



# THE CAMP NEWS

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**SERVING THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY & HV COMMUNITIES**

## Annual Sales Tax Revenue Sharing Begins

*Reno-Sparks Indian Colony giving nearly \$500,000 to Washoe County Schools*

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) will commemorate its first revenue sharing payment to the Washoe County School District with a press conference and ceremonial "Big Check" handover this Tuesday, at 10 a.m., at the Tribal Health Center (1715 Kuenzli St.).

"We are to reinforce proud publicly our commitment to educating all Washoe County school children," said Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman of the RSIC. "Our leadership is committed to the academic advancement of not just our Native American students, but to all area youth."

This nearly half million dollar contribution is the final step in a 15 year project between Washoe County, the State of Nevada, and the RSIC.

"This collaboration was designed to benefit all parties, most importantly our children," Chairman Melendez said. "Thanks to the success of our retail operations with our increased tax revenue, the entire region is enjoying new community amenities, increased urban development, private partnerships and

of course, revenue sharing for education."

In accordance with Senate Bill 299 which unanimously passed the Nevada Legislature in 2005, the RSIC proposed to share sales tax revenue from its retail project near Highway 395 and East 2<sup>nd</sup> street to benefit the Washoe County School District.

As outlined in the law, this annual revenue sharing payment from the RSIC will go to the Washoe County School District School Renewals Fund,

a capital budget that funds construction/repair projects for the entire school district.

A description of the various types of projects funded can be found at the WCSD website at: <http://wcsdbuilding.com/> and <http://wcsdbuilding.com/what-is-the-plan-for-building-and-repairing-schools/>.

As is typical of government revenue sharing agreements, the law did not earmark expenditures just for the Native American community.

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**For the Kids —** Starting this month in conjunction with SB299, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony will make annual contributions to the Washoe County School District School Renewals Fund, a capital budget that funds construction, repair projects for the entire school district.



# March is National Nutrition Month!

**Join Us and Celebrate!**

**Throughout March: New Vegetable Cooking Contest**

**March 8: Prevent T2 Diabetes Prevention Class Kickoff**

**March 9: National Kidney Month Event**

**March 17: St. Patrick's Day TryDay Friday**

Questions?

Contact Stacy  
Briscoe, RD/CDE  
399-5162 x1945

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**RSTHC Diabetes and Community Health Programs**

## Deadlines, Mailing List

### *The Camp News Profile*

Started in the early 1980s, *The Camp News* is the monthly publication for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony community. The newsletter is produced monthly out of the RSIC Public Relations Department and duplicated and distributed by RSIC Administration Front Office.

### 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](mailto:smontooth@rsic.org) or drop off your photos and suggested articles at 34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502.

### CIRCULATION

If you live outside Washoe County and would like to receive *The Camp News* via U.S. Post, please contact us with your mailing address.

If you have a problem with delivery, please call us at (775) 329-2936.

### ELECTRONIC EDITION

For those of you who would prefer to get an electronic version of *The Camp News* or just read it on-line, please see: [www.rsic.org](http://www.rsic.org) and PDFs of our publication are available.

## Important MARCH dates

- 1 Assistance Applying for College Financial Aid, Education Building, 9 a.m.  
Family Literacy Night, RSIC Library, 5 p.m.  
Law & Order Committee Meeting, Tribal Court, 6 p.m.
- 3 Native Art Classes, Behavioral Health Division, 9 a.m.
- 6 Education Advisory Committee meeting, Education Conference Room, Noon  
Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Senior Center, 1 p.m.  
Enrollment Advisory Committee meeting, Enrollment Office, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Pow Wow Club, RSTHC, 6 p.m.
- 8 Elder Fit Class, Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.  
Prevent T2 Diabetes Class, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Lunch & Learn: National Kidney Month, RSTHC, 1:30 p.m.
- 10 Native Art Classes, Behavioral Health Division, 9 a.m.  
Native Wellness Talking Circle, Tribal Court Building, 1 p.m.  
Picasso & Pizza, RSIC Gym, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 Assistance Applying for College Financial Aid, Education Building, 9 a.m.  
Tribal Council Meeting, 34 Reservation Conference Room, 6 p.m.
- 16 Read by Grade 3 Informational Night, 34 Multipurpose Rm., 6 p.m.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day  
Friday TryDay, RSTHC  
Native Art Classes, Behavioral Health Division, 9 a.m.
- 20 Spring Break Starts for WCSD  
Executive Health Board meeting, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Commodity Distribution, Senior Center, 8 a.m.
- 22 Assistance Applying for College Financial Aid, Education Building, 9 a.m.  
Elder Fit Class, Senior Center, 12:30 p.m.  
Prevent T2 Diabetes Class, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Native Art Classes, Behavioral Health Division, 9 a.m.
- 25 L&C Great Basin Native Plants presentation, San Rafael Park, 10 a.m.
- 27 Housing Advisory Board Meeting, Hungry Valley Housing Dept. 6 p.m.
- 29 Assistance Applying for College Financial Aid, Education Building, 9 a.m.  
Prevent T2 Diabetes Class, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.  
Economic Development Meeting, 34 Reservation Conference Room, 6 p.m.
- 30 Talking Circle, RSTHC Behavioral Health Division, 4 p.m.
- 31 Native Art Classes, Behavioral Health Division, 9 a.m.

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

# HIGHER EDUCATION

## Vocational Training-Certificate programs

### 1 DEADLINES

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

SPRING OCTOBER 31

SUMMER MARCH 31

FALL JUNE 30

#### VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS

NO DEADLINE



### 3 GRADES/INCENTIVES

Grades must be turned in at the completion of each semester.

If you have not submitted grades from the previous semester, please do so today!

You may be eligible for an incentive award if you are enrolled full time.

Full time students (12 credits or more) for grades above a 2.0

#### Grade Incentives

2.0 - 2.9 75.00

3.0-3.5 150.00

3.6 - 3.9 200.00

4.0 + 300.00

#### Vocational Incentives

80-499 hrs 150.00

500-899 hrs 200.00

900-1799 hrs 350.00

1800 + hrs 500.00

#### Graduation Degree Incentives

High School Diploma or

GED 200.00

Associate 500.00

Bachelor 1000.00

Master 1500.00

Doctorate 2000.00

\*All degree awards must be submitted in the year of graduation for award.



### 2 DEGREE PLANS

It is a requirement of the Reno- Sparks Indian Colony Higher Education policy to submit and follow a degree plan.

A degree plan helps you succeed and graduate on time!

Once you graduate you are eligible to receive a graduation incentive!



## ADULT EDUCATION

#### High School Diploma or Hi-Set?

Hi-Set is the new term for the GED

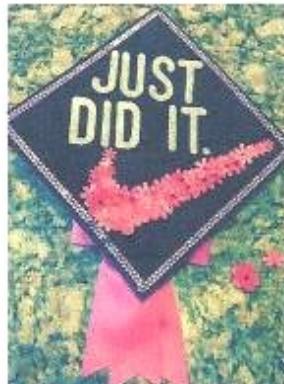
#### INSPIRE ACADEMY

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2nd Floor

Reno, NV 89502

(775) 337-9939



#### NORTHERN NEVADA LITERACY COUNCIL

1400 Wedekind Road

Reno, Nevada 89512

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Reno, Nevada 89502

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#### JOB CORP

14175 Mt. Charlestonon St

Reno, Nevada 89506

(775) 972-5627

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Education Department  
34 Reservation Rd. Bldg D  
Reno, Nevada (775) 329-6114

# Tribal Member Johni Bill Opens Alluring Beauty

*Native entrepreneur sets individual self-determination example for community*

For years, Johni Bill has wanted to help people with an issue she encountered as a teen--skin health. Now, as the owner/operator of Alluring Beauty, Bill is not just providing aesthetician services, but she is a role model for other budding entrepreneurs.

"I'm still learning, but I am really excited," Bill said. "Becoming a business owner is a big step for me."

Her business, located at 1962 Pyramid Hwy, in a shared space with the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Smoke Shop V, focuses on waxing, tinting and eyelash extensions and Bill plans to offer facials soon.

Since high school when Bill herself dealt with problem skin, she has explored the field of cosmetology and has had an interest in being a hair and makeup artist.

It was this ambition which led her to a Jan. 30 grand opening of her open salon.

"Johni had a vision and has stepped forward to be one of our small business pioneers," Chairman Arlan D. Melendez told the crowd of about 20 which gathered for the celebration. "When you really think about self-determination, a term that we talk about a lot in Indian Country, Johni is showing us a real example."

Bill said that she does feel a little pressure, but she is excited to show other people that operating a business is a worthy,

attainable goal for anyone willing to work hard.

"There are a lot of laws and rules, and that is a good thing," Bill said. "Creating a business plan and a safety manual took a lot."

According to Steve Moran, the director of the RSIC Economic Development and Business Enterprises Department, one of the goals of the RSIC Tribal Council is to offer more help to tribal members who want to go into business for themselves.

In addition to providing information about local resources which can help an entrepreneur secure funding, write a business plan, file for a business license, and the like, the Colony has partnered with other agencies to hold workshops to assist entrepreneurs.

In the case of Alluring Beauty, the RSIC's operation of a business incubator—retail space for multiple users—allows the tribe to offer low start up costs to help Bill get her business started.

Chairman Melendez said that because Bill has the tenacity to be independent and not totally dependent on the tribe, she is fulfilling an important role for the entire community.

"We recognize that we need more small businesses," Melendez said. "That will take leaders in our community and we congratulate and thank Johni for taking on that responsibility."

Alluring Beauty is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10 a.m., until 7 p.m. Bill can be reached at 775/722-4880.



**Alluring Beauty** — Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal member Johni Bill celebrated the grand opening of her new business located at 1962 Pyramid Hwy, Suite B, next to Smoke Shop V. Specializing in aesthetician services like waxing, tinting and eyelash extensions, call 722-4880 for an appointment.

# Great Basin Native Plants from an Indigenous Perspective

Presented by



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

and the

Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden

Discover Great Basin Indigenous plants

- Medicinal uses
- Practical traditional uses
- Numu (Paiute) names
- Experiential activities for all ages

When: Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Where: Ranch House in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park

Time: 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

Please RSVP for this event by phone or email to the contact information below:

For more information and to RSVP call: 775-785-4153



or email: [ARoyal@washoecounty.us](mailto:ARoyal@washoecounty.us),

[SMcLaughlin@washoecounty.us](mailto:SMcLaughlin@washoecounty.us)



# VA Enlists Tribes for Help With Cultural Competency

*Rule changes allows Native facilities to assist veterans with benefit claims*

*By Jefferson Keel,  
Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation  
and former President of the NCAI*

Native Americans serve in the military among the highest rate, per capita, compared to other groups and our nations honor the place of tribal warriors in our communities and our culture on a daily basis.

But for Veterans living within or near tribal communities, it can sometimes be difficult to receive representation for benefit claims. Often, these Veterans cannot reach existing Veterans Service organizations (VSOs) or may not be using them due to cultural barriers.

One way VA has tried to help, is through a rule change in the Code of Federal Regulations (38 CFR 14.628). This change will allow eligible tribal organizations to become accredited by VA. It is believed that accredited tribal organizations can provide Veterans with better, more culturally competent services.

Over the past year, VA's Office of Tribal Government Relations (OTGR) and Office of General Counsel (OGC) have worked together to implement this rule change.

In March of 2016, letters were sent to tribal leaders, asking for their input.

"This rule is a positive step forward for Indian Country and VA," said Reyn Leno, Vietnam Veteran and Chairman of the

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. "For decades, tribes with accredited facilities have been able to provide quality services to our Native American Veterans and non-Native Veterans alike. The piece that was missing was the ability to provide assistance on VA benefit claims. This rule recognizes the unique relationship our tribes have with our federal government and Veterans in some of our most rural communities. No Veteran should have to drive hundreds of miles to receive care they could be eligible to receive next door at a tribal facility.

The ability to credential tribal facilities as VSOs will also help to further extend services to Native Veterans in a culturally appropriate manner.



**Native Service —** Since the earliest wars, Native Americans have served in high numbers with distinction and honor.

I applaud the rule and VA for their due diligence on this matter."

Tribal Nations serve Veterans first. We open our ceremonies and carry the flags of our nations. As of 2015, 16,910 American Indians or Alaska Natives serve in the armed forces, making up 1.3 percent of the military population.

But receiving VA accreditation is not an easy process. VA must ensure, as legally required, that all accredited VSOs can provide long-term, quality representation. As such, tribal organizations must meet the same stringent requirements as national and state VSOs. OTGR can assist with tribal applications before they are sent to OGC, which makes the final approval.

VA invites all interested tribal organizations to consider beginning the process of becoming a VSO.

On a daily basis active duty members become Veterans and too many Veterans return home to find that their greatest challenges still lie ahead. War is ugly and it has long lasting effects that challenges the resilience of all people.

The tribal nations are committed to finding the path for our Veterans to become tribal leaders, teachers, business owners, active citizens and successful parents.

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RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER

# *Lunch and Learn in Honor of National Kidney Month*

*For Individuals and  
Families affected by  
Chronic Kidney Disease*

JOIN US IN THE RENO-SPARKS  
TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER LARGE  
CONFERENCE ROOM FROM  
1:30PM-3:30PM

**MARCH 9, 2016**

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\*\*RSVP REQUIRED. PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE  
LEON AT 329-5162 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND

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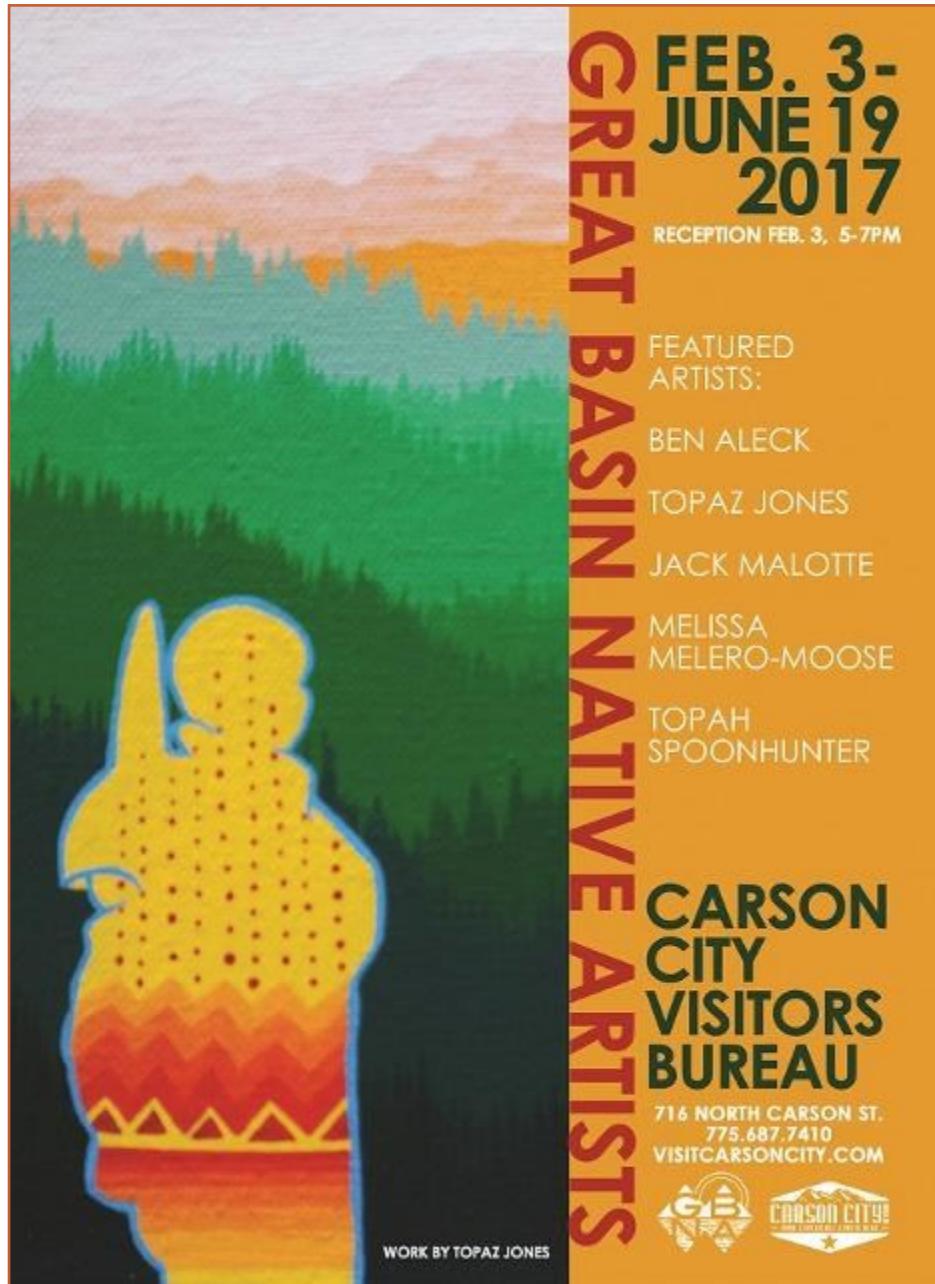
We work closely with the OTGR and have established a good relationship with this important VA office.

I invite other tribes to connect with OTGR as well, as they begin the road to becoming accredited VSOs. The ability to work with local, trusted qualified representatives to file for benefits our Veterans have earned through their service can make a world of difference in the Veteran and their family's overall quality of life.

I look forward to seeing tribal nations begin to support their warriors through this effort to serve those who have selflessly and courageously served our nation.

*Editor's Note:*

*This article was originally published on the Vantage Point, the official blog of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs*



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"When we negotiated this agreement nearly 15 years ago, we insisted that the revenue sharing benefit the entire region and education was an ideal cause," Chairman Melendez said. "With this money going to fund capital improvements for the school district—to repair school facilities, to construct new schools, to purchase new equipment—

all students including RSIC tribal members and Urban Indian students will benefit.

This first payment has been in the works for a long time.

The vision for a retail complex got started when using tribal tax revenues and a 1995 tribal municipal bond, the Colony purchased multiple properties and amassed 22 acres just east of its downtown land base.

However, construction was

not immediate.

Because these properties had been the site of several industrial businesses, the RSIC partnered with the Environmental Protection Agency and Nevada Division of Environment Protection, to remove soil contaminated with pesticides, petroleum hydrocarbons, metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), lead, and nitrogen.

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# LANGUAGE & CULTURE PROGRAM

Encouraging Cultural Pride and Awareness

MARCH - 2017

## Mission:

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

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

## Language Classes:

### Tuesdays

### Newe (Shoshone): ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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

### Wednesdays

### Washiw (Washoe): ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

### Seniors Numu (Paiute) Class:

**Location:** RSIC Senior Center, 34 Reservation Road, Reno  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Instructor:** Thalia Dick  
**Dates:** 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

### Thursdays

### Numu (Paiute):

**Location:** RSIC Library – 401 Golden LN.  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Instructor:** Stacey Burns  
**Dates:** 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

## Cultural Activity:

**Date:** March 25, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Great Basin Native Plants from an Indigenous Perspective

Join the L&C staff at the Wilbur D. May Arboretum and Botanical Garden – Ranch House in Rancho San Rafael Regional Park for an interactive morning; learn about Great Basin native plants – medicinal uses, Paiute names and practical traditional uses.

Everyone is invited! Anyone interested in learning about the Great Basin language or way of life is welcome to attend the language classes. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** For more information, contact the Language & Culture Program,

**Stacey Burns – [sburns@rsic.org](mailto:sburns@rsic.org) or 775-785-1321**

# HOW ARE YOUR FEET TODAY?



## THE DIABETIC SHOE PROGRAM HAS RESUMED FOR 2017!

Diabetics, you are eligible for a pair of shoes through A Proper Fit with a documented foot exam completed during your 3 month Diabetic checkup @ RSTHC.



Referral required... Receive your foot exam then contact the Diabetes Program to schedule your appointment with Stacy or Kristie to receive your voucher.

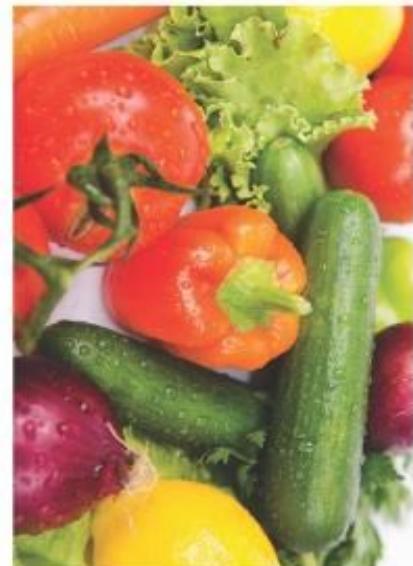
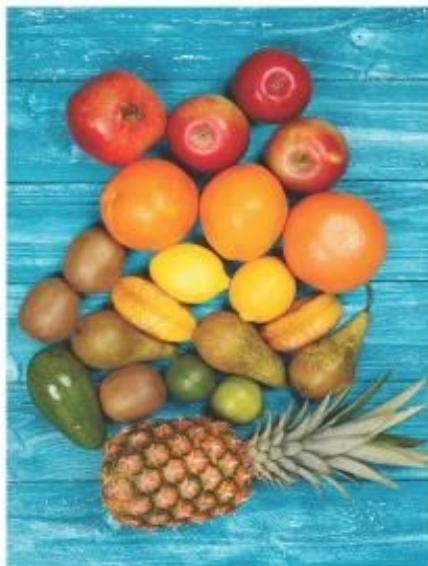
Questions? Contact Stacy Briscoe - 329-5162 x1945

# PREVENT T2



A PROVEN PROGRAM TO PREVENT OR DELAY TYPE 2 DIABETES  
KRISTIE MESSERLI RD, LDN 775-329-5162  
KMESSERLI@RSICCLINIC.ORG

## Finding Balance for a Healthy Lifestyle



Classes begin Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Classes will be held every Wednesday (excluding holidays) from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

### **Participants MUST:**

- Be committed to a 6 month program & 6 month follow up
- Attend every class-- unless otherwise discussed with Kristie
- Ready to make realistic, life changing goals
- Be willing to keep food/exercise journal
- Be willing to weigh in each class-- goal is 5%-7% weight loss
- **BE MOTIVATED TO PREVENT TYPE 2 DIABETES!**



# What Do You Need in Case of an Emergency?

*Be prepared with supplies, essentials for extreme weather, disasters*

*Submitted by N. David Hunkup  
RSIC Emergency Services Manager*

It is important to be prepared for emergencies such as power outages, earthquakes, fires and other disasters.

Every homeowner should have an emergency survival kit in their home. The kits should have enough supplies for all of your family members for at least 72 hours or longer.

Emergency supplies can be stored in a large, clean trash can, suitcase, duffle bag, backpack, footlocker, or individual pack.

Non-perishable food items such as ready-to-eat items in unbreakable containers, canned meats, juice, fruits and vegetables, powdered milk, infant care foods, crackers, peanut butter, freeze-dried and dehydrated goods are recommended.

In addition, emergency supplies should include enough bottled water to provide a minimum of 1-gallon per person per day.

Other items recommended for emergency survival kits include:

- ◆ Battery powered radio with weather alert channels
- ◆ First aid kit and manual
- ◆ Sleeping bags and wool/ thermal blankets
- ◆ Manual can opener

- ◆ Waterproof/windproof matches
- ◆ Flashlight and spare batteries
- ◆ Water purification tablets
- ◆ Utility knife
- ◆ Emergency candles
- ◆ Extra eyeglasses/contact lenses
- ◆ Essential medications
- ◆ Extra clothing

Homeowners should also include items for a sanitation kit which includes:

- ◆ Plastic bucket with tight fitting lid
- ◆ Plastic bags and ties

- ◆ Disinfectant
- ◆ Improvised toilet seat (5 gallon bucket works well)
- ◆ Paper cups and plates
- ◆ Personal toiletries and hygiene products
- ◆ Baby/infant supplies
- ◆ Aluminum foil
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Plastic utensils
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Work gloves

For more information, please contact N. David Hunkup at 785-1373 or via email at: [dhunkup@rsic.org](mailto:dhunkup@rsic.org) .



**Be Prepared** — *Being ready means being equipped with the proper supplies you might need in the event of an emergency or disaster. The RSIC Emergency Services Department encourages every household to keep supplies in an easy-to-carry bag that you can use at home or take with you.*

*File photo*

# NEVADA URBAN INDIANS, INC

10TH ANNUAL DIABETES POWWOW AND HEALTH FAIR

 **WOOSTER HIGH SCHOOL**  
1331 E PLUMB LN. RENO, NV 89502

POWWOW SATURDAY MARCH 4TH, 2017 • 11AM TO 10PM  
GRAND ENTRY TIMES • 12PM AND 6PM

POWWOW SUNDAY MARCH 5TH, 2017 • 12PM TO 4PM  
GRAND ENTRY TIME • 1PM

HEALTH FAIR SATURDAY MARCH 4TH, 2017  
11AM TO 3PM

## HEAD STAFF

**Host Drum:** Medicine Thunder, Fort Hall, Idaho

**Master of Ceremonies:** Carlos Clica, Warm Springs, Nevada

**Arena Director:** Hank Johnson, Hungry Valley, Nevada

**Head Man:** Anthony Quenelle, Montgomery Creek, California

**Head Woman:** Dayann Harrison, Wadsworth, Nevada

**Head Teen Boy:** Chandler Sampson, Hungry Valley, Nevada

**Head Teen Girl:** Alyssa Songoi, Fallon, Nevada



**Drum Contest:** 1st Place \$1500, 2nd Place \$1000, 3rd Place \$500

Two Step and Potato Dance Contests. Contest Powwow for Gold Age, Adults, Teens and Juniors Catagories  
Payouts for 1st-3rd Men's and Woman's, Boy's and Girl's.

**Powwow Event Information:** Jonathan Lowery 775.247.5648

**Princess Contest/Craft Vendor Information:** Marc Curley or Amy Jeanotte 775.788.7600

**Health Fair Information:** Eddie Miller or Amy Jeanotte: 775.788.7600

## HOST LODGING

**The Nugget Casino (\$59.99)** 775.356.3300 ■ **Boomtown Casino (\$49.99)** 775.345.6000  
(Please book by February 15th, 2017)

**Disclaimer:** This is a Drug and Alcohol Free Event. NUI Powwow Committee and Sponsors are Not Responsible for Short Funded Travelers, Theft, Damages, or Injuries. No Weapons, Firearms or Fireworks Permitted.



**There is a children's Sunday school song that states, "every promise in the book is mine, every chapter, every verse, every line."**

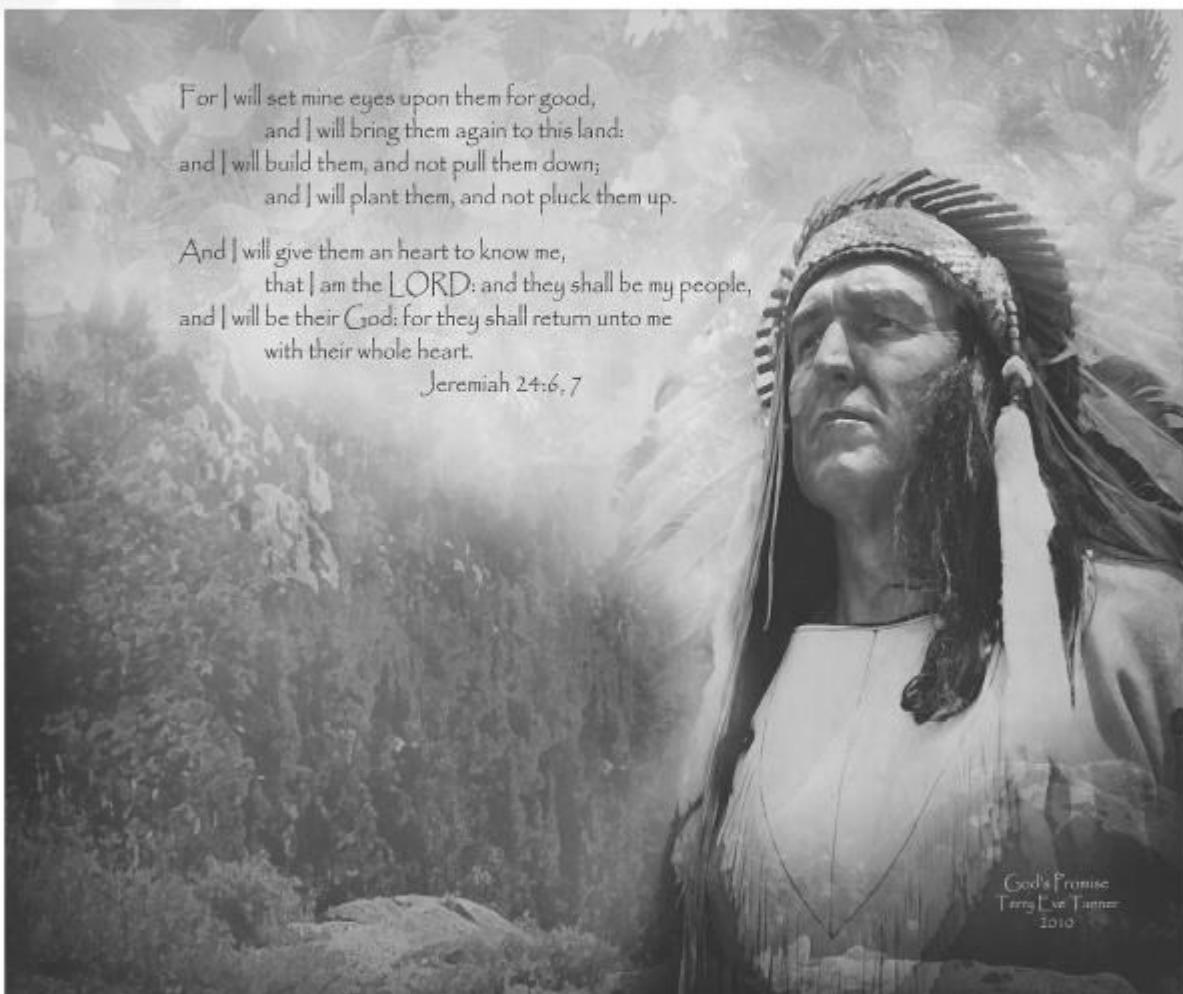
The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, known as the weeping prophet, gave hope to a people living in captivity. Too many times people try to manipulate with fear and terror. Yet, the worse is to become prisoners of our own minds and addictions. God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power, love and of a sound mind. That is a promise and a purpose for all believers in Christ.

**Many Blessings in Christ  
Rev. Augustin and Cindy Jorquez  
Pastor Hungry Valley Christian Fellowship**

For I will set mine eyes upon them for good,  
and I will bring them again to this land:  
and I will build them, and not pull them down;  
and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.

And I will give them an heart to know me,  
that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people,  
and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me  
with their whole heart.

Jeremiah 24:6,7



For more information on upcoming events, services, convocations, and conferences. Like us on Hungry Valley Christian Fellowship Facebook or call at 775-233-0268



# Ask Paul

*When I see people who say they have pain, the first question I ask is “What pain medication are you taking?”*

It seems our society has been trained to reach for a pain pill whenever a person experiences pain.

Some people become so dependent on pain pills, they will take a pain pill even when they don't feel pain, but perceive something will be uncomfortable.

This is a pain pill cycle and this cycle is difficult to break.

Please keep in mind that not everyone who takes pain pills will have problems. Actually most people who take pain pills follow their doctor's instructions and use these pills to heal with good results.

However, pain pills are addictive and there are people who are living in a pain pill cycle lifestyle. This article is about trying some different solutions for pain instead of continuing to just take pills.

First, think of the health care provider as a mentor/coach who can create a plan or strategy to stop a patient's pain pill cycle. This medical professional's role is only as

successful as the patient's willingness to engage in this plan. Imagine any sport that has a coach. What would happen if the coach created a great game plan and the individuals on the team did what they wanted, disregarded the coach's plan, and ran around shouting “throw me the ball?”

It would be fun to watch, but the outcome would be chaotic.

The coach or doctor only has as much power as the player or patient gives him/her by following his/her advice.

For example, if the patient with a heart condition decides



***“If a person has chronic pain, medication can actually make the person more sensitive to pain and heighten their pain response.”***

to not follow the doctor's directions for a healthy lifestyle, the patient's heart will be negatively impacted.

Many studies show pain medication especially opioids (Vicodin, OxyContin, and others) are appropriate for short term pain only. These medications can be a big problem when managing long term or chronic pain. Your health care professionals are aware of this and are invested in keeping you safe and healthy.

If a person has chronic pain, medication can actually make the person more sensitive to pain and heighten their pain response.

The person has to take the lead in exploring and giving an honest effort in participating in healthy alternatives. It is a team effort, but the person on the medication has to put in most of the effort.

A healthy lifestyle without being reliant on medications is the payoff. Our health care team offers healthy lifestyle changes instead of taking pain pills, explains what success will look like, and creates an exit strategy or time frame for taking pain medications.

Many people who have relied on taking pain pills for a long time have actually built a lifestyle around taking their

pain pills. When a health care professional asks the patient to try an alternative lifestyle change instead of taking pain pills, the patient will try the lifestyle change one time and say "this doesn't work" and go back to taking the pain pill.

The patient will even use their single attempt at a healthy lifestyle change as an excuse to continue the pain pill cycle. Keep in mind, many of these healthy alternatives take effort and may be uncomfortable in the beginning but, like everything else, everything is easier after practice. And if we are comparing the effort it takes to engage in a healthy activity to the effort of taking a pill we see that taking a pain pill doesn't take much effort at all. So, honestly, it's not fair to compare – is it?

How can a family member or partner help support this patient and also hold them accountable? Answer: Make the healthy lifestyle alternative *fun and rewarding*.

Engage in the activity with the person, fix healthy meals and enjoy the meals with the person, have contests, be creative and incorporate as much laughter as possible.

Here are some ideas that people who have chronic pain have tried and say they've had good results. Many

of these ideas are simple and don't require much advanced thought to understand the logic, like eat a good diet, exercise and get sleep. Of course if you have any questions always consult your physician.

Dr. Pohl, Medical Director for the Las Vegas Recovery Center which specializes in chronic pain and addiction, says pain is often the result of inflammation in the body. An easy fix is to review your diet and limit foods that cause inflammation like white bread, rice, tortillas, sugar, and soda. Then for a double health effect, add anti-inflammatory foods like salmon, sardines, and vegetables. Make healthy meals at home a life-style standard.

You can talk to Kristie Messerli at (775) 329-5162, ext.1943 who is a registered dietitian at RSTHC for great healthy dietary education.

Many times people in chronic pain are stiff from sitting around because they have a difficult time moving. It's tough, but the more the person exercises or moves around the easier these activities will become. Engage in fun activities. Start by throwing a ball or walking and talking. Move your body. Pick a sport such as basketball and take turns shooting free throws.

Be gentle with yourself and take things gradually. Give

Zumba a try. The Zumba instructor's energy is contagious. Yoga, aquacise and line dancing are also available at RSTHC. You'll also find an acupuncture specialist at the RSTHC – another way to relieve chronic pain.

Sometimes creating a healthy lifestyle is like eating an elephant.

Q: How do you eat an elephant?

A: A little bit at a time. Have some fun. Engage in your community. Go to pow wows and sweats, dance, engage with your spirituality, and play with your kids and grandkids.

Many of my clients who seek alternatives to pain medication say it's challenging, but their new lifestyle was well worth it.

Also, dispose of unneeded medications. If you would like to dispose of your unwanted old pain medications, look for information about the Prescription Drug Round Up in April or contact Jason Hill at the RSTHC (775) 329-5162, ext. 1965.

# In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

*Athletic scholarship, helping hand, historical setting*

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**College Ball** — Angelica Shanrock, a senior at Spanish Springs High, will continue her education at College of the Siskiyous (COS) in Weed, Calif., thanks to a basketball scholarship. Shanrock recently led SSHS to a victory in the Northern 4A Regional Tournament in which she scored 27 points.

*Photo provided by RSIC Education*



**Sharing Resources** — The RSIC Human Services did public outreach to area homeless during a recent summit. Over 1,500 people were given small items from the Colony staff—granola bars, pens, gloves, hand warmers, clothes pins, hand sanitizers, raincoat covers—which were donated by various RSIC departments and divisions.

*Photo by Eric Dearmore*



**On Site Learning** — Several students from Vaughn Middle School took a tour of Stewart Indian School as part of the Nevada Tribes Legislative Day. Besides learning the history of Indian boarding schools, the students visited the state capital and witness the Nevada government in action.

*Photo provided by RSIC Education*



**Big Crowd** — Students from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony were among a large group learning about the Stewart Indian School which served as the only off-reservation Indian boarding school in Nevada from 1890 to 1980. In 1985, the school was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

*Photo provided by the Nevada Indian Commission*



## RSIC TRIBAL ARCHIVES

*Preserving the Past to Ensure the Future*

We would like to introduce our new Archives Technician, Lydia Morris, to the Archives & Records Center. Lydia is an enrolled RSIC member, she resides in Spanish Springs with her two daughters Hailey & Hannah and husband John. She brings knowledge and experience from working as a summer intern at the Tribal Archives in High School. We welcome her and we are excited to have her working with us here at the Archives!



**Welcome**  
A day in RSIC's past....



**February 1st, 1972**

Construction started on new Reno-Sparks Neighborhood Facility Building, 34 Reservation Road, Reno Colony. Construction awarded to Hancock & Hancock. Construction was completed in September and the building was dedicated September 11, 1972. The Facility Building was first used for the Chairman's office and community events.



**Archives & Records has a new phone number**

**775-785-1335**



**Staff can be reached at following extensions:**

**Trisha Calabaza-Tribal Archivist ext.7777**

**Lydia Morris-Archives Technician ext.7726**

**Esnala Kaye-Records Management Technician ext.7725**

**RSIC Tribal Archives**

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

**Office Hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday**



# Money Never Will Compensate for Loss of Homeland

*Federal government inconsistent with 5th amendment in Indian County*

*Submitted by Steve Melendez  
Board Member  
American Indian Genocide Museum*

When everyone from our president on down believes that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction, you have to wonder why we went to war in the first place.

We also know now that there was never any evidence linking Saddam Hussein to the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks.

Some said we went to war for the oil and some said we went to war for the economy. Then there was that three paragraph article in the November 13, 2000 edition of *Time* magazine entitled, "Saddam Turns His Back on Greenbacks."

The article said that Iraq would no longer accept dollars for oil because it did not want to deal "in the currency of the enemy."

In retrospect, we are only left

to speculate why we went to war with Iraq. Pulitzer Prize winning author, James Risen wrote in his book *Pay Any Price*: "...Within weeks of the toppling of Saddam Hussein's statue in Baghdad's Firdos Square in April 2003... unmarked trucks started backing up to the loading docks at the East Rutherford Operations Center. There, they were filled end to end with dozens of pallets of shrink-wrapped \$100 bills...The trucks stopped at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, D.C., where the palletized cash was transferred to the cargo holds of air force C-17 transport planes...finally, the planes landed at Baghdad International Airport..."

Of the \$12 to \$14 billion in palletized cash and the \$5.8 billion in electronic transfers, Risen wrote, "All told, approximately \$20 billion was sent

to Iraq without any clear orders or direction on how the money was to be used."

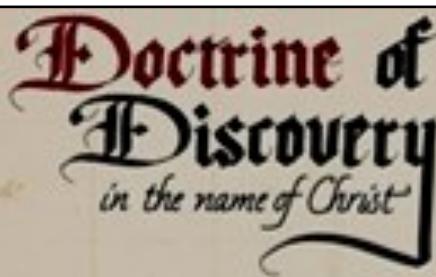
Over a decade later, we can only wonder why nations go to war with each other.

Even at Standing Rock, you have to read between the lines and look behind the scenes to understand why tribal councils will turn on their own people.

On February 15, 1974, the government, through an act of Congress called the Indian Claims Commission, offered the Lakota \$17 million dollars for their homeland. When it became obvious that the Indians would not take such a piddling amount, the Congress passed another act called the Indian Claims Commission Act Amendment which added \$85 million more in interest under the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment of the U.S. Constitution (dealing with just compensation).

The Fifth Amendment says, "No person shall be compelled ... to be a witness against himself, nor deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."

The government lawyers were in a dilemma because allowing interest from the time of "discovery" (the Indian Claims Commission was based on the



**Five Hundred Years Ago —** According to Native American author Steve Newcomb, when Columbus set foot on Guanahani island, he performed a ceremony to take possession of the land for Spain, acting under the international laws of Western Christendom. This act was based on a religious Doctrine of Discovery. Five centuries later, the United States government still uses this archaic Judeo-Christian doctrine to deny the rights of Native American Indians.

*File photo*

*Continued on page 21*

“Doctrine of Discovery”) for one tribe would have to apply to all the tribes, even the ones which had already been paid.

In 1980, the Supreme Court weighed in, the United States offered \$105 million dollars. Currently, that amount has grown to \$1.3 billion dollars.

Only adults and no children would share in that money---money that would only amount to about \$10,000 per adult. Does anyone know what the cut off age is that deprives a child the right to his or her homeland? Those parents who are thinking of accepting that meager amount of money are throwing the children in their own households into the fires of hopelessness.

This money is for the selling of the Great Sioux Nation today. Make no mistake about it, this is an out-of-court settlement with the Congress picking and choosing which parts of the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment applies to the Indians---if at all. The “due process of law” part would demand that the supreme law of the land, the treaty be honored.

These so-called leaders with dollar signs in their eyes need to consider that out of the Homestake Gold Mine alone, they took 41 million troy ounces of gold worth \$48 billion dollars at today’s prices.

Just a couple of years ago in the Elouise Cobell case, those few Indians who were actually receiving royalties from oil wells found that once they cashed those Cobell settlement

checks, their royalty payments stopped. Of course not many people talk about it because the shame of being swindled also steals your voice.

There is a parallel between what is happening now and what happened with the Western Shoshone. While Carrie Dann was trying to get their treaty honored, the tribal councils were trying to sell the land right out from under her and everyone fighting for their rights. The Western Shoshone had the Treaty of Ruby Valley of 1863 which they took all the way to the United Nations. In 2003 the U.S. government admitted that they were relying on the 1823 Supreme Court decision of *Johnson v. M'Intosh* - the doctrine of discovery.

During the Obama administration, checks were cut to every man, woman and child on the rez for \$20,000 dollars that the tribal councils settled with the government for their land rights—with another \$20,000 to come at a later date. Some people think that the United Nations is worthless, but it has a way of shining a light on government swindle. Then it is up to sovereign nations to determine whether they are the masters of their fates, the captains of their souls, or the cutters of their own throats.

During the hearing in 1976, to bump the offer from \$17 million to \$102 million, government attorney Mileur argued against adding interest, “...Senator, if you are going to apply this standard for the

Sioux, you have got to apply it for every other Indian tribe in the country. Now, if you are going to apply that, how much should be given to the California Indians who got \$29 million for the State of California? How about Los Angeles and San Francisco? How about the Florida Indians who got \$16 million? ...Who are getting \$16 million for most of the State of Florida? How about Miami and Palm Beach? How much is that worth today? And if you are going to apply that standard for the Sioux, you have to apply it for everybody else.”

The question that should be asked is whether Congress has the right to discriminate which parts of the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment applies to the Indians. This is especially relevant since the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples says in Article 37 that “Indigenous peoples have the right to recognition, observance and enforcement of treaties...”

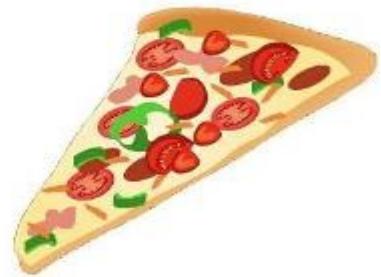
Recently, in a video on *Censored News*, a law enforcement officer told a water protector that he was “on the asphalt” and the water protector told him, “You are on stolen land.”

Let the United Nations decide who the law enforcers are and who in fact are the law breakers.

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#### ***Editor’s Note:***

*The above editorial was provided by Steve Melendez. A Paiute Indian, Melendez grew up on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and now lives in Texas.*



# Picasso & Pizza!

**Bring the family out for a night of fun! Pizza and Painting**

**When:** March 10th 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Where:** RSIC GYM, 34 Reservation Road

**Who:** 50 spots available, ages 6 and up

Art has always been a great way to de-stress and unwind. Come learn about the many benefits of art, learn to paint (beginners welcome), and enjoy a night with family and community! Only 50 spots available so please call Jason Hill at the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center to **reserve a spot at 329-5162 ext. 1965.**

Sponsored by the RSIC Recreation Department and the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center Behavioral Health Department (MSPI Grant)

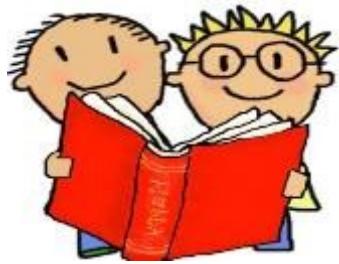
## Reno Sparks Indian Colony Earth Day

*SAVE THE DATES!*

**2017**  
April 21-22

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

## Read by Grade 3



**Nevada State Law:** Students **NOT** reading on level by grade 3 may be held back/retained.

**Effective 2016-2017 school year.**

All parent/guardians are encouraged to attend to see how this new law might affect your student.

Please join us for an informational night for parents to understand:

**Who?      What?      Why?**

and how the RSIC Education Department Staff can help.

**When: Thursday March 16**

**Time: 6 – 7 p.m.**

**Where: Education Building,  
Tutoring Room**

Please call Tanya Hernandez, Reno Education K-12 Advisor @ 775-329-6114 with questions.

## RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

# 4T1 program

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

**SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**YOUTH SERVICES**

**CHILD CARE**

**ELIGIBILITY  
QUESTIONS?**

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

EACH SPECIFIC PROGRAM MAY ALSO HAVE ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



**I would like to give my support and love to my daughter Jade Tayler Christy. She is attending school at St. Francis Indian School which is on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. She is on the JV girls basketball team. I am so proud of you, Jade. Keep up the hard work!!!**

**Love you. Dad (your #1 fan)**

# **A REMINDER FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE REGARDING VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION FORMS**



Department of Motor Vehicles  
555 Wright Way  
Carson City, NV 89711-0625  
(775) 684-4368

**2017 EXPIRES**  
1/22/2017

VEHICLE NUMBER	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	FWD/4WD	FUEL	AXLE	DECLARED WEIGHT	UNLADDED WEIGHT
1A1234567890	2017	TOYOTA	RAV4	4WD	REG	4	3500	2800
FLEET NUMBER: 1A1234567890				MANUFACTURER: TOYOTA				
DRIVER'S NAME: JOHN D. DODGE				PLATE BACKGROUND: 1A1234567890				

**EXAMPLE**



Instructions for applying the  
decal to the rear license plate are  
on the reverse of this form.

PLATES AND REGISTRATION MUST BE RETURNED WHEN NOT OPERATING THE VEHICLE  
Form NVREG04 99479348 - 3626 - 7862

**THIS IS A REMINDER TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WHEN YOU ARE REQUESTING A  
VEHICLE TAX EXEMPT FORM: PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- DMV REGISTRATION FORM (LIKE THE EXAMPLE ABOVE)
- BILL OF SALE (IF IT'S A NEW VEHICLE)
- NEVADA DRIVERS LICENSE
- RSIC TRIBAL I.D.

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT REMINDER CARDS FROM THE DMV OR SALES RECEIPTS FROM ANY CAR DEALERSHIPS. AFTER IT IS RECEIVED, PLEASE ALLOW TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE FORM CAN BE PICKED UP. AFTER THE EXEMPTION IS SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN, THE PERSON WHOSE NAME AND INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED WILL NEED TO APPEAR IN PERSON AND SIGN THE COMPLETED FORM. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**THE FRONT OFFICE WILL THEN MAKE A COPY AND RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE INDIVIDUAL.**

THANK YOU,

FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Announcing

# Home ElderFit Fridays

with Echo & Tiffany



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

Sessions are 20-30 minutes

## Prevent Falls!

Contact Echo Conway @ RSTHC

329-5162 x1928

to schedule your session!

Workouts focus on  
Range of Motion  
Flexibility  
Balance

Sponsored by the  
RSTHC Diabetes and  
Community Health  
Programs

Curious about  
how to manage  
or prevent  
Diabetes?

Want to  
support a  
loved one  
with  
Diabetes?



Ready to take control of  
your Diabetes?

**Join us for  
Balancing Your Life & Diabetes  
group education!**

This 10 week class covers causes, treatment, medications, coping skills, nutrition, exercise, foot, kidney, eye health, and complications.

Earn health related incentives for each class attended...Class starts mid-March

**Info/Sign up with Stacy Briscoe - RSTHC Dietitian  
& Certified Diabetes Educator 329-5162 x1945**

**THE 3 NATIONS WELLNESS CENTER  
AND DIABETES PROGRAM PRESENT:**



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

Come join us!

**Mondays  
&  
Wednesdays**

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

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

*...call 329-5162 for details*

**CARDIO  
KICKBOXING  
Adults**

Prepare to  
sweat!

Wednesdays in 3NWC

12:15-12:45

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

Contact Walita for any questions

775-334-0938



**WATER FITNESS!!**

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

**@ Alf Sorenson Community Center**  
1400 Baring Blvd, Sparks  
Tribal Card required @ Class Check-In

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

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

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

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

**Sponsored by**  
the RSTHC  
Diabetes  
Program

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

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

# ACUPUNCTURE

returns  
to RSTHC  
with  
**Dr. Bruce Eichelberger**

Schedule with  
RSTHC Medical Scheduling

ACUPUNCTURE INCREASES:

- EYE STRAIN
- SHOCK
- VERTIGO
- HYPERTENSION
- BRONCHITIS
- DISTRESS FROM ASTHMA COUGH
- GENERAL FATIGUE
- PAIN OF HAND JOINTS
- INTESTINE ILLNESS
- LIVER & KIDNEY ILLNESS
- RECOVERY OF FATIGUE
- ENURSIS
- CONSTIPATION

ACUPUNCTURE DECREASES:

- Pain
- Fatigue
- Inflammation
- Stress
- Anxiety

Sponsored by the  
RSTHC Diabetes Program

Questions? Contact Stacy Briscoe RD/CDE at x1945



**life**groups  
BETTER TOGETHER

## Beacon of Light

Mixed age group Meets Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm Located at 200 Many Nations Road

How mu' my name is Felice; it is my belief that as human beings we are called to love, encourage and pray for one another and as a Paiute woman I believe it is my duty to bring the message of light, love and healing to our people.

Anyone that is seeking to strengthen their personal relationship with God, our Creator and wanting to embark on new healthy relationships with others please come stop by and see what our time together is all about.

If you don't have childcare bring your little one with you to share the experience together.

Should you have any further questions please feel free to visit our webpage at <http://www.summitnv.org/life-groups>

Pesa, Felice Guevara

Planning on attending college any time soon?  
Get help ahead of time!

Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) help at the RSIC Education computer lab.

9 - Noon            34 Reservation Road Bldg. D

Wednesdays    March 1, March 15, March 29

If you wish to set an appointment for evening help, please call and make arrangements. Hungry Valley residents, please call to set up a time and we can meet at the Hungry Valley computer lab.

(775) 329-6114 ask for Monica

We will help with scholarship searches, essay writing tips and essay review, too.

## New Year, New Yoga with Kim

Tuesdays

5:30-6:30pm

(RSTHC 1st Floor  
Conference Room)

&

Thursdays

12:10-12:50pm

(RSTHC 1st Floor  
Conf. Room or  
3NWC back room)

All levels welcome  
Sign up not required  
All equipment provided

Sponsored by the  
RSTHC Diabetes Program

# Legal Notices, Public Announcements

*Recruitment for important committees, youth environmental conference announcement*

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## Recruitment for Pow Wow Committee Members

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

There are THREE vacancies.

Committee members will be appointed by the RSIC Tribal Council and shall serve a term of (4) years. If you are interested in becoming a Numaga Indian Pow Wow and Indian Days committee member, please submit your completed application to:

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

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## Notice to RSIC Enrolled Members

An Election Board consisting of five (5) members and two (2) alternates shall be appointed within six (6) months before the 2017 Tribal Election and the term of office of these officials shall be for two (2) years.

The Election Board members shall be compensated at a rate prescribed by the Tribal Council. The Standing Rules for Committees and Advisory Boards of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony were revised and adopted by the Tribal Council on 10-31-2012, Resolution No. 2012-RS-53. Rules No. 8 states - "Each person appointed as a member of a committee or advisory board shall not sit on more than two committees or advisory boards at a time; this is combined, meaning that if a person sits on a committee and an advisory board, that person has reached the limit under this rule. The only exception is if a person sits on an intermittent board, such as the Election Board; in that instance the person is subject to the limit of this provision but can sit as a member on one intermittent committee or advisory board. A person can only serve as the chair of one committee or advisory board at a time, including an intermittent committee or advisory board."

Any interested RSIC enrolled member may submit their signed letter of interest to the Tribal Administrator at 34 Reservation Road, Reno, NV, 89502. No emails will be accepted.

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## Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

**WHO:** Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander 10-12th Grade High School Students (in small community groups of approximately 3-5) Accepted students will travel with one adult chaperone from their community to and from the event.

**WHAT:** Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

**WHEN:** July 9-15, 2017 (The application deadline is **Friday, April 7**)

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

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

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via e-mail at [nctc\\_deo\\_programs@fws.gov](mailto:nctc_deo_programs@fws.gov) or by phone at 304-876-7772 or 304-876-7388.

# Legal Notices, Public Announcements

## *Name change, Language & Culture, Executive Health Board recruitment*

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

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Marie Rose Hernandez, who is a member of the Reno- Sparks Indian Colony, has filed a Petition in the Reno-Sparks Tribal Court, Case No.CV- NC-2016-0016, praying that said Court enter an Order changing the present legal name Marie Rose Hernandez, to the name of Katelynn 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 or this notice.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2016  
Henrietta A. Tobey  
Clerk of Court  
Reno-Sparks Tribal Court

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

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Language & Culture Advisory Committee is currently seeking one Tribal member to serve on the Language & Culture Advisory Committee.

Committee members will be appointed by the RSIC Tribal Council and shall serve a term of two years. If interested in becoming an LCAB member, please submit a letter of interest to:

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  
Language & Culture Program  
401 Golden Lane  
Reno, NV 89502  
or call 775/785-1321

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

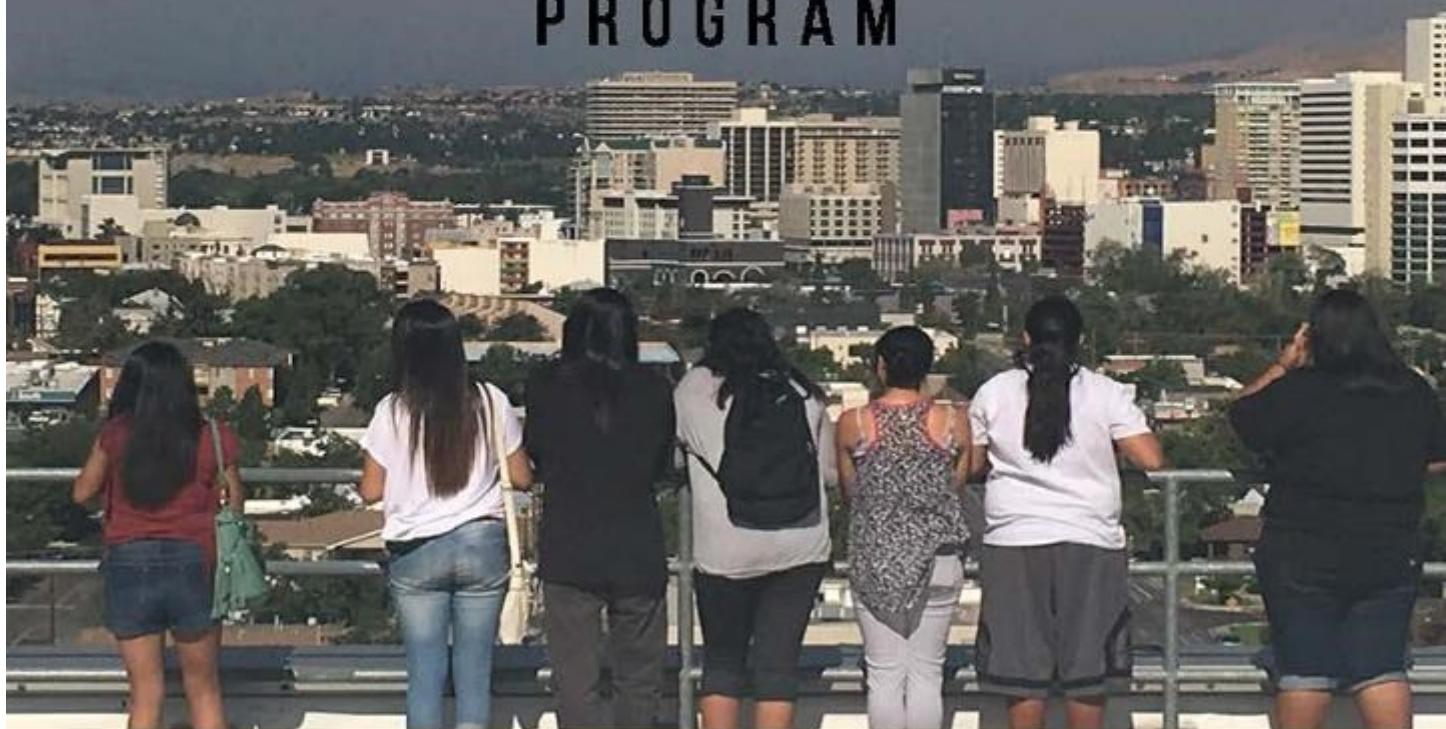
*All interested participants will be invited to fill out an application which can be obtained from the front desk at 34 Reservation Rd. For more information please phone, 329-5162, ext., 1901.*

**www.rsic.org**

RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

# SYEP 2017

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
PROGRAM



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT 34 RESERVATION RD. BLDG D

CALL SAM RAMBEAU FOR MORE INFO

775-329-6114



## RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY

# MARCH 2017

For more information please contact: Adriana Gutierrez | agutierrez@rsic.org (775)785-1320 | 401 Golden Lane Reno, NV 89502

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After a large-scale environmental cleanup, the RSIC worked with the Washoe County Flood Control Project, the Washoe County Public Works Department, the Nevada Departments of State Lands, the Army Corps of Engineers, and Wal-Mart to construct a 0.4 mile floodwall and levee along the south bank of the Truckee River between I-580 (395S) and the Glendale bridge.

Furthermore, the Colony also worked with the Nevada Division of Public Works

to design and construct a state-of-the art facility for the Department of Corrections.

Upon completion, the Colony and the State Lands swapped the former Northern Nevada Restitution Center at 2595 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., and the site of the new facility at 225 Sunshine Ln.

This dynamic, multifaceted public-private collaboration actually sprung from a need to expand health services to the RSIC's 1,000-plus tribal members as well as the Northern Nevada Urban Indian population.

In addition, the undertaking also diversified the Colony's

tax base from sole reliance on tobacco sales, while the RSIC retail operations accounted for the construction of a \$20 million health center.

In fact, last July, the RSIC celebrated its seventh 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 Urban Indians.

The public is invited to attend Tuesday's celebration at the health center.



**Fashion Statement** – Employees throughout the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony sent a life-saving message through their attire on National Wear Red Day For Women. Because heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds, this massive national public awareness movement inspires women to make lifestyle changes, mobilize communities and shape policies to save lives.