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SERVING THE RENO-SPARKS INDIAN COLONY & HV COMMUNITIES

Students Dance to Honor RSIC Chairman, Retired Principal Community leaders give heartfelt thanks for recognition

Nixon, Nev. -- After a student tribute through dance, song and speeches, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman Arlan D. Melendez and retired Principal Randy Melendez, returned their appreciation to the Pyramid Lake High student body, faculty, staff and guests with emotional words of encouragement and thanks.

"I have spoken publically many times and received some great awards, but today, being recognized by you is my greatest honor," Chairman Melendez told the crowd of about 150 people. "Life doesn't ever get easy, especially if you chose to serve, but this makes it worth it."

Chairman Melendez's younger brother, Randy Melendez echoed his sibling's words.

"He is right," Randy Melendez said. "This is the highest honor because it comes from the youth I worked with for so long."

The younger Melendez spent nearly two decades in various positions at PLHS, a public school, operated by the

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. During his tenure, Randy Melendez served as a teacher, a coach, an athletic director, and eventually as the principal for 14 years.

Chairman Melendez has served as the tribal leader of the Colony since 1991.

"Today is really important to me because I never got a chance to say goodbye," Principal Melendez shared, "and I think I did some of my best work here."

The event was orchestrated by the PLHS Native American Studies class, a group of 18 students, freshmen through seniors. The program started with an opening prayer by Paiute elder Ralph Burns and the Flag song followed.

"Chairman Melendez and his brother retired Principal Melendez have greatly influenced the lives of our young people," said Teresa Wright, the Native

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An Ultimate Honor • Dani Bennett leads a social dance at Pyramid Lake High School in honor of retired Principal Randy Melendez. Melendez and his brother, Arlan Melendez, Tribal Chairman for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony were chosen by the students to be recognized at the first, monthly Pudu Nugadu Dance Troupe performance.

RSIC Animal Control Ordinance Outlined

Tribal Court responds to community concerns, shares citation figures

In response to community concern regarding dogs on the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the following information has been provided by the Tribal Court as per the Tribal Administrator for dissemination.

In 2013, citations filed with the Tribal Court under the Animal Control Ordinance 10-B are listed below:

1-1-2 Restraining Animals and Aggressive Dogs **8 citations**

The owner of any dog shall restrain the dog by fence, cage, coop, chain, leash or other adequate means so that the dog shall not leave the premises upon which it is kept.

No person owning or having control or custody of any dog shall allow such dog to run at large within the boundaries of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Dogs not tied up or penned must be on a leash and be accompanied by a person.

Persons who own or possess aggressive dogs must obtain an Aggressive Dog Permit from the Tribal Police Department. Aggressive dogs must be confined in a fenced enclosure to ensure public safety. The fenced enclosure must have a roof affixed, to prohibit escape. The enclosure shall be no smaller than 12 ft. x 12 ft. to ensure humane conditions for the animal.

1-1-6 Vicious Dog or Vicious Breed of Dog **9 citations**

A person commits the offense of maintaining a vicious dog by keeping, maintaining or possessing one or more dogs classified under Section 1-1-1 as a vicious dog.

If tribal law enforcement has probable cause to believe an owner is maintaining a vicious dog, a law enforcement officer may immediately issue a citation requiring the owner to remove the vicious dog from the jurisdiction of the Colony within seven days of the date of the order or to appear before the Tribal Court within ten days and show cause why the dog should not be deemed a vicious dog.

In an emergency, tribal law enforcement personnel may confiscate a dog they believe to be a vicious dog which poses an immediate threat to the public safety or which has attacked a human, and may hold, transfer to Washoe County Animal Control, or destroy the dog, as the circumstances warrant.

Keeping, maintaining, possessing, breeding, selling, or trading vicious dogs, or dogs designated as a vicious breed of dog, as defined pursuant to Section 1-1-1, is prohibited on the Colony, and is a Class C

offense.

1-1-13 Seizure of Dogs – Penalties for Running at Large **4 citations**

Any dog found running at large in violation of this Code may be captured and transferred to the custody of the Washoe County Animal Control.

If ownership of the dog is known or may be reasonably ascertained, upon a first violation the dog shall be returned to the owner along with a written warning citation. Upon the second and third citation for the same dog, the owner may be cited and fined \$25 for each offense. Upon the fourth or subsequent citations for the same dog, the owner may be cited and fined \$100 or, if the fines are not paid, the dog may be taken to the Washoe County Animal Control or destroyed.

Stray dogs will be taken to Washoe County Animal Control to be adopted or destroyed. If any dog of fierce, dangerous or vicious propensities is found running at large and cannot be safely seized, such dog may be destroyed by the Washoe County Animal Control or Tribal Police.

1-1-11 Vaccination Required. **2 citations**

Every animal four months of age or older shall be vaccinated for rabies. Documentation for such vaccination must be produced upon request of law

To see the entire 8-page ordinance, 10B: Animal Control, please contact the RSIC Tribal Court.

New Language and Cultural Coordinator Joins RSIC

Melendez brings 15 years of language revitalization experience to Colony

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Education Department is pleased to introduce its new Language and Culture Coordinator, Teresa Melendez.

Teresa brings passion and strength to coordinate the program, said San San Tin, manager of the RSIC Education Department. Her previous skills in running a language program and her eagerness to have a quality program at the Colony is evident.

Melendez is a Great Lakes Anishnaabe (a self-reference term used by Potawatomi, Odawa, Ojibwe people, which means Original People). She is of Potawatomi/Odawa/Polish decent, enrolled with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Turtle Clan, from Southwest Michigan. She now lives in Hungry Valley.

Melendez holds a Master's degree in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education with a focus on Indian Education and Indigenous Language Revitalization.

We are excited to share that she brings with her over 15 years of language revitalization experience.

Before moving to Reno, Teresa served as Director of the Department of Language and Culture for her tribe, where she managed the Language, Cultural, and Youth Cultural programs. She has been involved with many formal language learning methods including: classroom instruction,

teacher training, master apprentice, and immersion programs.

Melendez believes that meaningful language learning opportunities are designed to: be interactive, include listening and speaking activities, implement immersion teaching and learning methods, and maintain respect for the beauty of community, family, and individual differences in languages (i.e. writing systems and dialects).

Her goal is to develop programs that produce speakers as speakers save languages, preserve cultural knowledge, and ensures sovereignty.

I am honored to have the opportunity to do the work that I

love, in my husband's home, my new home, Melendez said. I am excited to

continue and build on the good and important work that the community, the Language Advisory Board, the Tribal Council, and the previous coordinators put into motion.

Please, stop by the Language and Culture office to introduce yourself or reach Melendez by phone (775) 329-8396 or e-mail tmelendez@rsic.org.

Also, check out *The Camp News* for Language and Culture flyers advertising upcoming classes, cultural activities, and youth council events.





**Miss University of Nevada
American Indian Pageant**

March 29th, 2014
University of Nevada, Reno campus
IGT Knowledge Center, Room 124
Noon - 5 PM



Categories
Princess ages 12-18
Junior Princess ages 6-11
Tiny Tot Princess ages 3-5

Requirements
Submit application by March 15th, include essay. Participate in selling raffle tickets. Provide one raffle item. Participate in the pageant on March 29th. A talent is required for pageant.

For more information
Kari Emm
kemm@unr.edu
775-682-5928
Raffle tickets
Kathleen Wright-Bryan
kwrightbryan@yahoo.com
775-997-4527

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Studies and art teacher. "In our culture, you don't get a gold watch for a job well done, but by performing an honor dance for these men; our students showed their appreciation and respect, just like our ancestors would have hundreds of years ago."

The students did pageant as well as Pow Wow dances. Before each number, a student explained the significance of the movements, the dress, and the history related to each dance.

In addition, while performing, student-dancers held gifts of sage pine nut necklaces and abalone shells which were later presented to the Melendez brothers.

"It is nice to be recognized

for my public service, but it is especially significant since the students did the nominating," said Chairman Melendez. "We appreciate the thoughtfulness of these young people."

The event concluded with a Round Dance of which both the Melendezes participated. Currently, 18 students who are RSIC tribal and community members attend PLHS and the school has an enrollment of 88 students.

According to its mission statement, PLHS builds self-esteem through cultural awareness conducted in a safe and compassionate learning environment.

"We believe that culture diversity can increase students understanding of different peoples and cultures," Wright

said. "By expanding and enriching our Native American studies, including tribal language, traditions, customs and history, we better prepare our students for success beyond high school," said Wright, a member of the Yurok Tribe of California.



Native Pride • Pyramid Lake High students Bille Howell and Rylee Stump dance proudly. Currently, 18 students from the RSIC attend PLHS.

CIRCLE OF LIFE



safeTALK is part of the Living Works Education Program

safeTALK trains community members to recognize persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide intervention resources.

safeTALK Training

TO FACILITATE COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF SUICIDE AS A SERIOUS COMMUNITY HEALTH PROBLEM, TO ENCOURAGE LIFE AND WELLNESS AND TO REDUCE THE STIGMA THAT SURROUNDS SUICIDE.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014
5:15PM – 8:00PM
RENO-SPARKS TRIBAL HEALTH CENTER**

A LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED

RAFFLES PRIZES and INCENTIVES

For Additional Information Please Contact:
Michelle Katenay 775.329.5162 Ext 2010
Co-facilitator- Monica Atlookan

Colony Christian Fellowship

Come & worship with us
at Colony Christian Fellowship
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, 11 a.m.

Women's Bible Study- Thursdays, 11a.m.

Men's Bible Study- Saturdays, 8 a.m.

Communion- Every first Sunday of the month

Hungry Valley Christian Fellowship

Come & worship with us at Hungry Valley Christian Fellowship

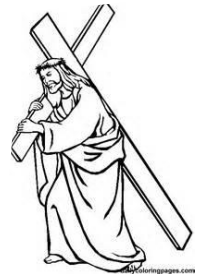
Sunday morning services, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Augustine Jorquez 425-5886

Victory Outreach Reno

Native W.I.N.D.S (Warrior Impacting Nations, Disciplining Soldiers)

Every Tuesday night @ TBA Fun, food, fellowship in faith for the whole family! For info, call Becky @ 424-3204.



RSIC Tribal Archives

Preserving the Past to Ensure the Future

What is *Historic Preservation* and why is it important?

"Historical Preservation is an endeavor that seeks to preserve, conserve and protect buildings, objects, landscapes or other artifacts of historical significance."

The RSIC Archives practices and teaches historical preservation so that we may have the tools to teach future generations and others about the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's history, accomplishments, developments and way of life.

If you have questions about the RSIC Archives please contact:

Trisha Calabaza-Archives Admin. Assistant

Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Archives and Records Center

Phone: 775-329-8802 E-mail: tcababaza@rsic.org

Taking a look back at the Reno Colony



Circa 1900's typical Colony home.



Circa 1967 Matron's Cottage 2nd St.



Circa 1922 Colony Day School .



Circa 1970's Administration Building, 34 Res. Rd.

Education Department News

Transcripts due, FAFSA sign ups, expanded library services, transportation, & more

Below is an outline of some of the services available through the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony's Education Department.

At the end of every semester all students receiving RSIC education funding must turn in grades. There are no exceptions to this rule.

The upcoming deadline is March 31 for summer classes, while the Fall 2014 deadline is June 30.

Apply for FAFSA at the FAFSA.GOV website for the 2014-15 school year. There are some scholarships available, with many more online and accessible at our library.

The library is in the process of purchasing program supplies from a United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development grant. A new shed, picnic table, computers, tables and chairs will improve the total experience of our library patrons. For more information, contact Adriana Gutierrez, 401 Gold Lane; Reno, NV or by phone at 386-4291 or by email at: agutierrez@rsic.org.

Just a reminder, the van arrival time in Hungry Valley is about 11:45 a.m. for A.M. kindergartener drop offs. This is an approximate time, so parents, please wait at the bus

stops until the van arrives. The van can be late for unforeseen circumstance and this needs to be taken into consideration.

The P.M. kindergarten pick-ups start about noon. On Wednesdays only, the early release hours, A.M. drop off is at 11:15 a.m., and P.M. pick up is at 11:45 a.m.

If your student does not have an Infinite Campus form on file, please contact your student's education advisor for a form. Remember, if there is no IC form on file, the advisor has no access to information from the school. Students who do not have an IC form on file must have a transportation form on file if your child needs rides to school, rides home from tutoring, etc., You can pick up a transportation form at the Reno or Hungry Valley Education Offices.

Please remember, that the RSIC Education Department will provide transportation to and from school only three times per year for emergencies or unexpected events. All other student transportation should be via the school district or by parents.

Please contact your child's advisors at the Reno Education Office, 329-6114 for Lorraine Keller or the Hungry Valley Education Office, 785-1310 for Tanya Hernandez.

Spring Break is set for March 31 through April 11, 2014.

The Education Advisory Committee advises and comments on Education Department programs that serve RSIC children, families and community members.

The Education Advisory Committee membership consists of five members who meet monthly and are provided a monthly meeting stipend for participation. The committee members will consist of three tribal members and two community residents.

Under the Federal Guidelines 25 CFR §273.15, Indian Education Committees are elected from among parents or legal guardians of eligible Indian students enrolled in the school(s) affected by a contract (s).

The members are appointed by the Tribal Council and shall serve a term of two years.

The committee members must abide by the Tribal Council Standing Rules & Statement of Confidentiality.

Please submit a letter of interest to: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Education Department, 34A Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502.

Please contact San San Tin at 775/329-6114 for more information.

Education Department Adds New 477 Case Manager

Shaw stresses communication as clients work toward self-sufficiency

Allyson Shaw recently took over duties as the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Case Manager for the 477 Program.

Allyson brings enthusiasm and optimism to our Education Department, said San San Tin, manager of RSIC Education. Clients have found Allyson to be very approachable and empathetic towards their needs.

The objective of the 477 Program is to provide opportunities to Reno-Sparks Indian Colony tribal members and residents to reach self-sufficiency through employment, training and education.

We hope to help my clients gain confidence, success, and self-sufficiency by empowering them through finding their own independence, said Shaw. We want to ensure that everyone is aware of the resources our program offers, and help to make other outside resources readily available in addition to those we provide.

A Shoshone-Paiute enrolled with the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone, Shaw moved to Northern Nevada from Tucson, Arizona. She holds a Bachelor's degree in clinical psychology with a minor in American Indian Studies from the University of Arizona.

We plan to establish foundational relationships, not only with my clients of the 477 Program, but with the RSIC

community as well, said Shaw.

As the 477 Case Manager, Shaw will help qualified adult applicants explore and apply to educational programs ranging from GED programs, to higher education, to adult vocation and career enhancement. Shaw can assist with short term on-the-job training, plus she is an expert on support services such as childcare and general assistance which are critical components as her clients work to establish themselves and become more financially independent.

Allyson is organized and detail oriented, said Tin.

With previous experience in behavioral health and alcohol

and substance abuse rehabilitation, Shaw said that education has always been her passion.

I am always willing to talk, listen, and communicate with anyone who is willing to do the same with me, said Shaw. I hope to create an atmosphere where people feel comfortable coming to me and knowing that I will do my best to help them achieve whatever goal it is they are striving towards.

Shaw said that her office door is always open and welcoming to all. She can be reached by phone at (775) 329-6114.



Head Start News

Head Start Enrollment will begin April 1 and when making medical appointments, let the scheduler know it is for Head Start so that they will schedule an appointment with a nutritionist, too.

February is Healthy Heart Month and the children are learning about exercising, eating healthy, and having healthy bodies. Thank you to the RSTHC's CHR program for speaking with the children about their Healthy Hearts. Plus, the Family Services Advocate has started a weekly walking group in Hungry Valley for the Head Start families. Walks take place on different trails in Hungry Valley, and group discussions are centered on wellness, parenting, healthy eating, healthy relationships, literacy, and kindergarten and school readiness.

The program would also like to thank Tribal Police Officer Halfalla for teaching Pedestrian Safety to the children. The children really enjoy seeing a police officer in the classroom.

The Head Start program's Policy Council has elected this year's Chairperson: Susan Quartz-Hollings; Vice-Chair, Natalie Smith; and Secretary, Jody Quartz. The program's annual self-assessment will begin in March. If you would like to assist, please contact the Head Start program. The 2012-2013 Annual Head Start program report is available for review. If you are interested in reading it, please contact the Head Start Manager, Christina Jacobus at 789-5615.

Smoke, Fog? No, Northern California Dust Storm

Record dry winter ripe for unhealthy air quality conditions through summer

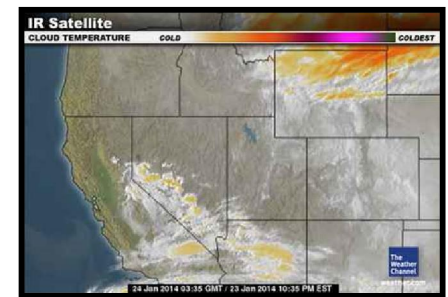
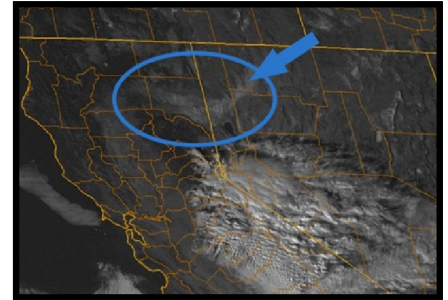
*Submitted by:
RSIC Environmental Program*


A major dust storm made headlines in Northeastern California on January 24, 2014, as a slow moving mass of dust approached the area. It was originally reported to be smoke or fog; however it was later found that it was dust being blown into the area from Nevada's Black Rock Desert. This dust made it hard to see as it settled on cars and windows so thick that you could run your finger through it.

It has been a record setting winter in Nevada and California. Extremely dry conditions with little rain or snowfall made


such a storm possible. Such an event could not happen during a normal winter because snow and rain would keep the dust down. These dry conditions will cause unhealthy air quality conditions and an early and more severe wildfire season as we progress through the summer months. Global warming seems to be creating new weather patterns. The winds blowing out of Alaska are now pushing more of the rain and snow we might normally experience to the east and southeast of the country, creating more wet weather issues for them, while making us even drier.

National Perspective — Below: Satellite imagery captures the January dust storm in Northeastern California. These images are from the weatherchannel.com. Bottom left, a view looking east from Susanville, Calif.





CIRCLE OF PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP



Next Meeting...
MONDAY
February
2014

TIME: 5:00PM
WHERE: Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center
Behavioral Health Conference Room-2nd floor
DATES: TWICE A MONTH, EVERY OTHER MONDAY
2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS OR PARENTS TO BE. IMPROVE YOUR PERSONAL SKILLS AND GROW AS A PARENT. IMPROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND CO-PARENT(S).
Example of topics: communications skills, making good choices, discipline, responsibility, problem solving, peer pressure, consequences, the value of chores.

Facilitated by the RSTHC Behavioral Health Staff
Contact Michelle Katenay @ 775.329.5162 for more information

How the RSIC Adds to Air Quality Index

Public Works staff save time and money for Colony

*Submitted by Elizabeth Acevedo,
Environmental Specialist II*

While some of us have heard of the air quality index, many have not. The air quality index is a tool that we can use to understand how healthy the air is to breath. It is broken down into different categories as shown in the following chart because some people are more sensitive to dirty air than others and may need to be more careful about going outside.

Many communities have monitoring equipment that measures the amount of fine particles in the air.

The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Environmental Program has one of these monitors near Hungry Valley. Most of the monitors in Washoe County are within the Reno/Sparks city limits, so they provide us with little

information about the quality of the air in Hungry Valley. Hungry Valley often has cleaner air than in the Reno/Sparks city limits.

So, if the air in Hungry Valley is so clean, why do we need to monitor it? It is important for the RSIC to know what our air is like now so that we can watch for changes that may be of concern to the community in the future.

This knowledge will also make it easier to respond to problems

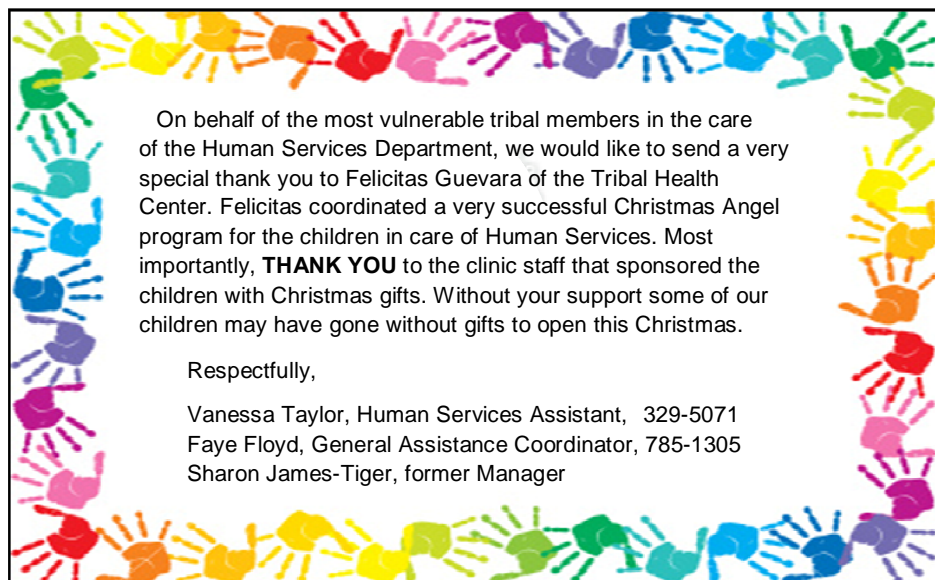
in the area as well as plan for growth within the community.

The local newspaper and TV stations provide information on the air quality index in the weather section.

Please cut out the chart below and refer to it when you hear a story or read the weather report, especially when air quality is bad.

Please feel free to contact me at 785-1363 if you have questions .

Levels of Health Concern	Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk
Moderate	51 - 100	Air quality is acceptable; however, there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101-150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. Most people will not be affected.
Unhealthy	151 -200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 - 300	Health warnings of emergency conditions. Everyone is more likely to be affected.
Hazardous	301 - 500	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects



On behalf of the most vulnerable tribal members in the care of the Human Services Department, we would like to send a very special thank you to Felicitas Guevara of the Tribal Health Center. Felicitas coordinated a very successful Christmas Angel program for the children in care of Human Services. Most importantly, **THANK YOU** to the clinic staff that sponsored the children with Christmas gifts. Without your support some of our children may have gone without gifts to open this Christmas.

Respectfully,

Vanessa Taylor, Human Services Assistant, 329-5071
Faye Floyd, General Assistance Coordinator, 785-1305
Sharon James-Tiger, former Manager



Hungry Valley
Christian Fellowship
Believing God For Greater Things!

Sunday Worship Services: 10:30 AM
Potlucks every month!
Location: Hungry Valley Community Center
For more information, contact:
Pastors Augustin & Cindy Jorquez 775-425-5886

New Activities & Events Starting Soon!

RSIC Mechanics Ensure Community Safety

Public Works staff save time and money for Colony

*Submitted by Rick Castro,
Director of RSIC Public Works*

Anthony "Sky" Rambeau and Sheldon Tom are two Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Mechanic in the Public Works Department.

Their hard work has saved the RSIC and Public Works time and money as they perform vehicles repairs, which would be more costly if outsourced.

Rambeau and Tom are responsible for the maintenance of all departmental vehicles. This is a big undertaking for two people, but both are accomplished and welcome the challenges.

Before snow storms hit, they make sure that the snow plows are fully functional and ready to plow throughout Eagle Canyon and the RSIC at a moment's notice. Rambeau and Tom make the community safe for everyone.



Hard Day's Night — Anthony "Sky" Rambeau and Sheldon Tom save the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and the Public Works Department time and money as the mechanics perform vehicle repairs, which would be more costly if outsourced. Rambeau and Tom maintain 70 vehicles from the RSIC fleet. Despite the heavy workload, the two welcome the challenges.



Up For A Challenge — Anthony "Sky" Rambeau and Sheldon Tom keep 70 vehicles operational for the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Great job, my love, for placing 1st in the science fair. I am so looking forward to seeing you in May. Keep up the good work, babe.

Much love ~ Dad

Jade Christy, a 6th grader at Todd County Middle School in Rosebud, S.D., won a 1st place with her project based on the sense of smell. Jade is an RSIC tribal member.



Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Education Department, Language & Culture Program Language & Culture Events | March 2014

Cultural Event

Introduction to Pow Wow Dancing

Are you interested in learning about pow wow etiquette and dance styles? If so, please bring your moccasins or sneakers and join us for an introduction to pow wow class. We'll start off with arena etiquette and dance style presentations, and then get on our feet for entry level dancing!

Date: Tuesday, March 25th

Time: 6-8pm

Location: HV Community Center

Language Classes

Paiute, Shoshone, and Washo language classes will resume the first week in March, with Paiute and Washo classes on Saturday afternoons and Shoshone classes on Thursday evenings. The eight-week interactive series will include small group and immersion activities. All language classes are potluck, so please bring a dish to share.

Paiute Language Classes

Date: Saturdays (March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 and April 5, 12, & 19)

Time: 12-2pm

Location: Library

Shoshone Language Classes

Date: Thursdays (March 6, 13, 20, & 27 and April 3, 10, & 17)

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Library

Washo Language Classes

Date: Saturdays (March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 and April 5, 12, & 19)

Time: 2-4pm

Location: Library

Youth Cultural Activity

Great Basin Youth Council

The Great Basin Youth Council is a joint RSIC/ITCN/NUI youth empowerment program for Native American youth. The Youth Council's purpose is to support: leadership development, academic attainment, language and cultural knowledge, and civic responsibility. Lunch provided!

Eligibility: 1. Enrolled with a federally recognized tribe or ¼ blood quantum and
2. A high school student in the Washoe County School District

Date: Tuesday, March 25th

Time: 4:30-6pm

Location: HV Community Center

Contact Information: Teresa Melendez, Language & Culture Coordinator

tmelendez@rsic.org | (775) 329-8396

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in engaging in Great Basin life ways, then you are welcome to attend. Language classes and cultural activities are potluck. Food provided for youth cultural activities.

In & Around: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Community

Student tribute to their role models: retired principal and chairman, Hungry Valley recreation



Sincere Thanks • Reno-Sparks Indian Colony member *xxx*, waits her turn to share her appreciation for Randy Melendez, the retired Pyramid Lake High principal. Melendez spent eight years as an instructor and 14 more years as the head administrator at the Tribally operated school in Nixon, Nev. In addition, Melendez logged over thirty-years coaching and will be inducted into the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Hall of Fame next month.

Worth the Wait • Practically the entire student body, along with faculty and invited guests, stood in line for a chance to personally thank Randy Melendez for his service to Pyramid Lake High School. For over 22-years, Melendez worked in education, helping thousands of students. Last month, at the invitation of the PLHS Native Studies Class, Melendez and his brother, RSIC Chairman Arlan Melendez, were honored by the group.



Back In Action • RSIC Recreation Assistant Jessica Castillo prepares treats in the kitchen at the Hungry Valley Community Center. Because of water damage that occurred to the facility during cold weather, several areas, including the kitchen, had to be repaired. During construction at 34 Reservation Road, activities in the gymnasium on the Colony continue. For more information, contact Jean Wadsworth at: jwadsworth@rsic.org.



Sworn In • Jean Marshall took an oath of office and was sworn in by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Chairman Arlan Melendez on Feb. 18. Marshall will be joining the Housing Advisory Board, a seven-person committee each whom serve four-year terms. Marshall will help serve the nearly 1,100 members of the RSIC with its 320 households in Hungry Valley and on the Colony in Reno.

tion refurbished, committee appointments, new Smoke Shop III building, renovation at 34



Danger, Keep Out • The renovation at the 34 Reservation Road complex is on schedule with demolition occurring in the Old Clinic and the RSIC Recreation Department. The modular units are being renovated for the education department. Once the education department has relocated to the modulars in mid-March, the old Education office space will be renovated for Administration. The community room at the 34 Reservation Road will not be available for use from mid-March through June.

Oath of Office • Anita Talacon has officially joined the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Pow Wow Committee. Talacon took her oath of office and was sworn in by RSIC Chairman Arlan Melendez on Feb. 18. Two of the major undertakings of the Pow Wow committee include the nationally-known Numaga Indian Days and the New Year's Sobriety Pow Wow.



New Digs • A brand-new building will accommodate Smoke Shop III very near its current South Virginia Street location. The new facility is closer to interstate 580 and located behind the auto dealerships. There will be no interruption in service. When the new building is ready, the current Smoke Shop will operate its regular-hours and re-open at the new location the next day. Construction is anticipated to be complete in early March.

Pow Wow Committee • Annette Henry will be part of the leadership for the nationally-known Numaga Indian Days Pow Wow and the New Year's Sobriety Pow Wow sponsored by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Henry was sworn in as an official member of the RSIC Pow Wow Committee by Tribal Chairman Arlan Melendez on Feb. 20.

What is CERT? A Chance to Get Ready for Disasters

Emergency preparedness training available to all tribal, community members

Imagine if you will, a large earthquake rocks Northern Nevada, during rush-hour on a weekday. Such a natural disaster could cause buildings to collapse, roads to be blocked, and impact thousands of people in the Reno/Sparks area.

Simply based on its remote location, residents in Hungry Valley most likely would not receive emergency services immediately, if such a disaster took place.

In the past, Hungry Valley has experienced two major wildfires threatening the community, said Fire Chief Danny Thayer. Our tribal members were left to stand alone.

So Thayer and Emergency Services Manager, David Hunkup are putting together a complete plan that includes a Community Emergency Response Team or CERT so in an emergency, the Hungry Valley community is ready.

On March 29 and 30, the Hungry Valley Fire Department, the RSIC Emergency Services, and the Inter Tribal Emergency Response Commission (ITERC) will conduct Community Emergency Response Team training.

From 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday, community members will have an opportunity to learn how to prepare for an emergency, how to recover from such a disaster, and more importantly,

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David Hunkup, Manager
Emergency Services

how to better serve their community during a disaster.

It’s about community helping community, Hunkup said. We need 15-20, committed people to get going, Hunkup said.

CERT training, a federal endorsed program, educates volunteers about preparedness for hazards that may impact an area if an emergency were to occur. CERT training teaches the volunteers basic disaster response skills. Since 1993, communities in 28 states and Puerto Rico have implemented CERT programs.

This training will help you decide who you can help and who to help first by triaging patients, Hunkup said.

Participants will learn basic fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

Beyond the practical skills volunteers will gain from the CERT training, Hunkup sees an



CERT Training — Last year, a few RSIC staff members and several Hungry Valley Firefighters took advantage of the opportunity to learn basic fire safety, utility controls, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue techniques, patient moving, and disaster psychology in keeping with CERT training. Next month, on March 29 and 30, the Hungry Valley Fire Department, RSIC Emergency Services, and ITERC hope to teach 15-20 tribal and community members how to prepare for an emergency or a disaster. For more information, please contact Danny Thayer at 355-0600, ext. 153 or via email: daneil@itcn.org or contact David Hunkup at 785-1373 or via email at dhunkup@rsic.org.

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even great value.

The real benefit to community is peace of mind,+Hunkup said. I am sold on CERT because with this training, we can rest assure that we know what to do in an emergency.+

Hunkup said that with a CERT, residents and tribal members can be confident that the RSIC can take care of their families and their neighbors.

As the Hungry Valley Fire Chief, the Tribal Council has asked me many times, Is there anything in place?, Thayer said. CERT is a way to start that process.+

According to Thayer who also works for ITERTC as Tribal Clinic National Incident

Management System (NIMS) Coordinator, CERT is about readiness. Hunkup whole heartily agrees.

CERT emphasizes doing the greatest good for the greatest number,+Hunkup said. In Hungry Valley, where the community will be initially on their own because we are so far away, the actions of our CERT can make a huge difference.+

In fact, there are case studies that prove this. After a Mexico City earthquake, untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. Had those people trained a head of time, experts say another one thousand people might have been rescued.

Plus, CERT training also can help in the workplace or at community functions if an emergency arises.

Once we have a CERT, we can help with traffic control at Pow Wows and other events,+Hunkup said.

Besides classroom work and mock exercises, the CERT training next month includes a free lunch on both days.

In a big emergency or natural disaster, people in Hungry Valley won't be able to depend on 911 for immediate services,+ Hunkup said. Our people will have to rely on each other for help and that is why CERT training is so important.+

Q: How does CERT benefit the community?

A: People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members can also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERTs have been used to distribute and/or install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in the home of elderly, distribute disaster education material, provide services at special events, like parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

Q: Why take the CERT training?

A: Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, State and Federal resources can activate to help, there may be a delay for them getting to those who need them. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively without placing themselves in danger.

Q: Who can take the training?

A: Natural for the training are neighborhood watch, community organizations, communities of faith, school staff, workplace employees, scouting organization and other groups that meet regularly for a common purpose. CERT skills are useful in disaster and everyday life events.

Q: What if I have concerns about my age or physical ability?

A: There are many jobs within a CERT for someone who wants to be involved and help. Following a disaster, CERT members are needed for documentation, comforting others, logistics, etc. During CERT classroom training, if one has a concern about doing a skill like lifting, just let the instructor know. You can learn from watching. We would like everyone who wants to go through the training to have an opportunity to participate and learn the skills. CERT educates participants about local hazards and trains them in skills that are useful during disaster and life's everyday emergencies. *This information provided by FEMA.*



Fire Safety — CERT training includes basic fire safety training and many other useful skills for emergencies.



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

Now that the Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center can, independent of the Indian Health Service, determine the best use of pharmacy funds, a new era begins where beneficial therapies can more easily be adopted.

A case in point is using insulin pens and pen-needles instead of insulin vials and syringes.

The pharmacy has purchased this technology to improve the lives of patients who believe they may benefit from its use.

Please read the following, and if you believe the system may be useful for you or a loved one, make a point of discussing your needs with one of the pharmacists.

Some insulin patients prefer insulin pens because the pens are portable, discreet, and convenient for injections at home or anywhere.

Insulin pens save time because they are pre-filled in the self-contained cartridge, so there is no need to draw up insulin from a bottle.

The insulin pens usually let you set an accurate dose by the simple turn of a dosage dial. That may make it easier to set an accurate dose for people who have vision or dexterity problems.

Finally, with insulin pens, there is less solid and contaminated waste for disposal.

Of course, there are reasons why insulin pens are not right for all patients. For example, some insulin is wasted when pens are used.

Specifically, one to two units of insulin are lost when the pen is primed prior to an injection. Plus, there is usually some insulin left in the pen or cartridge, but not enough to inject.

Not all insulin types are available via pens or cartridges. Also, insulin pens do not allow patients to mix insulin types. So, if the insulin mixture you need is not available as a pre-mix, two injections must be given.

Finally, insulin pens should only be used for self-injection. There is no way to completely protect a person giving the injection from getting accidentally stuck by the needle while removing it from the pen, as the pen needle must be removed from the pen after each injection.

HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY



To my love bug, Malachi (February 9th) and to my darling Jae Bubble (March 7th). Happy Birthday!

I love you and the family loves you dearly...

Hugs & Kisses

Happy 4th Birthday

February 14, 2010

Troy Yazzie

Hope you had fun and many
more to come!



Mood & Togo

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 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 or drop off your photos and suggested articles to the receptionist at 98 Colony 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 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, those options are pending. Along with the launch of the re-designed www.rsic.org, PDFs of our publication will be available this Spring.

Important UPCOMING Dates

Feb. 24

Meet & Greet with Hidden Valley Elementary Principal,
34 Facility Building, Resource Room, 6:30 p.m.
Circle of Parents Support Group, RSTHC, 5 p.m.

Feb. 26

Free dance lessons, RSTHC Wellness Resource Center,
2nd floor, Noon- 1 p.m.
Economic Development Meeting, Hungry Valley Community Center,
6 p.m.
Safe Talk Training, RSTHC, 5:15 . 8 p.m.

March 2

2nd Annual Ski Trip, meet at RSTHC, 6:45 a.m.

March 12

RSIC Tribal Council meeting, RSTHC conference room, 6 p.m.

March 17

Executive Health Board, RSTHC, 5:30 p.m.

March 18

Commodity Food Program Distribution, RSIC Senior Center

March 24

Housing Board Meeting, Hungry Valley Community Center, 6 p.m.

March 26

Economic Development meeting, RSTHC conference room, 6 p.m.

March 29

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training,
Hungry Valley Gym at 9070 Eagle Canyon Drive,
8 a.m.. 4:30 p.m.

Miss University of Nevada American Indian Pageant, UNR
IGT Knowledge Center, room 124, noon- 5 p.m.

March 30

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training
Hungry Valley Gym at 9070 Eagle Canyon Drive,
8 a.m. . 4:30 p.m.

2014 RSIC Political Donations

At the Feb. 12 Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Council meeting, an action item was approved to make financial donations to the following candidates and entities for the 2014 elections:

Mo Denis. D, State Majority Leader of the Senate

Ben Kieckhefer. R, State Senator

Debbie Smith. D, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee

David Bobzien. D, Assemblyman representing the RSIC District

Skip Daly. D, Assemblyman

Marilyn Kirkpatrick. D, Speaker of the Assembly

Maggie Carlton. D, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee

Kate Marshall. D, State Treasurer; running for Secretary of State

Ross Miller. D, Secretary of State, running for Attorney General

Brian Sandoval. R, Governor

Assembly Democratic Caucus

Senate Democratic Caucus

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Tri Basin Cultural Committee

WE NEED YOU! Recruiting for 2 Members

Want to learn more about OUR ancestral past?

Want to attend trainings on how to preserve the Great Basin
People's history and cultural items?

Join the RSIC Tri Basin Cultural Committee!

The TBCC is an advisory board to the RSIC Cultural Resource Program, RSIC's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), and the Tribal Council. The RSIC Cultural Resource Program/THPO is active in reporting, commenting, reviewing, assisting, & monitoring Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies on their potential impacts to Native American Cultural Resources in Washoe County Nevada.

Please submit a letter describing your interest in joining the TBCC to the **RSIC's Tribal Historic Preservation Office, 1937 Prosperity St., Reno, NV 89502**

**ACCEPTING LETTERS OF INTEREST UNTIL
February 28, 2014**

All TBCC members must be enrolled members of the RSIC & abide by the RSIC Standing Rules for Committees and Advisory Boards & Statement of Confidentiality. TBCC members are required to attend 12 paid meetings (\$75 per meeting) per year and review & comment on projects.



For more information or if you have questions contact **Michon R. Eben** (RSIC Cultural Resource/THPO Manager) meben@rsic.org or **Teri Larson** (RSIC THPO Program Assistant) tlarson@rsic.org Phone # **775-785-1363**



Commodity Food Program Distribution

Location Change

Effective Date:

March 18th, 2014

New Location:

Senior Center, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

Address:

South Park Street, Reno, NV 89502

South of the RSIC Gymnasium and West of Anderson Park

Contact Information

RSIC Senior Center: (775) 329.9929 Darlene Gardipe, Director

Yerington Paiute Tribe: (775) 463.4396 Marlin Thompson, Director

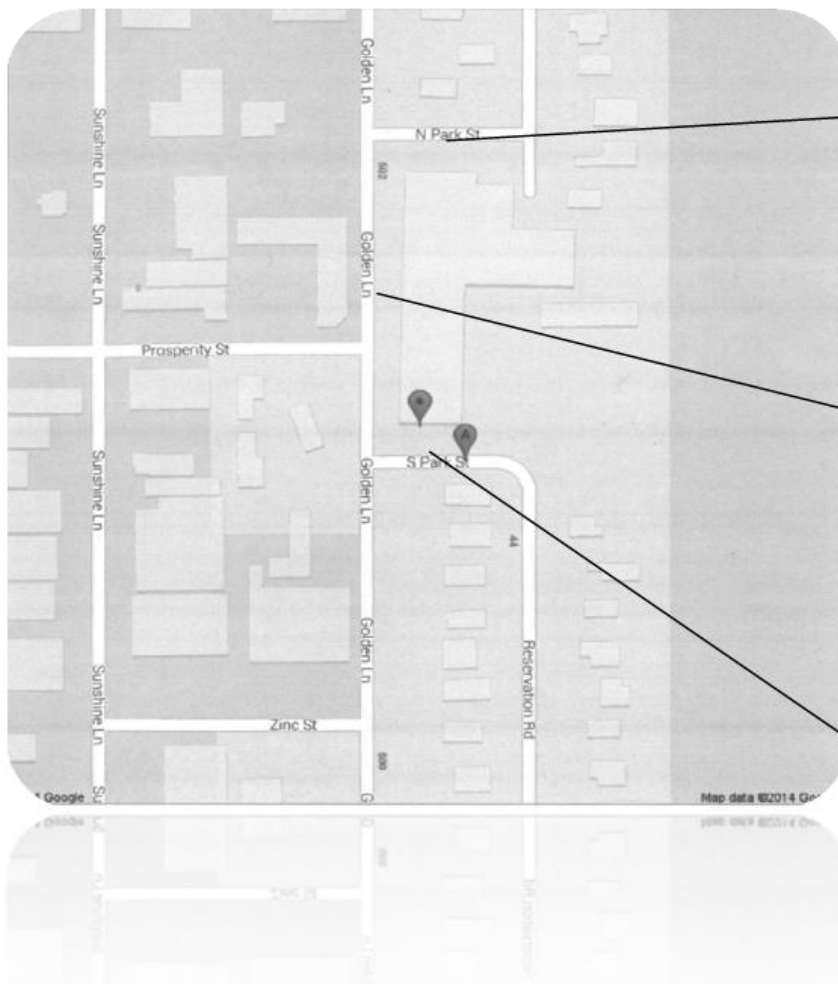
Old distribution location



RSIC Gymnasium



****New Location** RSIC Seniors Center**





RECREATION

PROGRAM MANAGER: JEAN "BUBBA" WADSWORTH

RENO GYM STAFF: VICTOR SAM, SUPERVISOR

RENO RECREATION ASSISTANTS: SPENSER WASSON, BUCKY HARJO, SHANE SANCHEZ

HV RECREATION STAFF: JOANA HICKS, SUPERVISOR

HV RECREATION ASSISTANTS: SHANE BILL, JESSICA CASTILLO, JACOB BILL

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- Submit to a drug screening

AS OF JANUARY 1 2014 ACCORDING TO THE RSIC RECREATION POLICY & PROCEDURES A CLEANING DEPOSIT WILL BE CHARGED FOR USE OF THE HUNGRY VALLEY RECREATION CENTER MEETING ROOMS. ALL PAYMENTS WILL NEED TO BE MADE AT THE RSIC FINANCE DEPT. AT 98 COLONY ROAD.

Spring Break Day Camp March 31 ~ April 11

WANTED! HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS FOR TEEN BBALL



Community Easter Celebration



SATURDAY APRIL 19TH

HUNGRY VALLEY GYMNASIUM

Easter breakfast 9am-10am

Egg Hunt begins at 12noon

Egg donations are much appreciated

Native College Basketball Player Energize Indian Country

Watch Schimmel, University of Louisville on Native American Night

Shoni Schimmel, who grew up on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in eastern Oregon has given Indian Country four years of excitement, encouragement, and honor on the court.

A first-team All-Big East selection, last week, Schimmel scored her 2,000th career point to become just the fifth U of L athlete in school history to reach that milestone

The 5-foot-9 guard has had a decorated college career, but the culmination is still to come.

Schimmel, of Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla decent, will play her last, regular-season home game on Monday, March 3, which is not just senior night, but Native American Night, too.

With an overall record of 26-2 Schimmel will try to lead her third ranked team past the No. 1 ranked Connecticut Huskies.

In a university statement, fans are asked to come and support, Schimmel, her younger sister and teammate Jude, along with the entire Cardinals team.

If you cannot make it in person, please consider watching the game Monday, March 3 on ESPN2 at 7 p.m., EDT or 4 p.m., PDT.

Plus, several Pow Wow dancers will be performing during halftime.

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6:00 p.m. - Mixed Team

Saturday, March 8th

9:00 a.m. - Mixed Doubles & Mixed Team
11:30 a.m. - Mixed Team
2:00 p.m. - No Tap Mixed Doubles
7:00 p.m. - Masters (Men, Women, & Seniors)

Sunday, March 9th

10:00 A.M. - Doubles & Singles

Entry Fees

Regular Masters \$30.00 Senior Masters \$25.00
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All Events \$5.00

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

MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3) Turkey and Swiss on Rye Lettuce* and Tomato* Baked Lays Orange Cutie*	4) Coyote Stew Pan Bread Green Salad+ Tropical Fruit*	5) Chili Pork Chop Green Beans*, Tomato* and Onions Bake Applesauce	6) Chicken Lo-Mein+* Pineapple* and Strawberries* Fortune Cookie	7) Egg and Turkey Bacon Croissant Tomato* and Cucumber Salad+ Banana*
10) Baked Cod Rice Pilaf Steamed Broccoli and Carrots+* Pears*	11) Tomato Soup Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich Celery Sticks* Mandarin Oranges*+	12) Ground Turkey Soft Tacos Refried Beans* Lettuce* and Tomato+ Melon Mix*	13) Birthday Bingo Corn Beef and Cabbage* Red Potatoes Peas and Carrots+* Fruited Jell-O Roll 	14) Cream of Wheat Whole Wheat Toast Boiled Egg Mixed Berries* V-8+*
17) St. Patty's Day Cabbage* and Carrot+* Soup Tuna Salad Lettuce* and Tomato+ Orange* 	18) Chicken Pot Pie Green Beans* Fruit Cocktail*	19) Beef Quesadillas Southwestern Rice with Bell Peppers+* Peaches*	20) BBQ Turkey Burger Lettuce* and Tomato+* Pasta Salad*	21) Ham Scramble with Bell Peppers* Hash Browns English Muffin Tomato Wedges+* Fresh Fruit Mix*
24) Egg Salad Sandwich Baked Lays Tomato Wedge+* Orange*	25) Chili Beans Cornbread Dark Green Salad*+ Peaches*	26) Pork Stir Fry with Bell Peppers* Jasmine Rice Pineapple* Fortune Cookie	27) Baked Rosemary Chicken Mashed Potatoes* Carrots+* and Broccoli+* Pears*	28) Pancakes Turkey Sausage links Fresh Pineapple* and Strawberries* V-8+*
31) Meat Spaghetti Green Salad*+ Tropical Fruit* French Bread	*Vitamin C - Daily + Vitamin A 3 times a week 1% Milk - Daily  			

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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

March



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Senior Advisory Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.	4 Night Potluck & Bingo 5:30 pm Bring a food dish & 2 prizes	5 Errand Day Shopping, Bill Pay, Thrift Store 1:00 pm	6 Carson Valley Therapy Swim 8:00 a.m.	7 Respite Caregivers Support Group 9:30 am Brunch 10:30
10 Crafts Spring Floral Hanging Ball 1:00 pm	11 Tribal Police Presentation 12:00 p.m.	12 Nutrition Presentation 12:00 p.m.	13 Birthday Bingo 12:30 pm	14 Brunch 10:30 am
17  Food Pantry	18 Commodities	19 Errand Day Shopping, Bill Pay, Thrift Store 1:00 pm	20 Carson Valley Therapy Swim 8:00 a.m.	21 Respite Caregivers Support Group 9:30 am Brunch 10:30
24 Crafts Catch all Container 1:00 pm	25 Kyburz Flats Petro glyphs 8:30 am North side of Boca Damn	26 Crafts Make your own Unique Flip Flop Sandals 1:00 pm.	27 Crafts Make your own Unique Flip Flop Sandals 1:00 pm	28 Brunch 10:30 a.m.
31 Century Theaters Movie 1:00 p.m.				

Native American Veteran's Memorial To Be Built in D.C.

National Museum of American Indian, NCAI involved in fundraising

Tahlequah, Okla. . The Native American Veterans Memorial Establishment Act of 2013 calls for the construction of a veterans monument at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C.

"Indian Country were very sensitive to the heritage that we pass down from generation to generation and when you get into the sacrifice that Indian Country has made," said U.S. House Rep. Markwayne Mullin, R-Okla. "Even before we had the right to vote, every conflict and every war, Native Americans have been involved," Mullin said.

According to Mullin the planned memorial will continue to tell the stories that we are so known for and the memorial will

keep our heritage alive. The bill, which passed the House on Dec. 20 and unanimously passed the Senate was originally issued in 1994 to put the memorial inside the museum. However, due to lack of room inside the museum, the revised act allows the museum to raise funds to construct the memorial outside, but on the property.

"The president just signed roughly 116 bills total this year, so it's a pretty big deal that Indian Country got this," Mullin said. "Now, we have to make sure we continue treating this with the honor our veterans deserve."

The act, which was signed by President Obama on Dec. 26, makes the museum and the

National Congress of American Indians responsible for accepting contributions for and paying the expenses of establishing the memorial whereas before the NCAI was solely responsible for those duties.

"It's on the shoulders of the museum now to organize it because the bill has passed to allow them to do what they need to do to get it done," Mullin said.

Mullin said that because the bill was just approved, the memorial hasn't been designed yet, but there have been several ideas. He said it would be a few years before the memorial is complete.

*Written by Tesina Jackson O'Field
Originally printed in the "Cherokee Phoenix"*



Everybody Dance • Recently, student from Pyramid Lake High recognized Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Chairman Arlan Melendez and their retired principal, Randy Melendez. The program in which the students nominated community leaders to honor, included dancing by the school's Native American Studies class. Chairman Melendez has served the RSIC since 1992. Principal Melendez retired after 22-years as an educator at PLHS.