WASHOE TRIBE OF NEVADA AND CALIFORNIA

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Translation- "Read It Here"

Washoe Tribal Newsletter—Voice of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California October 2015

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Daʔawʔaga: At the Edge of the Lake

Nevada Museum of Art

August 22, 2015 - January 10, 2016
John Hawley Olds LaGatta Gallery

This theme comprises one section of the museum-wide exhibition, Tahoe: A Visual History.

The Washoe people have lived in the Lake Tahoe region for countless generations. They referred to Lake Tahoe as Daʔawʔaga, or "edge of the lake," because they lived around its shore. The term was eventually shortened to Daʔaw, from which the word "Tahoe" is derived.

Different Washoe groups gathered annually at the lake during late spring and summer where they caught fish and gathered plant foods. The Welmelti were from a territory located roughly north of the lake, the Ṕawalu or "valley people" lived to its west, and the Huŋalelti were from the southern region. During the winter months, they returned to the lake's adjacent valleys where elevations were lower and temperatures milder.

The annual trip to Daʔaw was eagerly anticipated. Its pure waters offered more than simple benefits—it was the life-sustaining element for the land, the

plants, the fish, the birds, the animals, and all the people who lived around it. Once the Washoe people arrived at Daʔaw, they blessed themselves and the water in celebration of the harmony that existed among the people, the land, and the water. Every notable geographic feature and stream had a Washoe name, as noted on the adjacent map.

Today, Washoe people carry on the traditions of their ancestors and encourage younger generations to do the same. Programs related to Washoe language preservation, basket weaving, fishing, and other traditional activities are offered and encouraged through the Washoe Cultural Advisory Committee. Special access is also granted in areas

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

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around the lake where Washoe people continue to gather native plants and other resources. Lake Tahoe continues to be a special and sacred place to all Washoe people.

Related Programs and Events

Gene Hattori on Native American Baskets of Lake Tahoe
Friday September 11
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
Curator of Anthropology at the Nevada State Museum, Dr. Gene Hattori discusses their extensive collection of works by the important Washoe weaver Louisa Keyser (Datsolalee). General admission $10, Museum members Free.

Marvin Cohodas on the Native Basketry of Lake Tahoe
Thursday October 29
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Scholar Marvin Cohodas discusses Washoe basketry in the early twentieth century as it relates to the "basket craze" of the time. Special attention is given to Washoe weaver Louisa Keyser (Datsolalee) and Abe and Amy Cohn who marketed her baskets nationally. General admission $12, Members $8, Students $5.

Bring Your Native Baskets
Friday October 30
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Bring your native baskets to the Museum where a panel of prominent experts will help identify and describe the object's origins. Panelists include Brian Bibby, Marvin Cohodas, Catherine Fowler, Gene Hattori, and SueAnn Monteleone. Bring as many baskets as you like. Free with admission.

Catherine Fowler and Darla Gary-Sage Discuss Washoe Functional Basketry
Friday November 06
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
Join anthropologists Dr. Catherine Fowler and Dr. Darla Garey-Sage to learn more about their research related to the materials and functional uses of woven Washoe baskets. General admission $10, Members free.

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October CALENDAR

(all dates subject to change)

Woodfords Community Council Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 6:00pm

Dresslerville Community Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 6:00pm

Tribal Council Meeting
Friday, October 9, 6:00pm
Dresslerville Community

Off-Reservation Meeting
Saturday, October 17, 10:00am
TANF Resource Center
and Oakland TANF Ofc.

Carson Colony Community Council
Wednesday, October 14, 6:00pm

Stewart Community Council
Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 pm

Nevada Day
Friday, October 30
Tribal Offices Closed

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Washoe Legends

August 22, 2015 - January 10, 2016
Wayne and Miriam Prim Theater Lobby

This theme comprises one section of the museum-wide exhibition, Tahoe: A Visual History.

Illustrations by BillyHawk Enos, Kevin Jones, Charles Munroe, and Mauricio Sandoval

The Washoe people have lived in the Lake Tahoe region for countless generations. They shared a common language, ancestral traditions, legends, and a great reverence for the lake.

Cultural preservation, and specifically language preservation, is important to the Washoe people and the Washoe Tribe today. In an effort to revitalize Washoe language and traditions for future generations, the Tribe's language program—known as the Patalŋi Me?k'i Head Start Immersion Nest—recently published a series of children's books with support from the Administration for Native Americans.

Four artists, BillyHawk Enos, Kevin Jones, Charles Munroe, and Mauricio Sandoval, illustrated the legends. The stories were retold and translated by Lisa Enos and Washoe Elder Melba Rakow. This exhibition features the original illustrations.

The books accompanying these original artworks are for sale in the Museum Store. Sales help to support Washoe youth language revitalization programs.

Illustration by BillyHawk Enos from the book entitled The Wašiw Seasons, as told by Cošuŋi. Retold and translated by Lisa Enos and Melba Rakow, published by the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, 2014

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I'm An Ally

The Engaging Men and Boys (E.M.B.) as Allies Against Violence Towards Women & Girls program would like to thank the Washoe Community leaders, members, department heads and staff for helping to make this year's events and activities such a success!

The E.M.B. program will continue to reach out to the communities and members of the Washoe Tribe to promote the idea of reducing violence towards women and girls by promoting the belief that 'Women and Girls are Sacred'. The E.M.B. program staff have, over this past year, conducted focus groups, prevention groups and educational programs on a variety of subjects that your community leaders and the program staff have identified as both timely & needed for the people of the Washoe communities.

These activities would not have been possible without the continued support and assistance of the Washoe Tribe elders, adults & youth! Again, THANK YOU! to everyone for all of your help!

Nick R. Agnason, Program Coordinator
Engaging Men & Boys

Know anyone with a fourth grader?

If you do, pass this on. It's the Presidents new initiative to get kids into the outdoors.
If a kid is in 4th grade they can get a family pass to all National Parks for a year.
It would be nice if they did it for all kids. Maybe this is just a start.
http://www.nationalparks.org/ook/every-kid-in-a-park

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Submitted by Tribal Member Elder Dorothy McCloud

Rifle Season

...is fast approaching

DON'T MISS IT!

Register before October 2nd

At the Washoe Tribe Administrative Office

919 US Highway 395 South

Gardnerville, NV

The Washoe Tribe Hunting and Fishing Commission

Miss Teen Washo named at Washoe Tribe picnic

Sage Tinajero-James was named 'Miss Teen Washo' at the Washoe Picnic on Saturday, August 15, 2015.

Sage is 10 years old and she is in the fifth grade, she attends C.C. Meneley Elementary school. Her hobbies consist of learning the Washo language, and the culture as well. She also loves running around the 'Dresslerville Community' where she has lived her whole life. Sage also likes hanging out with her friends. Sage also loves riding horses whenever she gets a chance.

Sage's mom is Myla Murphy. Her grandmother is Judy James, her great grandmother is Adele James, who is a 'Hung a Lel Ti' Washo' and her great grandfather is Alfred James whom is a 'Pa Wa Lu Washo'.

"Washo is all I know and is who I am. The WaSheShu are beautiful and good".

Sage would like to thank the judges, the Hung A Lel Ti community council, and contestants for making the contest a success, and last but not least she would like to thank Miss Kathy Walker for the beautiful crown.

Sage was crowned 'Little Miss Washo' in 2011, being the first Washo Descendent to hold the title. After that contest was over in 2011 they then allowed all Washo girls to run.

Before the pageant started, Sage went before the judges and asked them if it was okay if she could run for 'Miss Teen Washo. She told them she is not a 'Little Miss' anymore; but a young woman. The judges agreed and let her compete.

ANNOUNCEMENT

OFF-RESERVATION MEETING

DATE: October 17
TIME: 10:00 A.M.

NV LOCATION:
Washoe Tribal TANF
Resource Center
1248 Waterloo Lane
Gardnerville, NV

CA LOCATION:
Oakland Tribal TANF Offices
2030 Franklin St. Suite 21
Oakland, CA

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

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Or email ktrovato@washoetribe.us

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:

Type	Name	Position/Title	Start Date
New Hire	Ruth Fecanin	HS Cook	08/17/15
New Hire	Lisseth Ayala	HS Teacher's Assistant	08/17/15
New Hire	Edward Gaytan-Aranda	TANF Driver	08/24/15
New Hire	Hugh Smokey Jr.	Recreation Assistant	09/08/15

Education News

School started in August and the Education Department is happy to add to our staff, Bridget Koos, Tutor at Diamond Valley School and Keli Stokes, Instructional Assistant at Eagle Valley Middle School. We have also recently recruited for the Education Lead position in Douglas/ Alpine counties.

The three summer programs wrapped up in August: Summer Youth Employment, Summer Foods, and Summer Enrichment. Great thanks to the families for allowing the Education Department staff to work with a smart and fun bunch of students!

In August, the second annual Native Youth Conference sponsored by the Johnson O'Malley fund was held at Carson Valley Inn. This year's theme was "Wellness" and several presenters spoke to the issue including Meagan Robertson (Tutor, Douglas High School), Rebecca Singleton, Melba Rakow and Lana Hicks, and Gerald Hunter. There were about 60 youth present for the event. Special thanks to the Recreation Departments for providing transportation.

In addition to the August events, the Education Committee reviewed applications and awarded Higher Education Scholarships to about a dozen college students. If you know of a Washoe Tribal member who is seeking financial aid, scholarship application completion assistance, pre-college planning, or who is considering a vocational trade, please have them contact Lori Pasqua, Pre-College Advisor (Douglas/ Alpine counties) at lpasqua@washoetanf.org or if in Carson, Constance Barnes, Pre-College Advisor at CBarnes@washoetanf.org.

The Native TANF Program, Education Department is able to assist any student who through family, self identifies as Native American/Alaska Native. Students need not be TANF clients to be eligible for services.

We are looking forward to an exciting year! We hope that all students make exceptional progress and learn the skills that will last a lifetime.

WAŠIW ʔITLU CLASS SCHEDULE

Mondaylu-Carson TANF– 2:00pm
Tuesdaylu– Alpine TANF-1:00 pm (Tentative)
Tuesdaylu-Stewart Ed center—4:00pm
Wednesdaylu-Dville Community bldg 1:30pm
Wednesday–Carson Colony Ed Center-4:00pm
Wednesdaylu- Stewart Head start-6:30 pm
Thursdaylu- Dresslerville Community Ctr 6:00pm
Thursday-Woodfords Ed Center– 3:30 pm

If you have any questions please Contact:
Mischelle Dressler 775-781-0513 or
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2015 Language is Life Gathering

The gathering was held on September 18-20 at Wonder Valley Ranch Resort hosted by Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival (AICLS). "All California Indian languages are endangered, with only a handful of traditional speakers left, or in many cases, with no living native speakers at all. The AICLS is a non-profit organization with an all-native board, organized to help California Indian people who are trying to keep their languages alive. With this goal, AICLS runs several programs to help people learn, use and teach their languages of heritage.

Ethan Wyatt, 9, participated in the Great Tule Boat Race this year, and won! Students had the opportunity to construct tule boats with Native speaker Stan Rodriguez, a Kumeyaay bird singer from the Santa Ysabel reservation.

Aspen Carrillo, 13 and Ivan Wyatt, 7 also participated in the Great Tule Boat Race.

The Washoe Tribe Cultural Resources Department has a good working relationship with AICLS. We have participated in the Seeds of Language mini-grant program, in which our department received a small grant to provide stipends to Elder speakers to participate in lesson planning and curriculum development. The Cultural Resources Department was also able to secure four scholarships for one Master speaker and three students to attend the Language is Life gathering.

Itmahawa Enos, 10, has always had a passion for art. She was very excited to work with renowned artist Lyn Risling.

We would also like to thank the Washoe Tribe Education Committee, Education Department Staff, and the JOM Program for providing five student scholarships to attend the Language is Life Gathering. The Washoe Tribe had a total of 14 participants attend this year's gathering, four Cultural Resources Department staff members, two elder speakers, one adult student and seven youth. The seven youth, Wašiw language students that attended were given the opportunity to learn new techniques for language learning. The students participated in many activities including: tule boats, language games, mural project, vocabulary lesson and storytelling, song making, engaging social media in language, and youth leadership discussion, as well as many others.

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At the 2015 Language is Life Conference there were a multitude of materials presented to help Language Programs succeed. One of the presentations from the Serrano language focused on 'Game Boards' and working with youth. The presenter described how he Indigenized popular games so that Serrano Stories, Language and Traditions were popularized within the community. He encouraged the use of flyers and T-shirts to immerse the community in the language, even going so far as to take imagery from pop culture, like the 'Jurassic Park' logo, and overlay Serrano to advertise the language and make it fun for the participants.

Another presentation by AICL's board members listed a number of software programs and social media interfaces used by neighboring tribes to make the language accessible. This included ACORNS software that is available to tribes for the development of short lessons and games that are accessible on handheld devices, keep an eye out this winter for the first round of ACORNS games in Wa·šiw. The presentation also popularized the use of Facebook Groups to help advertise. Platforms like YouTube and SoundCloud were also mentioned to provide community members with a Wa·šiw 'word/phrase of the day', much like the Navajo, so even those who do not have the time can learn and use the language at their own pace.

We were encouraged to make animated videos to interest young children. This was very interesting as we have already started filming 'Stop-Motion' videos in our afterschool programs based on stories developed by our youth. There were bugs bunny clips dubbed in Native Languages and even websites that allow you to make your own animation. There were even a few clips shown of the "Star Wars" as it was translated to Navajo and we were encouraged to look into working with larger media networks to develop similar movies in Wa·šiw. Be

Our students worked side by side with Lyn Risling (Karuk/Yurok/Hupa) to create a mural panel. The purpose of the project was to include youth in a creative activity focused on California Native languages, centered on the theme of the Gathering, "Language is Love". Prior to the event, the mural was designed and sketched out by Lyn.

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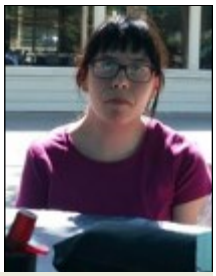
Joaquin Erwin, 16, attended the conference through an AICLS scholarship. He prepared a short speech to thank AICLS for the opportunity to learn and participate at the Language is Life gathering. The AICLS Board stated they were impressed and thankful to have heard the young man acknowledge support from his tribe and AICLS to attend! Joaquin is a participant in the Washoe Sons of Tradition Program and is actively involved in language revitalization and culture preservation!



During the creating songs workshop, Xante Smokey,16, worked with the language team to create a Wašiw song about our hands being like Pitali's and then helped in presenting the new song to other participants.

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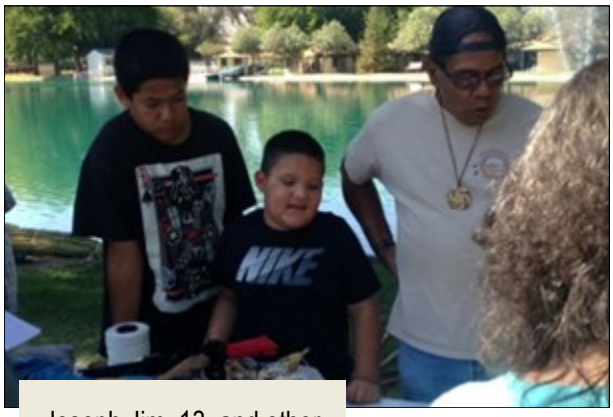
on the lookout for flyers regarding special screenings of 'Animated' videos created and developed by community youth later this fall.

Other presentations included: Reclaiming language domains in the home/workplace, Use of Skype, Reports on Innovative Language Revitalization Methods, Language and the Arts, Funding for Language Programs, Head Start Programs, Community Reports and Panels, as well as many others.

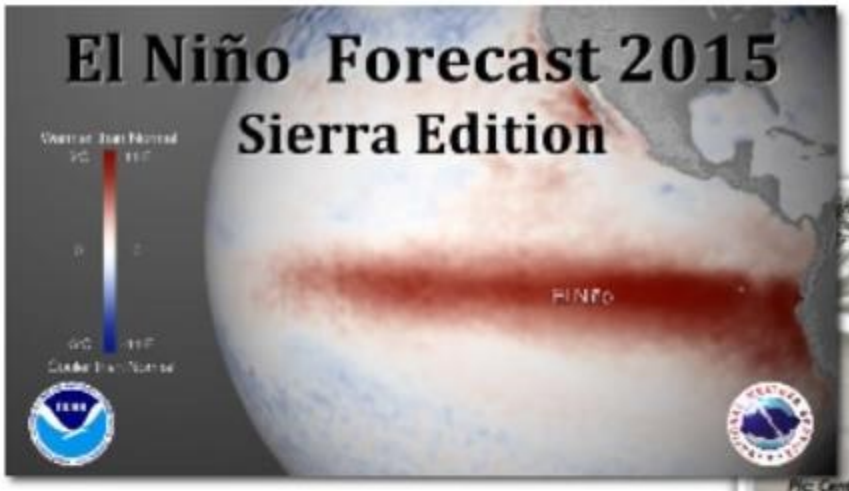


Joseph Jim, 13, and other Wašiw language students participated in traditional games. The students learned to practice their language while playing traditional games.

Herman Fillmore, Language Teacher, plays language board games developed by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians in Serrano language. Wašiw language students practiced counting in Wašiw while playing a traditional game.

Eleanore Smokey and Melba Rakow participated in an interview with StoryCorps. StoryCorps was on-site collecting stories from Language is Life participants. StoryCorps is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to record, preserve and share the stories of people around America.

El Niño Forecast 2015
Sierra Edition



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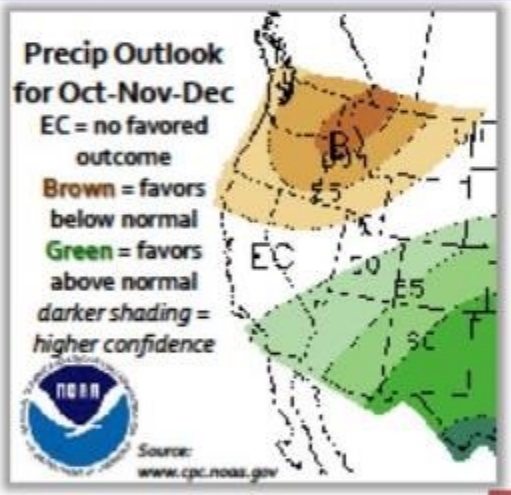
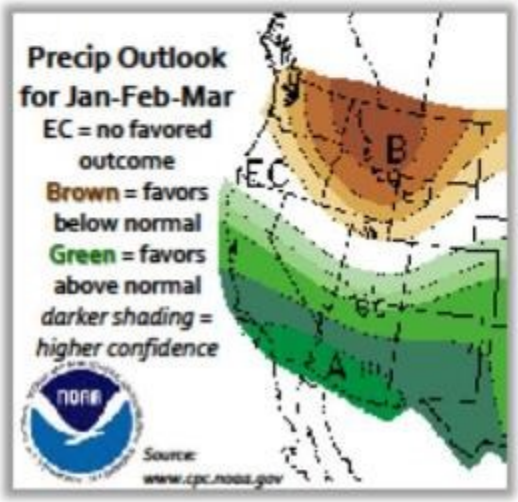
Let's just get the myths and conspiracy theories out of the way first!

- El Niño will bring us a big snow winter. **Not guaranteed.** We've had dry and/or warm El Niño winters too.
- El Niño will end the drought. **No,** it will take more than one wet winter to end our four-year drought.
- We're in a drought, so no worries about flooding. **No,** droughts in Cal/Nev have ended with (big) floods.
- An 8-Ball or dice are used for these seasonal forecasts, right? **No,** while seasonal weather prediction lags behind the skill of a 7-day weather forecast, sophisticated science and computer simulations are used.





What Does El Niño Mean for Us?

- Warm waters of El Niño drive changes in the wintertime storm track into North America, favoring Southern California and southern Nevada with above normal precipitation.
- Overall, El Niño has **very little relationship with wintertime precipitation in the Sierra and western Nevada**. Since the 1930s, we've had 6 strong El Niño winters - some have been dry and some have been wet. The two strongest were quite wet.
- The official forecast for this coming winter **slightly favors** above normal precipitation for the Sierra, with more precipitation in **mid/late winter**. With the strong El Niño in place, the **risk of another dry winter is less,** but not zero.
- Warm waters off the west coast coupled with the long term atmospheric warming trends could result in an increased frequency of warm storms with **high snow levels**. Although some past El Niño winters have been cold as well.

Updated: 9.27.15

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For members of the Washoe Tribe, Pro Group extends special discounted pricing for all classes offered. Please contact them at 775-283-4254 for more information, or to enroll in classes. Once registered, you will receive an email confirmation that will include the details for your training seminar.

Upcoming Classes

September 22, 2015 - Adult, Child & Infant CPR, AED and First Aid – 8am-1pm

September 30, 2015 – Forklift training – 8am-12pm

October 8, 2015 – Workplace Violence Safety Training – 8am-10am

October 20-23 - OSHA 30 Hour Construction Training (for those planning to be in a supervisory role) – Nevada Trucking Association (NTA) Reno

November 12, 2015 - Adult, Child & Infant CPR, AED and First Aid – 8am-1pm

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A Visual History

On September 16, 2015 in partnership with the Elder's Center, the Language Department hosted a Day at the Museum field trip. Fourteen participants from both the Dresslerville and Carson Elder's Centers accompanied by Nicole Turner, Courtney Hardin and staff from the Language Department visited the Nevada Museum of Art to view the largest display of Waši̇w basketry in one location. The elders were greeted by Ann Wolf, Senior Curator of the Museum and given a tour of the museum's Tahoe Visual History exhibit. On display is Dat-so-la-lee's complete miniature basket collection as well as basketry by Minnie Dick, Scees Bryant, Lizzie Toby Peters, Sarah Jim Mayo, Maggie Mayo James, Tootsie Dick, Lena Frank Dick, Lillie Frank James, Celia Arnot, Neola Pete, Rema John and Marie Kizer. We were also honored to see Florine Conway, Sue Coleman and Rebecca Eagle's baskets on display! There is also a large fish net circa 1902 that has been brought in from Chicago Illinois.

Lisa Enos coordinator of the Waši̇w Legends series, worked with the Museum's Senior Curator to include the original art work from four of the children's books that was illustrated by Waši·šiw; Kevin Jones, BillyHawk Enos and Mauricio Sandoval. The Waši̇w legends series created by Pat'alŋi Meʔk'i Head Start Immersion nest was accepted into the Nevada Museum of Art as the introduction exhibit to the larger Tahoe a Visual History.

During your visit you will also view artwork related to Tahoe spanning over two centuries.

The Tahoe show will be on display until January 10th, 2016. Hours of operation are Wednesday – Sunday / 10 am to 6 pm,
Thursdays – 10 am to 8 pm,

Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and national holidays.

The Museum is located at 160 West Liberty Street in downtown Reno.

The Language Department will be hosting a field trip for youth to view the Museum soon, so keep an eye out!

Words to Live By

Live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart.
Trouble no one about his religion.
Respect others in their views and demand that they respect yours.
Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life.
Seek to make your life long and of service to your people.
Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great di-vide.
Always give a word or sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, or even a stranger, if in a lonely place.
Show respect to all people, but grovel to none.
When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength.
Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living.
If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself.
Touch not the poisonous firewater that makes wise ones turn to fools and robs their spirit of its vision.
When your time comes to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way.
Sing your death song, and die like a hero going home.

Tecumseh, Shawnee (1768-1813)

"Little Cheyenne Girl," a new symbol for efforts to improve Native American health through affordable insurance, is on her way to Atlanta to see her basketball hero, Atlanta Dream Shooting Guard Shoni Schimmel.

Artist J. Nicole Nahmi-A-Piah (Hatfield) is accompanying her artwork to meet Shoni, as well. The two will come together when "Little Cheyenne Girl" is digitally projected onto the Georgia World Congress Center September 9-12 as part of #NativeArt4Health-a project designed to feature artwork that portrays the importance of Native American health and the advantages of enrolling in health care coverage. Whether through art on the canvas or art on the court, J. Nicole and Shoni are vivid examples of the common thread health weaves in the lives of strong Native people. Twenty-eight percent of tribal people report poor health, compared with just 16% of the overall U.S. population. Even so, around 30% are uninsured. In Atlanta, there are nearly 45,000 American Indian and Alaska Natives, 29% of whom are uninsured.

The public is invited to all #NativeArt4Health Atlanta events, and all are encouraged to get creative and show what health means to them by decorating a "Little Cheyenne Girl" coloring page and sharing it on social media with the hashtag #NativeArt4Health.

Shoni Schimmel, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is a star shooting guard for the WNBA Atlanta Dream. A healthy lifestyle is an essential component of Schimmel's professional basketball career, and she supports efforts to improve American Indian and Native Alaska health.

J. Nicole Nahmi-A-Piah (Hatfield) is a Native Oklahoman who draws her inspiration from historical photographs of proud tribal women. She frequently incorporates tribal language into her paintings to teach Native languages while keeping them alive. She feels the selected painting embodies the theme of "Stay well, get covered for my future."

"Little Cheyenne Girl" was selected after a national call for entries. It is painted in blues, greens, reds, and oranges across a blackened canvas. Together, the vivid and contrasting colors shape an image meant to resonate with urban Native populations.

SCHEDULE

Sept. 9, Digital projection unveiling; Drumming and dancing by the Silver Ridge Singers

Sept. 11 Honor Song
WNBA Atlanta Dream Player Shoni Schimmel, Artist J. Nicole Nahmi-A-Piah; Drumming and dancing by the Silver Ridge Singers.

Sept. 9-12
Artwork projection from 9 to 11pm each evening at the Georgia World Congress Center.

For more information go to: www.nativeart4health.org
Native American Management Services, Inc. | 1800 Robert Fulton Dr. | Suite 100C | Reston | VA | 20191

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Please call our office to schedule an appointment 775-398-4960

Ag Producers Eligible for Energy Grant-REAP Workshop Sept. 15 at USDA Service Centers

USDA Rural Development will hold a Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) workshop on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. available via interactive video at all USDA Service Centers in Nevada. REAP provides grants and guaranteed loans for energy projects.

REAP is available to both agricultural producers and rural small businesses. The workshop will only be available in those Service Centers where local producers expressed their interest in attending to USDA Rural Development.

If you are interested in attending the workshop at your local Service Center, please contact Mark Williams, Energy Coordinator, at 775-887-1222, Ext. 116 or mark.williams@nv.usda.gov.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has an active portfolio of more than $212 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

Get child care paid or subsidized by ITCN

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc. Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) can pay up to 95% of your child care costs if you are a Native American family in Nevada. Child care subsidies are available for Native American families in your community.

To be eligible your child must be 13 years of age or younger, have proof of Native American descendency, (or parent/guardian), working, attending technical/higher education, or in a job training component. Call (775) 355-0600, extension 290, today to see if you are eligible!

Please let us know if your address has changed!

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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 located
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.