funds the training of new Ameri-

can Indian/Alaska Native teachers and administrators.

Building Stronger Tribal Businesses and Economies—Including Tribal Nations in Department of Labor (DOL) Grant Programs. The DOL will announce that the agency will treat federally-recognized tribal governments the same way it treats state and local governments when determining eligibility for employment and training grants. Following this announcement, DOL will consult with tribes, develop model grant language, incorporate the language into all relevant funding opportunity announcements, and inform tribal leaders of upcoming funding opportunities.

Supporting the Hiring of Tribal Members by Federal Contractors—The DOL's

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs' (OFCCP) Indian and Native American Employment Rights Program assists federal contractors that would like to use a tribal preference for work on or near tribal lands to do so consistent with existing law. OFCCP will sign an MOU with the tribal councils on Tribal Employment Rights to formalize the agency's working relationship. In turn, the councils will work closely with Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TEROs) to ensure contractors are able to hire tribal members

Supporting Native CDFIs' Sustainability and Impact—

In October, the Department

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Court FAQs

Most frequently asked questions, issues addressed

In Nevada, there are more than 37,000 Native Americans and just 16 courts which handle most of the civil and misdemeanor matters for the Paiute, Shoshone and Washo tribes.

At the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, our tribal court asserts its jurisdiction for both criminal and civil matters that take place on or concern its members and residents.

Criminal jurisdiction is limited to Native Americans for offenses committed on the RSIC.

The only limitations on criminal jurisdiction are those imposed by the federal Major Crimes Act.

The court also invokes civil jurisdiction over civil matters that arise on the Colony and any other matters to the extent permitted by the United States Constitution.

The court has civil jurisdiction over both Native Americans and non-Natives. There is no monetary or equitable limit to the court's power to grant appropriate relief.

Following are the seven most frequently asked questions which the RSIC Tribal Court fields.

1. Any advocate or attorney who practices before the tribal court is expected to follow the rules of the court. At this time, only original documents are accepted for filing; the court does not accept for filing, faxed or emailed documents. An Affidavit of Mailing and/or Certif-

icate of Service needs to be completed and attached to each filing with the court. Please ensure that your documents are in compliance with the rules of the court, or they will be returned to you for proper filing.

2. Rules of the Court – The rules can be found on the RSIC website, under Tribal Court Services in Volume I or at: <http://www.rsic.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Rules-of-Court-Amended-by-Resolution-2013-RS-08-Feb-2013.pdf>. A copy can also be requested from the court clerk.

3. RSIC Tribal Law & Order Code – The codes can be found on the RSIC website, under Tribal Court Services, Volumes I, II & III or at: <http://www.rsic.org/rsic-services/court-services/tribal-ordinances/>

4. The most requested forms from the tribal court are also included under court services on the website at: <http://www.rsic.org/rsic-services/court-services/tribal-court-forms/>

They can be printed from the site, instead of having to come to the court and requesting a copy.

5. Copy charges are as follows: for an RSIC tribal member, 10¢ per page and for a non-RSIC member, 25¢ per page. The clerk receives numerous calls requesting copies of documents that have already been mailed to the parties. If you have been mailed a copy, as evidenced in the file by an

Affidavit of Mailing, you will be charged for the second copy, at the rate listed above.

6. Fees and court costs are non-refundable. Please make sure that you know what the fee is prior to paying, because overpayments are non-refundable.

7. All payments towards fines, restitution and other court fees, are made at the RSIC Finance Department, 98 Colony Road.

Please bring a copy of your receipt to the tribal court to ensure proper credit to your fine, or request that the finance department fax a copy of the receipt to the court on your behalf. Please note, it is the responsibility of the party, to ensure the court receives a copy of your payment.

Jim Wasson, adult probation officer, has requested court users be reminded that, if you are required to attend court, summoned or arrested, you must appear at all court hearings as scheduled, otherwise there are sanctions involved.

For example, if you have posted bail and were released from jail, you must appear as scheduled, or your bail can be forfeited for failure to appear.

If you are summoned or ordered to appear for court in a civil matter and you fail to appear, you can be sanctioned for contempt of court, via fine or up to 30 days in jail.

In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

Native Heritage Month bling contest winners, local Natives crowned champions



First Place — Thirteen people competed in the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Native bling contest to celebrate National Heritage Month. Leola Pete was the winner.



Champion — Sydney Shoemaker proudly wore her "Hello Kitty" bling and won second place in the contest.



Third Place — Native bling is defined as any American Indian jewelry including silver-work, turquoise stones and bead work. Emily Abbie won third place with 121 people voting.



Champions — The Young Native Ballerz won a co-ed, 7th and 8th grade basketball tournament in Hungry Valley, just after Thanksgiving. Standing, from left to right: Ayanna Smith, Janae Blue Horse, Valerie Blue Horse, Marcelo Bridges, and Leo Ledesma. Kneeling: left to right: Serena Gardipe, Kai Ramos, and Chase Ramos. The team's coach is Darrel Gardipe. Kai and Chase Ramos, Janae Blue Horse and Marcelo "Cello" Bridges were named All-Stars.

In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

Employees of the year, sharing injury prevention tips, USDA visit



Well Done — At the annual Reno-Sparks Indian Colony employee Christmas party, Tanya Hernandez and Alicia Wadsworth were named the Colony's Employees of the Year. Hernandez is an advisor for the RSIC Education Department. Wadsworth is the executive secretary for the chairman's office.



Sharing Expertise — Carrie Brown, the injury prevention coordinator at the Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center, gave a presentation on strategies to prevent elder falls to a group of interested healthcare professionals during the annual Inter Tribal Council of Nevada convention.



Checking Out the Place — Several staffers from the USDA recently visited the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony to see first-hand the impact of some of the grants used by the tribe. New items in the RSIC Library including chairs, tables and electronic tablets used for story time with Head Start classes. Above, RSIC Fund Development Officer Nila Shanley, visits with Deputy Under Secretary Patrice Kunesh and Nevada Director of Rural USDA, Sarah Adler.



Picture Perfect — Officer Ira Coffey, a graduate of NX Level for Micro Entrepreneurs, shows Sarah Adler, the state director of Rural USDA, and Patrice Kunesh, the deputy undersecretary of the USDA, photos from his business ventures. A Reno police officer, Coffey expanded his business skills which helps at his job and with his volunteer work. NX Level is funded by the USDA.

In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

Power of the drum, jingle dancing, sharing more traditions, progress continues



Learning The Old Ways — Sheilah Honacker, grandmother of Matiana Acklin, recently shared her knowledge of Native American drumming and music with fourth graders at Jesse Hall Elementary. Honacker played a traditional drum and other family instruments.



Jingle Dancer — The RSIC's Dinae Astor and Charisse Abbie visited Mrs. Martindale's third grade class at Jesse Hall Elementary and performed a dance of healing prayer. Abbie told the class she is a competition dancer, described her dance regalia, and answered questions from the class.



Blanket Ceremony — Before the competition began in the Nugget Classic, Randy Melendez, Markie Wilder, Stacey Montooth, and Tahnee Robinson helped with a blanket ceremony. In addition to presenting a Pendleton blanket to Jane Albright, head coach at the University of Nevada, visiting coaches were welcomed with the specially designed N7 blanket. Robinson and Wilder are both former WolfPack basketball standouts.

Photo by John Byrne



All In A Day's Work — The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is constructing a bridge on its property in Spanish Springs, near the 7-11 to connect its 24 acre parcel to the roundabout on Eagle Canyon Drive. This will become the main entrance to a future Colony development. This phase of construction will bring the property to a point where the Colony can market the site.



Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center PHARMACY

Hours - Monday-Friday 8 AM - 5PM*

*Wednesday afternoon closure does not apply to the Pharmacy

Submitted by
Steve Douglas, RPh, Pharmacy Manager

The end of the year is the perfect time to start thinking about your health and safety at home for the coming New Year. These tips may help you start the process:

1. Always finish any antibiotic prescription unless instructed to do so by your physician.

Incomplete antibiotic regimens can cause bacterial resistance to develop making it more difficult to treat infections in the future.

2. Don't hold on to old, expired or obsolete drugs thinking you may be put back on them, or need them later.

All drugs lose potency over time and some can degrade into toxic substances.

Old prescriptions clutter up your cabinets, cause confusion and can be traced to accidental poisonings of family members or pets.

3. Do not flush drugs down the toilet, most are not very soluble in cold water and may plug your waste water system.

If you are on a septic system, the drugs may interfere with the bacteria necessary to degrade solid waste. If you use a city sewer system, few water treatment plants can remove the drugs from water after flushing and the potential for environmental damage exists.

4. Disposal of old prescription drugs is best done at home by mixing the drugs with something inedible like kitty litter or coffee grounds then sealing in used container like a margarine tub, then place in plastic bag to dispose of in household trash.

5. Unused or expired medications can also be brought back to the Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center Pharmacy for disposal--they cannot be reissued or used.

We use tamper resistant containers and have made arrangements to have the drugs destroyed by incineration.

6. When leaving messages on the pharmacy refill line: 329-5162, ext. 1699, please speak clearly and remember to give us your complete name,

date of birth, and a phone number in case we need to contact you.

Drug names are easier to understand than long numbers.

7. Always bring photo identification and any insurance card (s) you have with you to access the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center services.

8. Let patient registration know if your contact information has changed since your last visit.

9. Remember we fill new prescriptions the same day and require 2-3 business days to complete a refill.

As a reminder, the RSTHC Pharmacy Division is here for you.

Use us as a source for information about your therapy and as an advocate for you and your family's continued health and welfare.

Happy Holidays from the pharmacy division.



of Treasury announced a specialized training and technical assistance series Native Community Development Financial Institutions (Native CDFIs) to foster their growth and sustainability, and enhance their ability to deliver financial services and financial products to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian nations and tribes.

Improving Tribal Water Infrastructure—This year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) distributed \$29 million to initiate the construction of 77 wastewater infrastructure projects for tribal nations to address the desperate need for basic sanitation services on tribal lands. Additionally, EPA distributed over \$18 million for the construction of drinking water infrastructure projects for tribes to improve access to safe drinking water.

Improving Tribal Justice—Disseminating Reports and Recommendations on Tribal Justice—In November, the DOJ disseminated a report: *Ending Violence So Children Can Thrive*, that outlines policy and practice recommendations on the issue of children's exposure to violence in Indian Country. The report is the culmination of the work of DOJ's Task Force Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence, which conducted four public hearings and several listening sessions

Hungry Valley Broadband Update

*Submitted by Joseph Chicago,
Information Technology Manager*

Currently, the shipping details for all of the equipment are being coordinated with the various manufacturers, so receiving and deliveries can be made as smoothly and expeditiously as possible.

Once complete, there will be a steady flow of equipment brought to Hungry Valley.

Concurrent to this, construction will be moving forward on the main data center and tower areas.

The next major step, once the internal procedures have been completed, will be working with the residents of Hungry Valley and any pertinent entities so the details of the *Customer Premise Equipment* installations can be set up.

This will be the actual installation of the residential equipment that will allow the houses to receive the high-speed internet connection.

The specific details regarding this process will be communicated through the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and will include a detailed schedule and the associated documentation necessary to prepare for this exciting step.

If necessary, a "proof of concept" pilot run, which would include a small number of residential installations, may take place.

This *pre-run* would be to test the grounding, antenna locations, and signal strength, so the system can be tuned and perfected before the mass installations begin. Below are remaining tasks.

TASK NAME / FINISH

Tower production and delivery interval-1/13/15
Excavate area for tower mat foundation-12/16/14
Compaction testing-12/17/14
Acquire compaction test results-12/23/14
Antenna & ancillary pads framed, cond. pl'd-12/26/14
Grounding install-12/25/14
Concrete pour-12/24/14
(8) day compression testing-1/5/15
(28) day compression testing-2/2/15
Fence Installation-12/30/14
Rock Installation-12/25/14
Construct tower-1/20/15
Radio & video equip installation-1/27/15

TASK NAME / FINISH

Tower installation-2/3/15
Generator Installation-1/23/15
Cabinets installation-1/23/15
Solar System Installation-1/28/15
Fire House Room Prep-12/5/14
Power installation-12/10/14
A/C installation-12/16/14
Cabinets installation-12/16/14
Server installation-12/16/14
Radio Equipment Installation-12/16/14
PTP Antenna Installation-12/16/14
Video Equipment Installation-12/16/14
Subscriber Antenna & Equipment Installation-1/23/15
System Test & Turn up-2/17/15
Final Walk Through & Punch List Items-2/18/15

Project Completion-Fri 2/20/15

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across the country to gather information on these important issues. Additionally, the DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime's National Coordination Committee on American Indian Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team released a report: *Improving Federal Agency Response to Sexual Violence in Tribal Nations: Issues and Recommendations*.

Supporting Healthy, Strong Native American Communities—Expanding Access to Health Care. HHS plans to announce the publication of a proposed rule for Medicare like rates for Indian Health Service (IHS) payments for purchased/referred care for non-hospital based and provider services. Additionally, HHS/CMS and Treasury/IRS have developed a new streamlined process for American Indian citizens and family members who are eligible for health services from an Indian health-care provider to claim an exemption from the Affordable Care Act's individual shared responsibility payment through the tax filing process. CMS also issued approximately \$4 million for Connecting Kids to Coverage American Indian and Alaska Native grants to increase participation in Medicaid and CHIP. In November, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) announced new flexibility concerning the participation of tribal employers that will make it easier for them to enroll

their employees in the FEHB Program.

Improving Behavioral Health—In November, HHS's SAMHSA hosted a Native Youth Conference focused on improving the health and well-being of Native youth. At the conference, youth shared their views on federal policies, programs, and activities; contributed to the national tribal behavioral health agenda; and learned about best practices supported by SAMHSA's tribal grants. In August, SAMHSA also announced the creation of a new Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy to serve as the point of contact on behavioral health issues and to support policies and innovative practices.

Promoting Climate Resilience and Land and Natural Resources—Technical Assistance for Tribal Renewable Energy Projects. The DOE's Office of Indian Energy announced a new round of competition for the Alaska Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team Program (START), a technical assistance program that supports the development of clean energy, energy efficiency projects, capacity building and energy planning efforts for rural Alaska Native villages and corporations.

Advancing the Government-to-Government Relationship—Restoring Tribal Homelands in Trust for Tribes— The DOI continues to prioritize placing tribal homelands in trust for tribes, and has placed more

than 280,400 acres of land into trust since 2009. Secretary Jewell's goal for DOI is to place at least 500,000 acres of land into trust by the end of the Obama Administration. Additionally, under the DOI's Land Buy-Back Program for tribals, the DOI is paying fair-market value to individuals who choose to sell fractional interests in trust or restricted land. Purchased interests are immediately transferred to tribal trust ownership, ensuring that land stays in trust.

Resolving Longstanding Disputes—Since President Obama took office, his administration has established a new relationship with Native nations, increasing consultation with tribes on matters across the federal government that affect their interests, and the fair and expeditious settlement of litigation. The Obama administration settled the protracted *Cobell* litigation, several significant water rights cases, and lawsuits or claims brought by 80 Indian tribes, over the management of monetary assets and natural resources held in trust by the United States, for a total of \$2.5 billion. These settlements mark an important milestone in the president's administration's commitment to upholding the federal trust responsibility and strengthening our partnerships with tribal nations.



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
Education Department, Language & Culture Program
Language & Culture Events | Jan. 2015

Language Classes

Beginner Level Classes

Due to budget and staffing constraints, we will only be offering Beginner Paiute and Washoe Language Classes; which will resume the first week in February. The L&C team will be spending the month of January creating "communicative" lessons – research-based, best practices in language acquisition curriculum – so that we can offer new and improved language education for our 2014 returning students.

Youth Cultural Activities

Are you interested in learning about pow wow etiquette and dancing? If so, please bring your sneakers and water bottle and join us for *Pow Wow Club's Dance Classes*. Or, are you interested in learning how to make pow wow outfits? If so, join *Regalia Making Classes* with our accomplished seamstresses, Alissa Sanchez, Janice Stump and Verna Melendez, to sharpen your craft or learn new skills. We'd love for you to join us!

Pow Wow Club

Dance Classes (Thanks Recreation!)

Reno | Dates: Monday, Jan. 5th

Time: 6 – 7pm

Location: Tribal Health Clinic

HV | Dates: Monday, Jan. 12th & 26th

Time: 6 – 7pm

Location: HV Gym

Regalia Making Classes (Thanks Recreation!)

Reno | Dates: Wednesday, Jan. 7th & 21st

Time: 6 – 8pm

Location: Seniors

HV | Dates: Wednesday, Jan. 14th & 28th

Time: 6 – 8pm

Location: HV Gym



Language & Culture Advisory Board (RSIC-LCAB)

The Language & Culture Advisory Board serves the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony by preserving, protecting, and promoting the Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe languages and cultures. The Board is currently seeking to fill 3 vacant seats; all serving 2-year terms. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled members, spouses or residents of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and motivated to help the Board pursue its mission. Interested parties must submit a letter of interest to the Language & Culture Coordinator, Teresa Melendez, by Friday, January 30, 2015. The sitting Advisory Board Members will review the letters of interest and make recommendations to the Tribal Council for appointment.

Contact Information: Teresa Melendez, Language & Culture Coordinator, tmelendez@rsic.org

401 Golden Lane, Reno, NV 89502 | P: (775) 785-1321 | F: (775) 785-9161

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning about Great Basin life ways, then you are welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bloodline Youth Co-Ed Basketball Tournament

Reno Sparks Indian Colony Gym 34 Reservation Rd. | Reno | NV | 89502



**\$150 Entry Fee
1st-3rd, 4th-6th,
7-8th grade
divisions**

**Team Awards
1st, 2nd, 3rd
Place**

**MVP Boy/Girl
per division**

**6 All-Stars
per division**



All proceeds support 12U Bloodline Softball Team

Contacts

Stehanie Wyatt
813-6551
swyatt1031@gmail.com

Cecil Wyatt
813-6552
washoendn@aol.com
NO PERSONAL CHECKS

**January 23-25
2015**

First 10 teams in each Division

Education Activities, Opportunities, Learning Tips

Santa visits Head Start, thanks for work by senior center volunteers

EDUCATION NOTES: The higher education spring application deadline is closed. The summer application deadline is March 31 and the fall deadline is June 30.

-Fall 2014 students must turn in their grades and a new class schedule for continued funding.

-Part-time students at the University of Nevada must bring in their student invoice for payment by the RSIC Education as soon as they are received.

-Book purchase letters for Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) students will be available on Jan. 5.

-Incentive awards for full-time grade point averages will be processed in January.

-Assistance is available for FAFSA and scholarships. Please call Monica Thomas at 329-6114 for an appointment.

-Fill out your FAFSA applications for funding as early as possible for maximum funds.

-Anyone interested in AmeriCorps through the Hoopa Tribe? Applications are available at the Education office.

-Wild land firefighter applications are also available with a due date of Feb 28.

Submitted by Monica Thomas, RSIC Higher Education



Old Saint Nick — Despite his very busy schedule, Santa Claus made time to stop by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Head Start including Class B in Reno. Santa brought the students beautiful, handmade Christmas stockings. Prior to Santa's visit, the Head Start parents decorated the stockings for their children and siblings. Santa then came to visit the children to deliver the stockings. The Head Start program deeply appreciates the time and thoughtfulness, the work and craftsmanship that went into the 100 stockings.

How can reading help my child in school or in everyday life?

One of the primary benefits of reading to children is a higher capability for learning in general or future academic excellence.

Numerous studies have shown that students who are exposed to reading before preschool are more likely to do well in all areas of education.

Throughout childhood, your child is learning critical language and articulation skills and reading helps by building those basic fundamental speech skills.

Another illustration of the importance of reading to children is their ability to grasp abstract concepts, apply logic in various scenarios, recognize cause and effect, and utilize good judgment. Reading helps children build more logical thinking skills.

Early reading for children helps them view books as a treat, not a chore. Kids who are exposed to reading are much more likely to choose books over video games, television, and other forms of entertainment as they grow older. Moreover, reading to children gives them the knowledge that reading is fun.

The information above has been provided by <http://rif.org>

Your child should be reading at least 15-20 minutes every day. Remember, make it fun, not a chore.

Don't forget that the RSIC has its own library. Librarian Adriana Gutierrez will help find a book(s) that would interest you and your student(s).

If you have any questions, or need help with resources, please call Naomi Hanczrik, the Colony's Disabilities Advocate, at: (775) 785-1310 or (775) 329-6114.

Legal Notices, Public Announcements

Name changes, committee member opportunities, enrollment department request

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Albert Lucas Hernandez, Jr., who is a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court. Case No. CY-NC-2014-0039, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Albert Lucas Hernandez, Jr., to the name of Albert Calvin, which is the name Petitioner desires to have.

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

Dated this 28th day of August, 2014

Henrietta A. Tobey
Clerk of Court
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court
1900 Prosperity Street
Reno, NV 89502

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Shelly Martinez, who is a member of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court. Case No. CV-NC-2014-0044, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name of Shelly Martinez, to the name of Shelly Breizee Skenandore, which is the name Petitioner desires to have.

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

Dated this 15th day of October, 2014

Henrietta A. Tobey
Clerk of Court
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court
1900 Prosperity Street
Reno, NV 89502

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT
1933 Prosperity Lane, Reno, NV 89502

2014 RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY ENROLLED MEMBERS

Please remember to provide the Enrollment Office, with your change of address, Court Order for Name Change, Court Order for custody of minor children, paternity documents, Marriage Certificate, Divorce Decree and documented changes in Blood Degree. These documents are necessary to ensure accuracy in records maintained within the Enrollment Office.

Thank you, Sheila Katenay, Enrollment Officer

RECRUITMENT FOR LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Notice to RSIC Enrolled Members

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, are scheduled to meet the third 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 has 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 their applications to the Tribal Administrator's Office located at 98 Colony Road.

RECRUITMENT FOR LANGUAGE & CULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

The Language & Culture Advisory Board is currently recruiting for two new members. The Language & Culture Advisory Board serves the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony by preserving, protecting, and promoting the Paiute, Shoshone and Washoe languages and cultures.

The Board is currently seeking to fill 2 vacant seats; both serving a 2-year term. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled members, spouses or residents of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and be motivated to help the Board pursue its mission.

Interested parties must submit a letter of interest to the Language & Culture (L&C) Coordinator, Teresa Melendez, by Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014. The L&C Coordinator and the LCAB will review the letters of interest and make recommendations to the Tribal Council for appointment. Any interested RSIC enrolled member may submit their applications to the Tribal Administrator's Office, 98 Colony Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

"We Rock Native" Music Program



"We Rock Native" is an exciting 6-month music program that will provide up to 25 RSIC youth ages 8-17yrs. old with music instruction for vocal lessons, guitar, bass guitar, drums, key-boards and performing. All classes will be instructed and directed by the "Reno Rock Camp" music teachers and instructors to be held at the Hungry Valley Recreation Center beginning on Tuesday November 18, 2014 with the following schedule:

EVERY TUESDAY: 4:30pm-6:30pm

EVERY THURSDAY: 4:30pm-6:30pm

EVERY SATURDAY: 12:00pm-3:00pm

If your child is interested drop by the Hungry Valley Recreation Center or you can contact the Recreation Program for more information at 785-1360 or email jwadsworth@rsic.org

Transportation will be provided from the Reno Colony to Hungry Valley, *if needed.*



Sponsored by the RSIC Recreation Program

RENO Trash Pick up Schedule



**DUE TO THE 2014 UP COMING HOLIDAYS.
THE REGULAR THURSDAY TRASH PICK UP
DAYS WILL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 31**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! ☺

Colony Christian Fellowship

Come & worship with us at Colony Christian Fellowship
phone: 324-0324

Sunday morning services.....11 a.m.
Adult Sunday School.....10 a.m.
Children's Sunday School.....11 a.m.
Adult Bible Study.....Wednesdays at 11 a.m.
Women's Bible Study....Thursdays at 11 a.m.
Men's Bible Study.....Saturdays at 8 a.m.
Communion, Every first Sunday of the month

Hungry Valley Christian Fellowship

Come & worship with us at Hungry Valley Christian Fellowship Sunday morning services at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Augustine Jorquez 425-5886

Victory Outreach Reno

Native W.I.N.D.S

(Warrior Impacting Nations, Disciplining Soldiers)

Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., HV Community Center
Fun, food, fellowship in faith for the whole family!



*Psalm 122:1
A Song of degrees of David.
I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Education Department

Would like you to join us for



Winter Break Activities



Who: RSIC Community K-12 students

Where: 34D Reservation Road
or Hungry Valley Education Building

When: December 22, 2014 – January 9, 2015
Monday through Thursday

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm



Come and participate in experiments, make & take activities, cooking activities and
good old fashion fun.

Hope to see you there

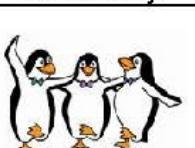


Please contact Lorraine Keller, Reno Education Advisor at 329-6114 or Tanya Hernandez, HV Education Advisor at 785-1310 for more information.



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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 *Vitamin C - Daily + Vitamin A - 3 X Week 1% Milk - Served Daily 5 Pork Chop Egg Noodles Winter Squash Blend*+ Mandarin Oranges* Heart 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check 1 pm Senior Advisory Committee Meeting	 Serving Times Mon - Thurs 11:30 am - 12:45 pm Brunch 10:30 am - 12:45 pm 6 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Cucumber Slices* Pineapple+ 1 pm Fleece Scarf 5:30 pm Night BINGO & Potluck	 7 Shredded Chicken Enchilada Black Bean & Corn Mix Lettuce & Radish+ Tropical Fruit* 1 pm Errand Day & Shopping	1 Closed- Holiday No lunch served or delivered Happy New Year	2 Minestrone Soup+* Egg Salad Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato+ Banana
12 Lemon Baked Salmon Carrot & Broccoli*+ Pears* Heart 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check	13 Chef's Salad*+ Tomato Wedge Breadstick Peaches* 12 pm Tribal Police Presentation	14 Beef and Broccoli with Carrots*+ Jasmine Rice Fortune Cookie Pineapple & Grapes 12 pm Nutrition Presentation	15 Lima Bean Soup Spinach Salad with Shredded Carrots Crackers* Banana Open Craft Room 1 pm	16 Brunch 10:30 am French Toast Turkey Bacon Cherry Tomatoes & Bell Peppers*+ Orange*
19 Closed - Holiday No lunch served or delivered 	20 Commodity Sack Lunch Tuna Sandwich on Rye with Lettuce and Tomato+ Sun Chips Fruit Cup* Trail Mix	21 Open Face Turkey Sandwich with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Mix Vegetables*+ Peaches 1 pm Errand Day & Shopping	22 Birthday Bingo Spaghetti with Turkey Meat Sauce Green Beans and Corn Mix+ French Bread Pears* 	23 Brunch 10:30 am Cream of Wheat Boiled Egg English Muffin Carrot Raisin Salad Mixed Berries* V-8 Juice*+
26 Baked Rosemary Chicken Rice with Gravy Mixed Vegetables*+ Mandarin Oranges* Heart 11:30 am Blood Pressure Check 1 pm Century Theaters Movie	27 Beef Stew+* Panbread Green Salad+ Mini Heirloom Tomatoes* Tropical Fruit* 1 pm Make a hot & cold pack	28 Pork Fajitas Refried Beans Lettuce & Olives+ Peaches* 1 pm Make a hot & cold pack	29 Pepperoni and Mushroom Pizza Spring Mix Salad* Fruit Cocktail* 1 pm Open Craft Room	30 Brunch 10:30 am Breakfast Burrito Tomato and Cucumber Salad*+ Fresh Pineapple and Grapes

Non senior meals are \$4.00 each
No to-go meals, all meals purchased
must be consumed at the senior center
No outside food or drinks allowed



Reminders

- 1) call to cancel home meal delivery by 10:00 a.m.
- 2) dogs must be fed up for meal delivery



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both men and women, with the potential to expand to 132 beds. All residents must meet strict, specific qualifications as per state guidelines.

Only non-violent inmates who are within 18-months of being released from the state penitentiary will be allowed to reside at the NNTH.

"What we have understood for many years now is that these transitional housing centers provide that avenue and that ability to come back into the community," Cox said. "It will also provide a level of supervision and enhance public safety."

Furthermore, in 2003 the WCSD leadership projected a severe, future funding problem for new school construction and needed renovations of its older schools. As recently as last month, the Nevada State Education Association called for more funding to reduce

class sizes, more tools and technology, early childhood education, a safe and supportive learning environment, and the ability to attract and retain quality educators. The revenue sharing from the RSIC will help reduce some of those shortfalls.

"This is an example of having a vision and taking advantage of an opportunity..."

*—Arlan D. Melendez
RSIC Chairman*

AB299, which passed unanimously, dictates that a portion of the sales tax revenue from the retail store on RSIC property be paid to the WCSD. Officials at the Colony anticipate that amount to be \$500,000 annually with an increase to about \$1,000,000 when the loan for construction expires.

Six months ago, the RSIC celebrated its sixth year of operation of the Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center, a direct result of this multi-agency collaboration. The 65,000 square-foot health center not only provides medical care for the RSIC tribal members, but for an additional 6,000 Northern Nevada Urban Indians.

Last week's ground breaking celebrated the start of construction for the state's new, \$8 million housing community, which is another significant milestone of AB299.

With oversight from the SPWD, H+K Architects is leading the design team and Q&D Construction is the construction manager at risk, providing preconstruction planning and budget management services, as well as general contracting services.

Happy New Year —

The staff from the Reno Sparks Indian Colony Chairman's Office wish everyone happy holidays. Pictured from left to right, back row: Alicia Wadsworth, executive assistant to the chairman; Verna Nuno, administrative assistant for the tribal administrator's office; Chairman Arlan D. Melendez; Robin Eagle, tribal council secretary; Victoria Oldenburg, senior staff attorney; sitting, from left to right: Gerald Smith, tribal administrator; and Stacey Montooth, public relations / community information officer.

