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# TRIBAL TALK

**There will be a special edition of the Tribal Talk Newsletter coming out in a few weeks designated for the Pine Nut Dance article and pictures. Stay tuned...**

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### POD Mock Training a Success

On October 7th the Tribal Health Clinic held a mock training for our POD plan. We were pleased to have State Liaison Chad Williams, and Alpine County's Emergency Preparation Coordinator Lynn Doyal in attendance. This exercise was the first we have held since the final approval of our POD. It provided more insight into our strengths and weaknesses so that we could hone the process further. I had the honor of participating in the inner workings of the plan and it's execution by observing each and every station of the POD. Throughout the entire process, the clinic staff, law enforcement, EPA, and tribal administration operated with professionalism, detailed organization, and great skill; especially considering this was their first time in executing a POD.

This exercise identified obstacles both foreseen and a few unseen that we had to address, and they were handled well allowing us to continue a successful operation. Everyone played a role. The Human Resource Department and Information Technology staff volunteered to be patients, a clinic staff member acted as a patient that had to be transported to the nearest emergency facility, Tribal Administrator Jorge Lopez acted as the Public Information Officer, and I acted as the media bombarding him with questions.

The whole exercise ran for roughly four hours. Afterwards, our guest observers Chad Williams, and Lynn Doyal, provided very detailed and helpful infor-

mation to assist us in polishing the process, which will create even more efficiency. I am thankful to them for taking time out of their busy schedules to provide such professional service to us. **Thank you to all of our staff for your hard work and dedication. None of this would be possible without such attention to service. Pat yourselves on the back, it was a job well done!**

### Care Packages for Military Personnel

Chairman Walker's office is proud to provide care packages in an on-going effort to extend the tribe's appreciation for our military personnel's service to our country. He looks forward to providing more packages, and would like to remind all tribal members and tribal employees to get their loved one's mailing addresses in to his office, so that he can continue this worthwhile effort. **Even if you have already submitted a person to receive a care package, please do so again. With the holidays upon us, he wants them to know that they are thought of and appreciated.** The packages include treats, books, journals, personal care items, and more. If anyone has suggestions about what other items might be included, please call his office, and he would be happy to see that it is done. He encourages Washoe Tribal members' families, as well as all Washoe Tribal employee families, to submit their loved ones' information to the tribe, so that they can receive these packages, and know that they are truly appreciated. Contact Kim Trovato, and we will be sure to get those packages shipped out. Thank you!

## **Planning for the Future: A Work in Progress**

### **Meeting with Douglas County Officials**

Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker, Tribal Administrator Jorge Lopez, and Assistant Counsel Suzanne Garcia met with Douglas County Manager T. Michael Brown and Assistant District Attorney Mike McCormick at tribal headquarters to continue discussions on the proposed public safety agreement. These discussions have gone on for more than a year. We hope to solidify a written government-to-government agreement with the county for the first time in decades. Chairman Walker is thankful for the interest and cooperation of Sheriff Ron Pierini, Assistant District Attorney Mike McCormick, and County Manager T. Michael Brown.

### **Meeting with USFS Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager**

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker, Tribal Administrator Jorge Lopez, Assistant Counsel Suzanne Garcia, Planner Rob Beltramo, Environmental Director Marie Barry, THPO Manager Darrel Cruz, and Environmental Specialist Mistia Zuckerman, met with the USFS Region V Regional Tribal Relations Program Manager Merv George, and Tahoe Forest Supervisor Terri Marceron in South Lake Tahoe, to discuss issues regarding the tribe and forest programs. They encourage input from the Tribe.

### **Meeting with Cortina Rancheria's Newly Elected Chairman**

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker and Tribal Administrator Jorge Lopez met with Cortina Rancheria's newly elected Chairman, Charlie Wright in Williams, CA to discuss a possible TANF collaboration. Chairman Walker extended an invitation to Chairman Wright to visit the Sacramento TANF office on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **TANF Introduction Meeting Held for Chairman Wright**

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker and TANF staff welcomed Chairman Wright to the TANF Sacramento office, and shared with him details of the TANF program, what it has to offer, as well as giving him a tour.

### **Meeting Concerning Willow Management**

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker met with THPO Manager Darrel Cruz, Environmental Director Marie Barry, Ranch Manager Brett Reed, and Tribal Administrator Jorge Lopez to discuss willow management planning. There have been issues with over-growth and encroachment onto ranching operations land.

### **66<sup>th</sup> Annual NCAI Convention**

Oct. 12-16<sup>th</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker attended the 66<sup>th</sup> annual NCAI Convention in Palm Springs, CA. NCAI elections were held and Chairman Walker presented his credentials, approved by the Tribal Council, so that he could vote on important resolutions affecting tribes nationwide.

### **Meeting with Sacramento County Fraud Investigator**

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker, Tribal Administrator Jorge Lopez, TANF Executive Director David Falls, and Assistant General Counsel Suzanne Garcia, met with Sacramento County's fraud investigator and her staff in Rancho Cordova, CA, to discuss normal TANF contract renewal, as well as other important issues.

### **Meeting with Cortina Rancheria's Tribal Council**

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Chairman Waldo Walker, Tribal Administrator Jorge Lopez, TANF Executive Director David Falls, and TANF Community Outreach Liaison Wanda Bachelor met with Cortina Rancheria's Tribal Council in Williams, CA to discuss possible further collaboration with the TANF program.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WASHOE AND WALMART?

- On August 12, 2009, a representative of Walmart notified the Tribe as follows:  
“Walmart is intent on pursuing until completion or failure a deal we have working within the Virginia Ranch project in Gardnerville. We have secured the initial entitlements for the project and expect to complete all other due diligence by years end. If we fail to secure the balance of the approvals necessary we will get back in contact . . . to determine if a transaction on tribal land is possible.”
- In 2006, the Washoe Tribe and Walmart entered into a Letter of Intent with a representative of Walmart regarding Walmart’s stated desire to develop a new store on Washoe lands.
- Over time, talks between the parties quieted down and then stalled. Local news from Gardnerville indicated that Walmart was pursuing a store in Gardnerville outside Washoe lands. It was only recently that the Tribe was able to learn whether Walmart still sought to develop on Washoe lands.
- The record of communication and action from Walmart’s representative leaves unclear whether Walmart was serious about and truly engaged in collaborating with the Tribe on the proposed project. Regardless, this new information means that at this point Walmart is not interested in developing a new store on Washoe. As such, the Tribe has written Walmart confirming that the Letter of Intent has been rescinded and the discussions are off, indefinitely.
- The Tribal Council understands that many Tribal members were supportive of a Walmart on Washoe lands and will be understandably disappointed; while many other Tribal members expressed strong objections to the location of a Walmart on Washoe Tribal land and will be understandably relieved.
- Walmart has been the subject of much local controversy regarding its proposed project in Gardnerville. If local citizen opposition ultimately causes that project to delay, or not happen at all, Walmart may re-approach the Tribe.
- Meanwhile, the Tribal Council is not looking back. The Council is considering passing a new Tribal code – called a Due Diligence Code – that will require any business (including Walmart) that wishes to do business on Washoe lands to get serious about doing so before they approach the Tribe.
- Whether or not the Tribal Council passes that new Code, Tribal members can rest assured that, should Walmart approach the Tribe in the future, Tribal leaders will use sound judgment in evaluating any proposal and will involve the Tribal membership in the process. Any future discussion with Walmart will start from square one and will require more information and specifics in order to determine that any proposed development makes business, political, and cultural sense for the Washoe People. In the meantime, the Tribal Council will no longer give any time or attention to Walmart.
- Instead, the Washoe Tribe, based on the directives of the Tribal Council, is working on how to best attract commercial (retail, manufacturing, etc.) entities to suitable Washoe lands. In other words, Walmart may not currently be an option, but the Tribe is committed to finding workable economic development opportunities for the Tribe and the Washoe people.

- November 3, Cultural Resources Advisory Council Meeting > 1 p.m., Archive and Cultural Building, 861 Crescent Drive, Stewart
- November 5, Woodfords Community Council Meeting > 6 p.m., Woodfords Community Building
- November 10, Honoring our Veteran's Breakfast > 10 a.m., Dresslerville Gym
- November 11, Veteran's Day > Holiday
- November 12, WTNC Constitution and Bylaws Committee Meeting > 6 p.m., Tribal HQ with Video Conferencing in Sacramento
- November 13, Tribal Council Meeting > 6 p.m., Carson Colony
- November 26, Thanksgiving > Holiday
- November 27 > Floating Holiday for Staff Members

The **2010 Wa She Shu It deh Festival** will be Friday, July 24 thru Sunday, July 26. Call Camp Richardson now to reserve your own camp sites for this event. If you want to camp with the Indian Delegation, ask for camp sites in the Badger's Den. Camp Richardson Resort & Marina: 1-800-544-1801  
 ~Submitted by Sherri Smokey

## November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Woodfords Indian Education Center is having a bake sale on Friday, November 13, to raise money for the WIEC Student Incentive Fund. We will be selling from the Education Center and also making a trip to Headquarters.

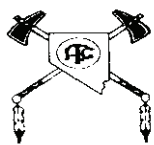


### Honoring our Veteran's Breakfast

Tuesday, November 10 at 10 a.m.  
 Dresslerville Gym  
 Call Sharon Doan at the Senior Center  
 for more information: 1-866-914-9383

### ◆ Property Clean Up ◆

In response to numerous complaints and requests for property clean-ups, the Environmental Department will be completing assessments of tribal lands within the next three months to assure that the Tribal Environmental and Property Maintenance Codes are being followed. A detailed report will be completed and provided to the Tribal Council. If there are any questions please contact Marie Barry, Environmental Program Director at 265-8682. ~Submitted by Carol Anacker, WEPD



## CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILIES



The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Inc., Child Care Development Fund Program has childcare subsidies available for **NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN** in your community.

**Eligibility for Services**— a child must be: \*Under the age of 13; \*Reside with a parent(s) who is working, attending a job training program, or educational institute/program; \*Receives or needs to receive protective services, or \*In foster care.

Based on your income and family size, a percentage of your child care will be paid by the CCDF Program. Example: family size of 3 making \$10.00/hr will receive 65% off their day care. Care providers can include: licensed centers, group home, and family home (relative or non-relative).

For more information you can contact ITCN CCDF Program at ( 775) 355-0600, Ext. 290.

### **The Washoe Tribal Court would like to give notice on the new schedule change for November and December 2009:**

#### **November 2009**

##### **Scheduled Court Days:**

**Monday, November 9, 2009**

2:00 p.m. - Traffic Control, Animal Control, Criminal

3:00 p.m. - Juvenile, Juvenile Protection, Civil

**Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

2:00 p.m. - Traffic Control, Animal Control, Criminal

3:00 p.m. - Juvenile, Juvenile Protection, Civil

##### **NO COURT:**

Wednesday-11/4, Wednesday-11/11, and

Wednesday-11/25

#### **December 2009**

##### **Scheduled Court Days:**

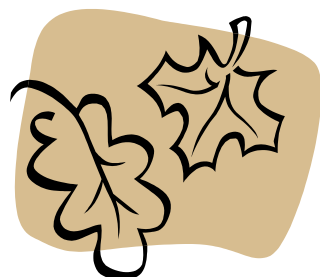
**Wednesdays, December 2, 16, and 30, 2009**

2:00 p.m. - Traffic Control, Animal Control, Criminal

3:00 p.m. - Juvenile, Juvenile Protection, Civil

##### **NO COURT:**

Wednesday-12/9, Wednesday-12/23



## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual HOLIDAY FAIR**

**Saturday, November 14—9 AM to 6 PM**

**Sunday, November 15—9 AM to 3 PM**

### **Stewart Community Center**

**465 Clear Creek Road – Carson City**

**VENDORS WANTED: Booth Fee \$25 / All Days**

**Limited table and chairs are available**

**INDIAN TACOS by Debbie Tom and other food available**

**For Information Contact: Debi Jones (775) 313-4871**

**Stewart Community Council and Fair Individuals are not responsible for theft or damages.**

### **Two New Staff at the Washoe Family Healing Center:**

Sheena McNeilly, Student Volunteer—Hi! May I introduce myself; I am Sheena McNeilly and I have just started a voluntary position at the Washoe Family Healing Center in Gardnerville. I graduated from Aston University in Birmingham, England with a Bachelors (Honors) Degree in Behavioral Science (Psychology). I am currently studying online for a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology with an interest in drug and alcohol work. I have been in this country since 1993, and I have been volunteering around this area, especially at the Barton Hospice's Thrift Store and the Food Closet. I am excited to be given this opportunity to help serve the members of the Washoe Tribe.

Dr. Dwarak Vuppalapati, MD, Psychiatrist—Dr. Dwarak Vuppalapati, MD (Dr. V for short) is our new psychiatrist at the Healing Center. Dr. V is originally from Hyderabad, India. He received his medical training in India and Minnesota. Dr. V also works part-time at Douglas Mental Health, Gardnerville, and at the Carson Tahoe Medical Center in Carson City, Nevada. Dr. V is available to see clients Fridays from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm. Please call the Healing Center to schedule an appointment to see Dr. V at (775) 265-5001 or 1 (866) 280-3863.

~Submitted by Chris Attine

# **We Need Forever Homes!**

If you are interested in adding a member to your family, please call 775-265-8600, Ext. 1242.



## **2010 NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ART COMPETITION ANNOUNCED BY THE OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION**

*Bringing Honor Through Education* is the theme for the U.S. Department of Education, Office Indian Education's 2010 Native American Student Art Competition. The competition, which celebrates the values and successes of education in Native American communities, is open to all American Indian and Alaska Native students in grades Pre-K through 12. The deadline for submissions is January 29, 2010.

By supporting this competition, the Office of Indian Education hopes to inspire students to explore the connection between their education and culture through art and writing. Entries for the 2010 Native American Student Art Competition should relate to the theme *Bringing Honor Through Education* and reflect the promise and importance of pursuing an education for Native youth. Submissions will be judged in six different grade levels, and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the artist and writing categories.

In recognition of the students' artistic talents, the 2009 Native American Student Artist winning entries were exhibited at the U.S. Department of Education, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Oklahoma History Center, and the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture.

The Student Art Competition rules require that a student register their entry online or over the phone prior to submitting their entry. For additional information, rules, and entry form, please visit <http://kids.indianeducation.org>, email [sac@indianeducation.org](mailto:sac@indianeducation.org), or call (866) 259-0060.

## A Breath of Hope: The Story of M.J.

Today our family was affected by Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (CDH), a birth defect in unborn babies. 5 families a day are affected, 1,800 families a year. CDH occurs just as often as Spinal Bifida, Cystic Fibrosis, and Muscular Dystrophy. Yet we do not hear of it until diagnosed.

My brother and his wife were expecting twin boys. On May 8, 2009 their lives changed. The doctor informed them,

Will is going to be healthy while Michael Joseph (MJ) will be born with CDH.

CDH is when the diaphragm does not completely close in the unborn baby and causes the organs to migrate into the chest cavity. These babies need surgery to correct their organs. They are in the NICU and on a machine called ECMO. They have a 50/50 chance at a healthy life. Here in Nevada we do not have an ECMO machine.

The twins were born on July 25, 2009. MJ was unable to breathe on his own due to his lungs being so small and underdeveloped. On one of MJ's good days his mother was able to give him a sponge bath. He would always squeeze their finger, not wanting to let go. MJ loved his family so much. One day they even got to see his baby blues. It came time for MJ to come off the ECMO. He could not breathe on his own so he was put on a ventilator.

One day MJ's blood pressure was dropping and everything was shutting down. Our little angel was turning blue and slowly going to heaven. His parents never got to hold him since he was hooked up to so many machines. For the first time Willie and Megan Skaggs were able to hold MJ and be a family. They got to touch him, love, kiss hug, and baptize him. They gave him much much love before he passed away in his mother's arms. MJ lived and fought for 35 days. Our little angel touched us all. In our hearts always, we all MISS YOU!!

For More Information: [www.breathofhopeinc.com](http://www.breathofhopeinc.com)



## Fundraiser: November 27<sup>th</sup> Pizza Barn in Gardnerville 3-9pm

Please join us at the Pizza Barn in Gardnerville and help bring awareness to Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia. Buy a pizza and all proceeds go to Breath of Hope—[www.breathofhopeinc.com](http://www.breathofhopeinc.com). There will also be **RAFFLE PRIZES!!!** Donations can also be made to Breath of Hope In Memory of MJ at Wells Fargo Acct.#5053066451 .

~Submitted by Shannon and Cathy Skaggs

## NATIONAL SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE DAY

NOVEMBER 21, 2009

Every 16 minutes someone in the U.S. dies by suicide.

Every 17 minutes someone is left to make sense of it.

November 21, 2009 is National Survivors of Suicide Day. On that day, survivors from all over the country will come together in an effort to comfort, support, heal and inform.

For more information about National Survivors of Suicide Day, and to find the conference site nearest you, or to register for the webcast, go to [www.afsp.org](http://www.afsp.org)

Call the Washoe Family Healing Center at (775) 265-5001 OR 1 (866) 280-3863 for additional information on suicide awareness and prevention.



### ***Cpl Sadie M. Ellingson***

Cpl Sadie M. Ellingson, United States Marine Corps, was given a dinner September 12, 2009 at her parents home. Carl and Beverly Ellingson are so proud of their daughter and her sisters, Eva and Amy, and brother Duke. They live in Sacramento, CA.

A cousin, Grace Dick of Coleville, CA, did the blessing and smudging so that Sadie will be protected, have strength, and good sound mind as she completes her tour of duty in Afghanistan. She was deployed September 28, 2009.

Family members who attended were: Ellingson's Aunt Andrea Tasillas of San Francisco, CA., Uncle Glenn Ellingson also of "Frisco", Aunt Roxann Ellingson of Shurz, NV, Aunt Brenda Burns of Wadsworth, NV, cousins Esther Thompson of Seattle, WA, Ruth Holbrook of Carson City, NV, Dora Tom of Coleville, CA, and Angela Alsobrook of Reno, NV.

Last September of 2008 Sadie was given an honor dance at Hungry Valley Numaga Days Pow Wow. Willingson was a "tiny tot" dancer and won several awards. She danced to a different drum beat. Now, she is alerted by the shrill whistle of a drill instructor, wears her dress blues on special occasions, and believes in their motto "Semper Fi".

Cpl Ellingson is Paiute, Shoshone, and Washo. Her late Uncle Hubert Dick, whom she called "Pa Pa" had been in the US Marines. Her Great Uncles served—Edmund Dick, US Army, Elmer Dick, US Army, Bennie F. Carrillo, US Marines. Cousins also served—Maurice Crawford, US Army and Manual Dick, US Army. Ellingson's Grandfather, John Burns from Carson City, NV (vet of US Army) served. Her Uncle Glenn Ellingson of San Francisco, CA was in the Army Air Corp. Her late Uncle Steve Brown, whom she called Grandpa, was in the Army Air Corp.

We—her relatives from California and Nevada—wish her well and pray for her safe return from Afghanistan. God Bless this wonderful young lady.

~Submitted by, Cousin Virginia R. Carrillo



## WASHOE TRIBE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Family violence is defined as all types of violent crime committed by an offender who is related to the victim and can and does include spousal abuse, parental violence against a child, and violence among other family members and family pets. Non-family relationships used for comparison include boyfriends and girlfriends, friends and acquaintances, and strangers. Family violence has accounted for 11% of all reported and unreported violence between 1998 and 2002; about 22% of murders in 2002 were family murders; of the nearly 500,000 men and women in State prisons for a violent crime in 1997, 15% were there for a violent crime against a family member with the highest victim base being that of Native American Women victims.

### Barriers for Native American Women in Family Violence situations:

#### The historical Context of Domestic Violence:

Domestic violence is a relatively new act of abuse in Native American culture. As many tribes responded domestic violence, the community responded by banishing or excluding the abuser.

#### Societal Oppression:

Several factors have accompanied the increase in domestic violence in Native American communities. These include the removal of tribes from their ancestral lands, suppressed religious and cultural practices, the introduction of alcohol, the introduction of boarding schools, and a disruption of traditional living patterns.

#### Spirituality:

Native American spirituality can be a source of profound support, comfort, and healing for many battered victims. The connection to Mother Earth and to each other is frequently used by the batterer and other family members as a reason for the victim to remain in a violent relationship.

#### Trust:

Some Native Americans can have a high level of mistrust for many people. This mistrust may keep the battered victim from reaching out for help. When battered Native American victims do reach out, they may be faced with helpers who have a lack of sensitivity towards their culture and lifestyle. (Barriers taken from Montana State University: [www.montana.edu](http://www.montana.edu))

#### \*\*National Calendar of events:

1. **November is National American Indian Heritage Month** ([www.ihs.gov/publicaffairs/heritage/](http://www.ihs.gov/publicaffairs/heritage/))

2. **National Family Week is November 22-28** ([www.nationalfamilyweek.org](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.org))

#### \*\*Ribbon & Support, Symbol Causes & Colors pertaining to this month:

“White” – Child Exploitation Awareness

“Orange” – Cultural Diversity Awareness

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### ***ALWAYS CALL 911 IN AN EMERGENCY!!!***

*Our goal is to insure that all victims of domestic violence and/or their children are treated with compassion, respect, and sensitivity in addressing their needs with the main focus being Safety, Outreach, and Advocacy.*

<b>Washoe Tribe Domestic Violence Program</b>	<b>Washoe Tribal Police Dept. Dispatch</b>	<b>National Crisis Hotline</b>
1-800-76-WASHO	775-265-7540	<b>24 Hours</b>
(1-800-769-2746) ext.1233 or 1254	775-783-7233	1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
	1-877-663-1275	1-800-787-3224 (TDD)

*If you or someone you know needs help, have questions about domestic violence or about this article, or just want to talk, know that there is help and that everything discussed will be kept strictly confidential. Look for future on-going articles in the Tribal Newsletter. “Remember that **YOU** have the **RIGHT** to live a life **FREE** of violence”, from the Washoe Tribe Domestic Violence Program.*

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