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Tribal Chairman Mortimer hosts groundbreaking in partnership with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians

On October 29, 2015, Washoe Tribal Chairman Neil Mortimer hosted the Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PCI) in the landmark groundbreaking ceremony of the first casino on Washoe Tribal property.

Vice-Chairman of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Robert McGee, was there to represent their leadership. The leadership of PCI were in attendance to celebrate the first partnership between the two federally recognized tribes.

The ceremony included keynote speakers from PCI including Arthur Mothershed, the President of Business Development for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The Washoe Tribe most recently hosted the groundbreaking event in June 2015 for the Washoe Travel Plaza, anticipated to open in January 2016.



Poarch Band of Creek Indians Vice-Chairman Robert McGee (left) and Washoe Tribal Chairman Neil Mortimer (right) at the recent Casino groundbreaking.



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Dear Washoe Tribal members:

This is to inform all interested Washoe Tribal members that the Washoe Tribe's Monthly Newsletter will be transitioning into a new phase. Beginning this month, Washoe Tribal members are transitioning into becoming newsletter contributors for the monthly publication. The goal of the newsletter is to keep Washoe Tribal members informed of current economic development updates, news across Indian country, and most importantly, tribal administration activity.

The Washoe Tribe's newsletter will now highlight positive academic and athletic achievements of Washoe Tribal members and descendants.

Language and cultural preservation is fundamental to the continued existence of our Washoe people, and the newsletter will have a dedicated section for monthly updates and future events.

It is important that our administration builds trust amongst our Washoe Tribal members by remaining transparent, listening to and providing feedback to our community members, providing safe communities, and promoting community wellness. The current tribal administration strongly believes in allowing our rising Washoe Tribal members to succeed through education, employment, and opportunity. If you have any ideas or thoughts about the transition phase of our Washoe Tribal newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Neil Mortimer, Washoe Tribal Chairman



December CALENDAR

(all dates subject to change)

Dresslerville Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 6:00pm

Woodfords Community Council Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 6:00pm

Carson Colony Community Council

Wednesday, December 9, 6:00pm

Tribal Council Meeting

Friday, December 11, 6:00pm
Woodfords Community

Stewart Community Council

Tuesday, December 15, 6:00 pm

**December 25 and January 1
are observed holidays of the
Washoe Tribe**

Tribal Offices Will Be Closed



Chairman Neil Mortimer, Vice-Chairwoman Deirdre Jones Flood, Stewart Community Vice-Chairman Stan Smokey, Miss Teen Washoe Sage James, Little Miss Washoe Jordyn Wyatt and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Council.

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The Washoe Healing Center has relocated *to the Washoe Tribal Health Center.*

*The Washoe Tribal Health Center's
Administration and Third Party
Billing staff have moved
into the old Healing Center.*

**The Community Health Department is lo-
cated** *in the blue modular next to the new WTHC
Administration/Third Party Billing building.*

*Employees have relocated which has created foot traffic.
Please be aware of pedestrians crossing the street.*

Articles and opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily the opinions of this publication or the Washoe Tribe or Tribal Council. This Tribal Newsletter encourages tribal members and their families to submit letters, articles, photographs, and events to be considered for publication. These are subject to editing. Contributing writers, and photographers include tribal community members, tribal employees and other sources as appropriate. To ensure timely publication of submissions contact information must be provided. Addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless requested.

Disclaimer: All dates are subject to change. We reserve the right to refuse any submission with final approval by the Tribal Chair or Vice Chair. Absolutely no campaigning for political gain allowed.

Submission deadline: Items submitted for publication must be received no later than 5pm on the 15th of each month unless a later deadline is otherwise posted. Unformatted electronic submission preferred. Printed monthly January through December. Published on or around the first of each month.

Submissions: Submissions may be mailed to Washoe Tribal Newsletter, 1246 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville, NV 89410 or emailed to djohnson@washoetanf.org or faxed to 775-782-6892, Attention: Newsletter Editor. **Questions? Call 775-782-6320**



Washoe Mission Statement

To achieve and ensure the integrity of an environment and way of life that is one with nature's elements, community, traditions and values that promote health and wellness for future generations.

Washoe wellness is defined as the complete state of physiological, psychological, biological, spiritual and cultural well-being of our people.



REMINDER: Washoe Tribal Health Center buildings and surrounding areas are designated to be smoke free.



Burial Services Committee is looking for members.

If interested in submitting your name for consideration please contact Kim Trovato at the Washoe Tribe Administrative Office

775-265-8600, ext. 10103
Or email ktrovato@washoetribe.us

KEEP YOUR BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT STRONG



Through the **Affordable Care Act**, American Indians are eligible to receive health insurance for free or very low cost.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Pre-existing conditions are covered
- Preventative screenings
- Access to specialty care
- Accepted at IHS, Tribal and urban Indian clinics
- Medicaid expansion

Signing up is easy and can be done any time. Visit your IHS, Tribal or urban Indian clinic for more information or assistance, or call the Washoe Tribal Health Center: (775) 265-4215



Washoe Tribe Receives \$1.4 Million Grants From The Department Of Justice To Enhance The Washoe Tribal Court

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is pleased to announce the Tribe has received two awards from the Department of Justice that grants assistance to the Tribe with public safety and community policing issues.

One of the grants is for \$1 million for corrections and the other for \$372,123 which was awarded for the Washoe Tribe's youth program. The Washoe Tribe is one of three northern Nevada tribes that will receive over \$2.7 million in the Department of Justice grants.

"The grant will help to better serve our Washoe Tribal members by promoting a more sound justice system. The safety of tribal members is always a top priority," says Chairman Neil Mortimer.

Over the past few months, Chairman Neil Mortimer has met with U.S. Attorney Daniel G. Bogden about issues regarding the tribal and federal relationship in prosecuting federal crimes, and jurisdictional issues. "I am very pleased that Nevada tribes have received this much needed financial assistance from the Department of Justice," said U.S. Attorney Bogden. "We will continue to consult with tribal leaders to make sure our resources are reaching those who need them and making the biggest positive impact possible."

Tribal grants awards are administered through the Department of Justice's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) for tribal-specific grant programs.

Four HAC Vacancies to be filled by year end

The Health Advisory Committee (HAC) provides recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding operation and management of the Washoe Tribal Health Center (WTHC). At year-end there will be four new vacancies on HAC: Dresslerville, Woodfords, Off Rez & Senior Site Council. In addition, the Non-Native seat has not yet been filled, and both Carson and Stewart have yet to officially fill their vacancies.

To serve on HAC, you must be or have been a patient at WTHC. However, you are not eligible if you are an immediate relative of a WTHC employee (mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, or spouse). Each new HAC member must get sworn in then pass a brief HIPAA test.

Meetings are scheduled the last Thursday evening of the month at WTHC. HAC members receive a stipend and mileage reimbursement for each meeting.

Interested WTHC clients should send a letter of interest to their respective community councils or reps and/or attend a community council meeting as soon as possible. Non-Natives can submit a letter of interest to Suni Miller at WTHC as soon as possible.

The Washoe Tribal Council formally approves all HAC representatives through resolution. Official Council approval by mid-January will allow new HAC reps sufficient time to complete final steps in order to begin serving on HAC by the first meeting of the new year.

Please refer any questions to Audriana Rodriguez at WTHC.

Washoe Housing Authority

WHA's Interim Executive Director

Mrs. Nancy Nizankiewicz is presently serving as Interim Executive Director leading a staff of 15 employees in four departments, and oversees an annual IHBG budget of \$1.6 million. Mrs. Nizankiewicz has extensive knowledge of NAHASDA and is proficient in the preparation of Indian Housing Plans and Annual Performance Reports. She has administered and directed operations and finance departments for various organizations for nearly 30 years, including over 4 years as Finance Manager for WHA. She holds dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business and Finance through the University of Phoenix. Mrs. Nizankiewicz has provided successful and timely oversight of the financial management of the 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014 ICDBG grants held by the Washoe Tribe and WHA, and has interacted extensively with the Washoe Tribe's Finance Department.

Upcoming Activities

The WHA will be closed on the following days:

November 26 and 27, 2015

– Thanksgiving Day and Family Day

December 25, 2015

– Christmas Day

Projects

- ♦ California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)
 - First rural set aside for Tribal land
 - 3rd Application was successful
 - Award letter received September 23, 2015
 - Project will completely remodel 24 Low Rent units and build a new community building in the Woodfords Community.
 - Project will include adding bedrooms to 6 units
 - Adding garages to 5 units
 - Adding bathrooms to 5 units
 - Adding accessibility to 4 units plus the new community building
 - Project will be completed in 6 phases

A sample of some of the remodel items are:

Washoe Housing Authority

Board of Commissioners

Carson Indian Community

Chad Malone, Vice-Chairman

Dresslerville Community

Anthony Smokey, Commissioner

Willie Smokey, Alternate

Stewart Community

Stanley Smokey, Commissioner

Jacqueline Steele, Alternate

Woodfords Community

Deirdre Flood, Chairwoman

Off Reservation

Lana Hicks, Secretary/Treasurer

Debra Keats, Alternate

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Siding, gutters, insulation, flooring, water heaters, cabinets, vanities, countertops, windows, doors, slider doors, solar panels, painting, appliances, wood stoves, sinks, faucets, toilets, tub enclosures, driveways, sidewalks and ramps, Xero-scaping and outdoor storage containers for firewood and garbage pickup.

Vacant units in the Woodfords community will be utilized as relocation units for families during the remodeling process.

ICDBG 2014 (Indian Community Development Block Grant)

The purpose of the grant is to construct 2 low rent 4-plex buildings specifically for elders in our communities. The units will be one bedroom with washer and dryers and an outside patio. For information on the elder waitlist please contact Jeff Herbert, Client Services Manager at the Housing office.

- ◆ 4-Plex - Carson Colony
- ◆ Anticipated to start December, 2015
- ◆ 4-Plex – Woodfords Community
- ◆ Anticipated to start March, 2016

Washoe Housing Authority Staff

Administration

Nancy Nizankiewicz, Interim Executive Director & Finance Manager

Annette Alvarado, Executive Assistant

Jeriann Lopez, Client Services Intake & Communication Coordinator

Finance

Jeanine Jim Blue Horse, Accounting Technician

Cori Hutchins, Accounting Clerk*

Client Services

Jeff Herbert, Client Services Manager

Samantha Dressler, LIHTC Client Services Specialist

Development & Facility Management

Richard Lombard, Development & Facility Manager

Steve Brown, Development & Facility Coordinator

Raymond Gabriel, Jr., Maintenance

Gary Nevers, Maintenance

Luis Gabriel, Skilled Laborer

Shawn Pretty on Top, Skilled Laborer

Dustin Turner, Skilled Laborer*

*New Hires

Washoe Summer 2016 Internship Program

The Washoe Tribe is currently seeking qualified and interested Washoe Tribal members to apply for the Washoe Summer 2016 Internship Program, administered by the Chairman's Office. There will be four positions available for recent high school and college students or graduates to come work for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California during the summer of 2016. Interns will work in various tribal departments as well as becoming familiar with the operations of tribal government. Interns must be enrolled

members or descendants of the Washoe Tribe. Please contact Deirdre Flood with any inquiry at

Deirdre.Flood@washoetribe.us or Assistant General Counsel in the Legal Department, Jeanne Mortimer at Jeanne.mortimer@washoetribe.us



Washoe Tribal Gaming Commission partners with the National Indian Gaming Commission

On October 10th, 2015 the Washoe Tribal Gaming Commission (WTGC) hosted a joint training with the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). The purpose was to educate the Tribal Council on roles of the Washoe Tribal government's regulation of gaming operations on Washoe Tribal lands. The training took place at the Native TANF resources center in Gardnerville, NV. "There was great participation by the Washoe Tribe leadership at this important NIGC training in furtherance of the Washoe Tribe's economic development," stated Washoe Tribal Chairman Neil Mortimer.

In attendance were Washoe Tribal Chairman Neil Mortimer and the Washoe Tribal administration: Vice Chairwoman Deirdre Jones Flood; Stewart Council Chair Jacqueline Steele; Dresslerville Chair Lisa Christensen; Woodfords Chair Irvin Jim; Carson Chair Gary Nevers. The Washoe Tribe Legal Department attended as well, including General Counsel Lynelle Hartway and Assistant General Counsel Jeanne Mortimer.

Business Operation Manager Greg Weyland and Washoe Tribal Planner Rob Beltramo also participated.

"Now, that the Washoe Tribe is closer to a facility to be opened, it is the time to have both Washoe Tribal Council and

Washoe Tribal Gaming Commission work together to ensure all Washoe Tribal, state, and federal gaming laws are being followed to ensure fair game play at our facility," states Washoe Tribal Gaming Commission Chairman Mahlon J. Machado. The Washoe

Explore the possibilities in Science and Research

STEP-UP

A Short Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons provides high school juniors and seniors with summer research experiences in biomedical, clinical and social science.

Highlights

- **8–10 weeks research experience**
- **Summer Stipend**
- **Work with experienced researchers in your region**
- **All-expense paid trip to the National Institute of Health to present your research**

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Must be a US citizen**
- **Must be 16 years of age or older**
- **Must be in 11th or 12th grade at time of application**
- **Must have minimum overall GPA of 2.75**
- **Must have personal medical/health insurance**
- **Must come from a disadvantaged background (Native American/Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, disability, low socioeconomic background, first generation) Make sure to check the AI/AN category.**

Application opens November 15 to February 15

For more information and to apply Google:

[NIDDK STEP-UP](#) click on (Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons)

<http://www.nidDK.nih.gov/research-funding/process/diversity/research-and-training-for-students/short-term-research-experience-underrepresented-persons/Pages/default.aspx>

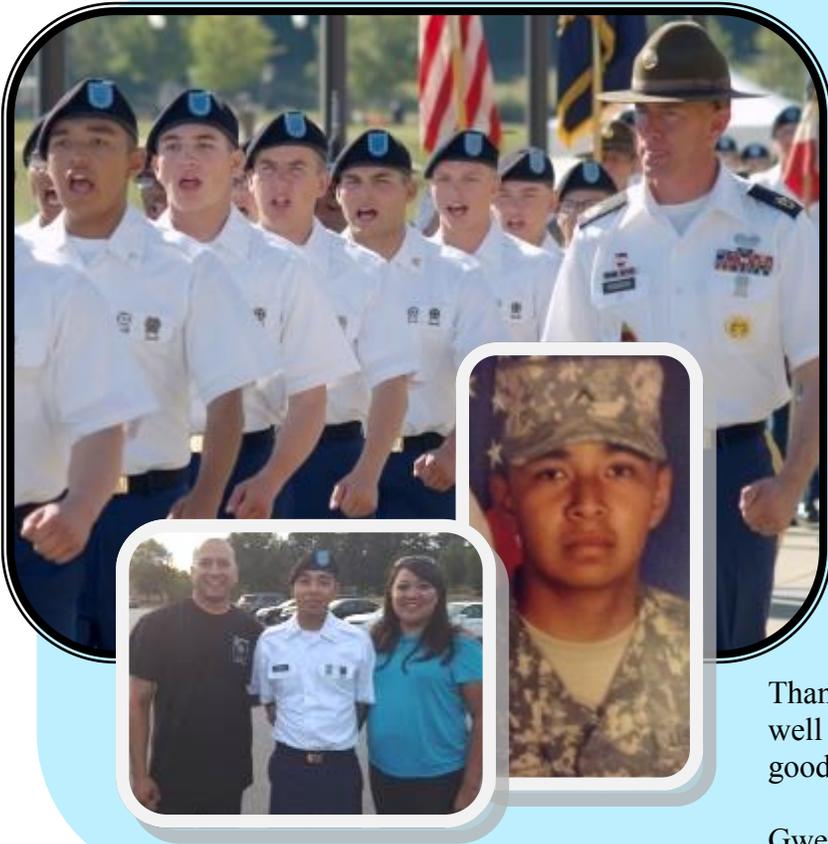
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STEP-UP

Short-Term Research Experience
For Underrepresented Persons

For questions please contact:
DeeJay Chino, MPA
Phone: (702) 895-4003
Email: chinoe@unlv.nevada.edu



Happy "19th" Birthday to PV2 James (Dannon)

Our family would like to express to our community members, family and friends for the encouragement they have given to Dannon James on his accomplishment at the U.S. Army Basic Training.

Dannon graduated from his 10 week Basic Training on October 8, 2015 at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is now at Fort Gordon, Georgia doing his Advanced Individual Training as a I.T. technician.

Thank you everyone that have sent him well wishes and blessing!! He is doing good in the U.S. Army.

Gwen Dunn and the "James Gang"

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Tribe re-established the WTGC in 2013. WTGC has gone to numerous trainings and visited other gaming tribes to observe how gaming facilities operate, and in order to advance the Commission's understanding of their role and the first gaming operation on Washoe Tribal lands.

From the NIGC were Eric P. Schalan-sky, Sacramento Regional Director; Rea Cisneros, NIGC, Phoenix Region General Counsel; and Francisco Hernandez Sacramento Region, Field Investigator. Our WTGC participated in the training: WTGC Chairman Mahlon J. Machado; WTGC Vice-Chair/Treasure, Gordon Forrester; WTGC Secretary Vanessa Cruz; and WTGC Member William Simpson.



Many thanks to everyone for the excellent National Indian Gaming Commission training session October 20, 2015 with the Washoe Tribal Council, Gaming Commission and executive team.

❧ Vision Statement of the Washoe Nation ❧

*Preserving, reviving and living the Washoe culture
and traditions where...*

Respect for one another and tribal values promote our spiritual,
physical and environmental wellness;

Educational opportunities are available for all tribal members
and descendants;

A solid economic foundation ensures self-sufficiency
for tribal success;

Responsive government promotes teamwork,
professionalism and accountability

...on safe and secure tribal lands

Christmas Craft Faire

December 4th, 5th and 6th

Carson Colony Gym

2900 South Curry, Carson City, NV

For additional information and vendor applications
please contact:

Ada Johnson at 775-781-0480 (Evenings)

All Natives and Non-Natives Welcome!



Washoe Float 1st Place in Nevada Day Parade

Thanks to Many Helpers

A BIG THANK YOU to Filomena Smokey and Branden Nevers who worked very hard and gave up a lot their personal time to make sure this project was completed from beginning to end



“And by the way, we WON 1st Place for our little Washo Tribe Float”

so that we (the Washoe's) had an outstanding float.

The people that helped construct the float were Filomena Smokey, Branden Nevers, Gary Nevers, Val Nevers, Deidra Malone, and Samantha Fillmore. Without their dedication and hard work constructing the float, it would have never made it to Carson



Street.

Thank you to Alex Barr for driving the truck to pull the float. And also to your co-pilot, Alex Barr, Jr.

Thank you to our American Flag and Nevada State Flag bearers, U.S. Army Pvt First Class Jamie Henry and U.S. Army CPL Kristen Wyatt. We asked a number of vets if they could perform this duty, but these two wonderful women of the military stepped up and honored us. Very proud of you.

Thank you BMX Bike Riders Joseph Jim and Ishmi Enos. They gave a little

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demonstration while riding around the float.

Another BIG THANK YOU to the tribal members that rode on the float. These people took time out of their lives to represent the Washo Tribe and to make the float a success. They are Branden Nevers, Xander Smokey, Lakota Smokey, Andreau Lee, Alexis Rodriguez, Ellen Fillmore, Little Miss Washoe Jordyn Wyatt, Thera Frank, Diedra Malone, Jessie Smokey, Anthony and Ashlan Smokey, and Stanley Smokey.

Submitted by Jacqueline Steele

And finally, A BIG THANK YOU to Mischelle Dressler, Lisa Enos, Samantha Dressler, Itmahawa Enos and Miss Teen Washoe Sage Tinajero-James, for demonstrating the Washoe Women's Stickgame, Sigayuk. It was quite a workout for the ladies.

Also, thank you to Cole Larson for making the banners that were on the side of the float;

Chairman Neil Mortimer and Vice-Chairman Deirdre Flood for their support; Washoe Tribe Environmental Department for the use of their truck and trailer; the Washoe Tribe Senior Center for their donation of candy to pass out at the parade, and Laxague Feed & Supply for the straw bales on the float.

And by the way, we WON 1st Place for our little Washo Tribe Float!

Congratulations to the Washoe Community leaders, managers, military veterans, youth and other volunteers who worked so



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hard to construct the outstanding float and participate in Saturday's Nevada Day parade – the float “Representing the Washoe People of Yesterday and Today” (unit #97) won first place! – <http://carsonnow.org/story/11/01/2015/one-state-many-cultures-winners-nevada-day-parade-2015>.



The planning/float assembly team included Jacqueline Steele, Gary Nevers, Filomena Smokey, Deidra Malone, Blaine Osorio, Valerie Nevers, Tony Kizer and Branden Nevers; additional participants who rode on, played stick games and drove the float included Ellen, Mischelle, Amy, Lisa, Alex, Miss Teen Washoe Sage, Little Miss Washoe Jordan and many others. Special thanks to Branden for the information on the builders and parade participants, and to Cole for the excellent signs on the float. Congratulations to everyone!

Special thanks to Filomena, who spearheaded the concept and led the building of the float (thank you, Branden, for letting us know), and thanks to additional participants who were on the float or handing out candy: Jacque's grandson Andrew, Jessie Smokey and children Ashlen and Anthony, Stan's grandson Stanley, and Deidra Malone and Thera Frank (thank you, Ellen, for letting us know). Outstanding work, everyone.

Submitted by Rob Beltramo

Parade of Lights Float

The Elder Advisory Site Council/ Elder Center will be having a float in the Parade of Lights.

If you and/or your family would like to participate please contact Nicole Turner 775.781.5518 *ASAP*

**Join us for our
20th Annual Parade of Lights
Saturday, December 5th at 5:00pm**

**-Our Emerald Celebration
20 Years of Holiday Lights-**

Join your family and friends, grab your blankets and chairs to watch the Floats, Marching Bands, Color Guard and of course our special Guest from the North Pole, make their way along Highway 395 from Eddy Street to Minden Park

New Faces Keep the Washoe Tribe Moving Forward

Below are the new faces that the Washoe Tribe hired, transferred or promoted since the last newsletter:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/TITLE</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
New Hire	Robert Noah	WDG Retail Clerk 1	10/23/15
New Hire	Travis Trethan	Accountant 1	10/26/15
New Hire	Courtney Hardin	Admin Assistant 11	10/27/15
New Hire	Carol Snooks	Clinic Receptionist	11/02/15
New Hire	Roxann Mossholder	Education Lead	11/04/15
New Hire	Michelle Lee	Mental Health Therapist	11/9/2015
New Hire	Ingrid Birulin	CHS Agent	11/9/2015



Gary Nevers (left) and Matt Ranthum, Track Manager

Dan McGee Photo

Gary Nevers **Fernley Pro-Stock** **Champion**

The family of Gary Nevers would like to say “Congratulations” to Gary for being the 2015 Pro-Stock Champion #64 at the Fernley Raceway, with the outstanding support of his pit crew. We are very proud of him – he has made a tremendous comeback with help and support of all his family and friends. Gary came back strong and the best is yet to come!

2015 Pro Stock Champion #64
War Pony Racing Team
Driver: Gary Nevers
Crew Chief: Branden Nevers
Pit Crew: Delaine Marshal, Bill Miller
Special Thanks To Mike Prien





Travel Plaza construction nearing completion



Dignitaries from Poarch Band of Creek Indians attend groundbreaking ceremony along with Past Tribal Chairman Vernon Wyatt, Vice-Chairwoman Deirdre Jones-Flood, Tribal Chairman Neil Mortimer and other key Washoe Tribal officials.



USDA Rural Development Supports \$177 Million in Rural Nevada Projects

Carson City-Oct. 30, 2015— The state director for USDA Rural Development Nevada today announced that the agency invested more than \$177 million in rural communities in Fiscal Year 2015, helping more than 700 families to buy or repair homes, and investing more than \$28 million to repair community water and sewer systems.

"These are projects that will stand the test of time," Sarah Adler said. "When we help a family buy a home of their own, or when these towns get new water and sewer infrastructure, it builds community. Families can thrive, and towns can attract and grow business."

USDA provided more than \$135 million in rural housing assistance in 2015, with \$126 million in Direct and Guaranteed Home Loans to help 673 families purchase homes of their own. The agency also provided over \$9 million in rental assistance for 1,500 very low income residents, many of them seniors and disabled.

USDA's Community Programs pumped \$28 million worth of loan and grant dollars into clean water and wastewater projects. Communities like Topaz Ranch Estates (TRE), near Topaz Lake, and Carlin, in northeastern Nevada, can now build efficient and cost-effective systems that will protect community health and the environment. TRE will improve wells and replace water mains at

its old and undersized system and Carlin will replace a 40-year-old wastewater pump station. Each project will generate substantial numbers of jobs through engineering and construction contracts. In Virginia City, 13 miles of historic and dilapidated sewer lines will be replaced, financed through a combination loan and grant totaling \$13 million from USDA. The adjacent community of Gold Hill will have its failing community septic system replaced and connected to Virginia City's new wastewater treatment plant, also funded by Rural Development.

The Community Facility Program's direct loan and grant programs have assisted communities as well. The Pershing County Water Conservation District will use an \$802,000 Direct Loan to repair the dam at Rye Patch Reservoir. Tonopah and the Fallon Tribe were able to purchase vans for their senior programs; other rural towns purchased security equipment, equipped commercial kitchens or furnished hospitals with handicapped accessible furniture.

Rural Development's Business Program invested \$13.7 million in rural communities, including a \$10 million loan guarantee to Aqua Metals, a company that is building a large-scale lead battery recycling facility in McCarran, Nev. The company broke ground in August and expects to create 70 jobs.

USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) continues to grow, providing \$741,504 to support renewable energy and energy efficiency improvement projects across the state. The Fortifier Corporation in Fernley, which manufactures moisture barrier papers for the building industry, received the largest REAP grant to date. The \$373,429 grant paid for 25% of a new 499 kW roof mounted solar system which is expected to generate 886,681 kWh of renewable energy each year. The solar power will replace 39% of the plant's electricity needs and reduce CO₂ emissions by more than a million pounds annually.

Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG) totaling \$273,940 helped fund a number of small and emerging business enterprise projects in rural areas of the state. For instance, the Indian Dispute Resolution Service (IDRS) received \$114,447 to continue and expand its "Indianpreneurship" workshops with Nevada tribes. The training includes business plan development, accounting and QuickBooks, financial planning, negotiation, and computer literacy. For more information on USDA Rural Development Nevada programs, call the State Office in Carson City at (775) 887-1222, or visit the agency website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/NV. Area offices are located in Fallon, Las Vegas and Elko.

“Why go to College?”

- 1. Make more money:** People who graduate from college make more money than those with just a high school diploma. A lot more money, actually. People with a college degree make around \$1,100 a week. Someone with a high school diploma makes just \$638.
- 2. Have more opportunity:** People who go to college open up their choices for jobs. Many jobs these days require a college degree. Plus, college graduates have less chance of losing their jobs. In 2009, there were 9.7 million unemployed high school graduates, compared with 5.2 million college graduates without jobs
- 3. Make connections:** In college, students make new friends and other connections that will be helpful when it's time to get started in a career. Those friends they make in college will help them get jobs, and these connections and networks will help them throughout their lives.
- 4. Live a healthier and happier life:** Studies have shown that college graduates are healthier and are less likely to get divorced. The divorce rate for college graduates who married between 1990 and 1994 is about 25 percent. That's compared with more than 50 percent for those without a four-year college degree. Plus, people with just a high school diploma are nearly twice as likely to be in poorer health than college graduates.
- 5. Start a tradition:** If you go to college, you children will be more likely to go too: 71 percent of students with at least one parent who has a bachelor's degree apply to college themselves. Only 26 percent of first-generation students (those with no parent who went beyond high school) apply to college.



Our Families at Delta College in Stockton, CA

Associate in Arts, Psychology



Psychology courses explore the knowledge about human and animal behavior as a basis for further study in advanced courses, as a basis for working with clients in a supervised therapy setting, and as a basis for being an informed citizen in

our society. Those who are pursuing a career may choose to complete a certificate or an Associate in Arts degree and then transfer to a California State University (CSU) with a major in psychology.



Administration of Justice, Associate of Science Degree

Administration of Justice is a multi-disciplinary program that provides students with a thorough understanding of the criminal justice system and its role in society. The program is designed so that students who complete the program are able to apply various methodological and theoretical approaches for conducting research and evaluation with regard to criminal justice practices and policies. Additionally, students will be able to engage in critical inquiry of criminal justice institu-



tions, understand theories of criminology, and know the systems, process and relationships between the various components of the criminal justice system.

Business Administration, Associate of Applied Science

Programs:

- ⇒ Accounting
- ⇒ Computer Science
- ⇒ Business Administration
- ⇒ Business Information Management (BIM)
- ⇒ Banking
- ⇒ Insurance
- ⇒ Real Estate
- ⇒ Transportation



Automotive Mechanic Technology Certificate





Fall greetings from the TANF headquarters staff—Halloween 2015

Congregate Meal
Cost:
 Age 60 & older-
 (donation requested)
 Under 60
 \$5.00

DECEMBER Senior Center Menu 2015

NOTE:
 On Closed days, the
 Centers will provide
 a sack lunch
 prior to closure.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Sloppy Joes Tater Tots Cucumber Salad Sewing Class Carson 9am	Polish Sausage Onions, Bell Peppers Corn Bread Apple Sauce Sewing Class D-Ville 9am	Taco Salad Salsa, Sour Cream Refried Beans Sliced Pears Elder Site Council @ 1pm	Soup Chef's Choice Cookies Rolls
Hamburger Stew Pan Bread Sliced Pears	BBQ Chicken Wings French Fries Fruit Salad	Beans & Ham Mixed Green Salad Corn Bread Chocolate Cake	Mac & Cheese Steamed Green Beans Sliced Apples HEAD START CHILDREN VISITING CENTER 11:30	Swedish Meatballs Over Egg Noodles Baked Cauliflower Sugar Cookies
Chicken & Dumpling Soup Spinach Salad	Bean & Cheese Burritos Mixed Green Salad Sewing Class Carson 9am	Hamburger & Potatoes Steamed Vegies Jell-o Sewing Class D-Ville 9am	ELDER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY @ 1PM	Egg Roll Fried Rice Steamed Broccoli Fortune Cookie
Beef Gravy over Rice Steamed Vegie Vanilla yogurt w/ Fruit	Chili Cheese Hot Dogs French Fries	Brunch 10am Breakfast Casserole Sausage Blue Berry Muffin	Center's Closed Douglas County Senior Center Trip Christmas Event 11am	MERRY CHRISTMAS
Chicken Salad Sandwich Pickle Spears Ice Cream Cups	Chili Beans Corn Bread Sliced Peaches	Spaghetti Garlic Sticks Vanilla Cake	Brunch 10am French Toast Scrambles Eggs Bacon Strawberry Yogurt	

December 3rd— Elder Advisory Site Council Meeting at Dresslerville Elder Center 1 P.M.
December 10th— Dresslerville Headstart Children Visting for Lunch with Elders at 11:30 A.M
December 17th— Elder's Christmas Party at 1 P.M. at CVIC HALL
December 24th— Douglas County Senior Center Trip 11 A.M. -Center's Closed
December 25th— Merry Christmas- Center's Closed

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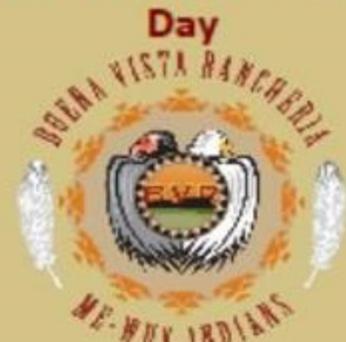
All Washoe Tribal Members can contact a Pre-College Advisor, for a scholarship to attend the training. Pre-College Advisor emails: lpasqua@washoetanf.org or cbarnes@washoetanf.org

**Dates: December
14th-18th, 2015
8:30am-5:00pm**

**December 14th:
Dinner Provided**

**December 17th & 18th:
Lunch Provided**

**December 17th:
Please Dress for Field**



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In October, the Washoe Tribe Education Department partnered with the Douglas County School District (DCSD) to hold the 2015 Wa-Pai-Shone program at CC Meneley Elementary School. Wa-Pai-Shone showcases cultural activities and artifacts for DCSD area elementary school students on an annual basis. This year, Lori Pasqua headed up efforts to include Stone Jacks (facilitated by Cloud Mitchell-Kinney), Stick Game (facilitated by Shelly Kinney), Shoshone basketry and woven goods (facilitated by Darlene Murphy and Alicia Singleton), a Galis Dungal and arrowhead collection (facilitated by Gerald Hunter), the Pyramid Lake Dance Group (facilitated by Fawn Hunter and Theresa Wright), and WCRAC members, Melba Rakow and Lana and Hicks facilitated a session on Washoe artifacts. The program rotates to different DCSD elementary schools on an annual basis. This year's Wa-Pai-Shone was a great success.

In early November, the Education Department was pleased to add to its staff a new Education Lead for Douglas and Alpine counties. Roxann Mossholder holds a School Counseling Credential and is working with Barbara Garcia at Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School. She relocated from the Southern California area. Roxann says, "Through my time working with students, I've realized the dedication and patience that is needed to help students succeed. I feel that all students deserve the opportunity to be successful and need caring individuals to help foster a positive learning environment. It is my desire to help guide students to accomplish their goals and be an advocate to help them overcome obstacles and achieve success." This position has direct oversight of Washoe Tribe Education Department staff working in Douglas and Alpine counties and will be assisting with Education Department initiatives and efforts including the 2016 Summer Enrichment Program.

December is a busy month as the winter break and holiday season arrives. New and continuing college students should be advised that the deadline for the Washoe Tribe Higher Education Scholarship is January 2, 2016. Eligible students have full time status at a two or four year college, at least a 2.0 GPA and they must be an enrolled Washoe Tribal member. The deadline for the Washoe Tribe Incentive Scholarship is January 31, 2016 and is awarded to students for outstanding academic performance at a two or four year college. The Washoe Tribe Vocational Scholarship has an open application process and is awarded throughout the year. Please contact Lori Pasqua at lpasqua@washoetanf.org or Constance Barnes at cbarnes@washoetanf.org for more information.

Wa-Pai-Shone day celebrates Native American culture



“I really liked the native games, like the stick game,” said fourth grader Coraleen Picotte. “We are learning a lot about the native American culture.”

The Wa-Pai-Shone day has taken turns visiting various elementary schools for almost 30 years, with the last time at C.C. Meneley being eight years ago, said Lori Pasqua, pre-college advisor.

“I think the biggest thing is its educational, and a way to orient the community to the tribes in the area,” said Rob Borges, education coordinator.

Gerald Hunter, a Washoe, Paiute, and Lakota tribe member said that it is im-

Native American culture is an important part of United States history, and local tribes want to make sure that it is preserved.

Once a year an elementary school in Douglas County is chosen to participate in Wa-Pai-Shone Day, and this year it was C.C. Meneley Elementary School.

“We are trying to share our Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone culture,” said Washoe and Paiute tribe member, Lana Hicks. “I think it brings awareness to the children, and lets them know we are still here.”

The school was broken into five groups, learning things about the culture, dance, and games played by the natives.

Each grade took turns visiting the groups in half hour blocks, learning as much as they could about the native people.

portant to keep traditions alive since there are so many tribes in the area.

“It creates understanding between the people of the valley and they cultures they are surrounded by,” he said.

He demonstrated what traditional tools looked like, what arrowheads look like and what hunting techniques Native Americans used.

Teresa Wright, from the Yurok tribe, had volunteers come and show the students’ native dances and clothing, and introduced them to the items used in the dances such as antlers and sagebrush. The activities lasted all day, and ended with an all-school assembly and the hope that the students were able to learn something about the native people.

“It gives the public the opportunity to see our culture is still thriving,” said Wright.

Article by Aurora Sain, courtesy of The Record-Courier

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and enjoy in each other's company.

The series kicked off with an apron making class hosted by the Cultural Resource Department and held at the Dresslerville Elder's Center. The following week everyone learned how to make homemade pickles from scratch, we haven't had the chance to taste them yet as they need to pickle for at least two weeks, but I know they will be delicious! Finally we wrapped up the canning series by making jam using fresh blackberries! Women of all ages spanning three generations left the classes with finished aprons, pickles and a stock of jam for the pantry.

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the Dresslerville Elder's Center for welcoming us into the center for these wonderful activities, and to the Washoe TANF for continuously supporting our events and activities!



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