

SHOSHONEAN REUNION: Educators Seek Methods to Teach the Language

Photos and article by Victoria Jackson

Elko, September 10 - The Northeastern Nevada Museum filled with visitors from various Shoshone speaking tribes, kicking off the 16th Annual Shoshone-Numic Language Reunion.

The museum played host to the reception for visitors and locals alike. Participants could view the display of animals, take in the Art Show or just mingle and meet long lost family and new friends.



Reunion attendees filled both stories of the Northeastern Nevada museum at the September 9 reception.

Eastern Shoshone, Ute and Comanche visitors were encouraged to check in during the reception, and many did, even after a long day of traveling.

Water, juices and snacks were provided, and the crowd made their way up the staircase to the second floor where the art show was held. All in attendance were given the chance to vote for their favorite artist for the People's Choice Award.

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Positive Turnout for First Nevada Indian Relay Races

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L-R: Boogie Boys Team Rider, Josh Thompson, and Bad Rock Warriors Rider, Bryson Appenay, ride by the grandstands after the 2nd exchange of the first Nevada Nations Relay Race in Elko, Nevada.

Elko, August 30 - Seven Indian Relay teams, four riders for the Chief's Race and four Ladies Race contenders traveled to Elko to compete in the Indian Relay Race portion of the Elko County Fair.

With only a few months to gather prize money, the three person committee had over \$9,000 to offer competitor's over the two day event.

The Chief's Race

kicked off the show on Saturday, August 29, where Boogie Boys rider, Josh Thompson, was the first to cross the line. Teams Hisbadhorse of Lame Deer, Montana, Ba-Kai-Dah of Fort Hall, Idaho, and Two Tone of Fort Hall, Idaho placed second through fourth in the stated order.

The first heat of the Indian Relays then commenced, with the crowd on their feet

waiting in anticipation for the race to begin, asking anyone they could what they should expect, and who was going to win? Many Elko County residents had never seen an Indian Relay in person, or ever.

The sound of the shotgun began the start of the race, and seven men jumped onto on of the seven barebacked horses at the starting

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Battle Mountain Band Breaks Ground with Local Businesses

Photos and Article by Victoria Jackson

Battle Mountain, August 20 - Over 100 tribal members, local residents, visiting councilmen and local businesspeople turned out to witness the historic groundbreaking for the future *White Knife Travel Plaza*.

The ceremony began with a traditional prayer given by Reggie Sope of Owyhee, Nevada, followed by a prayer song performed by Sope's drum group.

Battle Mountain Band Council Chairman Joseph Holley gave a welcome speech to the crowd, explaining the need for the support from not only the Battle Mountain community, but also the support from the other communities and the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone.

Delbert Holley, Battle Mountain Band Councilman, stood up and gave his history

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L-R: Battle Mountain Band Chairman Joe Holley, community member Marlene Leach, Council member Delbert Holley and Fort McDermitt Tribal Chairman Tildon Smartt.

Meth Awareness Seminar Draws Crowd

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Community members applaud the introduction of the guest panel.

Elko, August 24 - Approximately 100 community members attended the all-day methamphetamine awareness seminar sponsored by various tribal departments. Western Shoshone

Department of Public Safety, Indian Health Services, Te-Moak Housing Authority, Te-Moak Housing Authority Crime Prevention, Te-Moak Tribe: Elko Band, Wells Band, South Fork Band and

Battle Mountain Band.

Arvilla Johnny, Western Shoshone Department of Public Safety Community Meth Coordinator explained that the last time the event, "Methamphetamine an Epidemic," was held was in 2007.

"Since '07, so many new drugs have been born, so many new topics have come up," said Johnny. "So we wanted to bring it back with a lot more community involvement."

Morning sessions included an appearance by the Elko County

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Barrick Hosts Job Fair

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Barrick recruiters Janis Dautrick and Dede Barker talk to potential employee Anthony Smith, and Alana Crutcher.

Elko, September 9 - 48 job seekers attended the Barrick Gold sponsored job fair at the Elko Indian Colony Gymnasium, in hopes of gaining interviews from any of the attending companies.

Barrick Recruiting, Remington Construction, Intertribal Council Workforce Development, Great Basin College and Western Shoshone Scholarship Foundation were available to answer any

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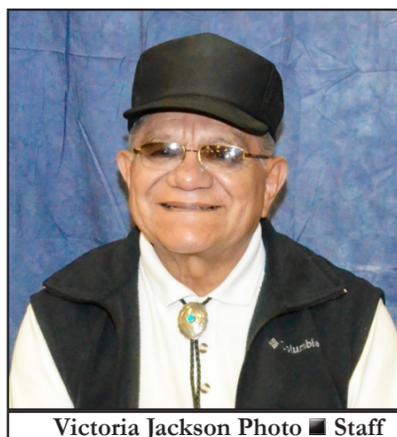
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Te-Moak Tribal Chairman's Report



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I attended the Governing Board meeting at the Southern Band Health Center. This was a tele-conference call with the Phoenix Area Office. The issues for discussion included all aspects of the clinic's operation such as Committee reports, CEO's report, accreditation, policies, and dental. We are still at a Priority 3 level, and there will be a portable MRI Unit station here on the colony twice (2) a month to have MRI's done – this is where the Dialysis use to be, next to the EPA Building.

No information yet on the background checks for the Te-Moak Tribal Gaming Commissioners names that were sent to the FBI two months ago.

I attended the Western Shoshone Leaders and Barrick Gold Dialogue in Ely, Nevada. The meeting was held at the Ely Tribal Senior Citizen Building.

The Te-Moak Housing Authority Commissioners met with the Elko Band Council to discuss the Lots on Indian View Heights. This is related to my last month's report on the Encroachment permit for the Indian Health Service Water/Sewer project. Elko Band has agreed to have four Lots assigned Housing for their future project.

I attended the Methamphetamine – An Epidemic in our communities on August 24, 2015 at the Elko Colony Gymnasium. It was an honor to do the Welcome. This was sponsored by Te-Moak Western Shoshone DPS Law Enforcement, Indian Health Services, and Te-Moak Housing Authority/Crime Prevention. This symposium was well attended by the Law Enforcement Services providers from Tribal and the City of Elko. The Honorable District Judge Nancy Porter was the Moderator for the evening panel.

On the 18th, I attended a meeting in Battle Mountain with Chairman Joe Holley along with some community Elders. This meeting was with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials (5) from the Elko and Battle Mountain District. The meeting was held at the Battle Mountain Band Administration Building. The issues was on the proposed Monitoring Well Locations, Drilling Plans, Agreements, Cultural Sensitivity Training which might

be held on the 17th of September in Battle Mountain, and we discussed the tour for the next day at the Carlin Hollister Mine.

The next day we all met at the Hollister Mine. Attendees included the Hollister Mine Personnel, BLM staff, Duck Valley Representative (Ted Howard), South Fork Representatives and with Chairman Joe Holley along with his community Elders. We toured the proposed well sites. Chairman Holley informed them that there should be less land disturbance to our traditional area where our ancestors have been.

On the 20th of this month Battle Mountain Band had their Ground Breaking Ceremony for their White Knife Truck Stop/Casino and Hotel. Battle Mountain Band community members attended the Ceremony along with Dignitaries from the County and City officials, Tribal Leaders, and our Youth Dancer's performed. The Battle Mountain Band Council have worked diligently to make this a reality for their community, and it was an Honor for me to be part of this Ceremony.

As your Tribal Chairman, I know and understand that it is the membership who sees, and is impacted by what is accomplished in each of the Band/Reservation areas. I have received numerous calls about the Letter to the Editor that was in the Elko Daily Free Press submitted by individuals who are Dissatisfied. Regardless what these individuals say, we move on. Granted it is Election time, let me say as an experienced Tribal Leader, I have seen every Tribal/Band Chairperson go through some rough times; it is not an easy job to hold. The present Band Council, have been the better ones I have ever worked with, and I am proud of what they have accomplished.

For instance, the Wells Band Council now have a new three unit Business Development Center that supports community members who dreamed of having their own business on the Colony. The Band Council celebrated those entrepreneurs with a Grand Opening Ceremony that was held in May 2015. The businesses are now open and serving the community. The Wells Band Council is now working to obtain a study to open a full size Convenience Store for their community.

The South Fork Band Council have a new paved road and have expanded their Community Building for their membership. They have also been awarded by the funding agency (USDA) to do a Feasibility Study for their Convenience Store which will be located at the turnoff to the South Fork Reservoir, and with the sup-

port of their Council, the first Nevada Nation Indian Relay was introduced to the Elko County Fair. This was the first of its kind in the state of Nevada, and hopefully this will be an every year event. A large crowd of Natives and Non-Natives attended this event.

The Elko Band Council had their 380 + acres Land Withdrawal approved last year by the U.S. Congress. The Elko Band Council successfully opened the brand new \$1.2 million Education Building. The Education Center now supports learning initiatives of nearly 55 children, ages 6 months to 18 years of age daily; many of whom may not have otherwise had the opportunity. The Elko Band Council received approval to repave the Indian View Heights, and the Senior Citizens will have a bigger building to have a Craft room, TV room, Meeting room, Offices and Lunch room. The Elko Band Council is also preparing to provide new seven (7) modular homes to qualifying community members at the new Choke Cherry Housing Development.

And, the Battle Mountain Band Council is now in the process of building a Truck Stop, Hotel and Casino just off the freeway – ground breaking was on August 20, 2015, and a Community Building will be under construction in September. My congratulations to the Battle Mountain Band Council.

The Te-Moak Tribal Council have accomplished and approved, a first ever by the Phoenix Area Office (BIA) – a Te-Moak Livestock Grazing Ordinance, and a Te-Moak Comprehensive Plan. This planning process was extensive and included input and direction from community members from each of the Bands. The Plan helped to prioritize the goals of our community members and will enable the Tribe to obtain future construction and development funding from various agencies and organizations. Under my leadership, the Te-Moak tribe now has a final approved Gaming Compact which enables our Smoke Shops and the Casino to have slot machines. The accomplishments of each Band are only the beginning and highlights the hard work and dedication of the Band Council members for their communities that they represent.

If any information or question(s) on other issues, please do not hesitate to call me at the Te-Moak Tribal Office or you can call my cell which is (775) 385-9065.

Respectfully submitted to you all.

Davis Gonzales, Te-Moak Tribal Chairman

Elko Band/JOM host Back to School Celebration

Photos and Article by Victoria Jackson



JOM committee members disburse school supplies.

Elko, August 28 - Elko Band Council hosted a 60's, 70's and '80's themed Back to School Barbecue and Dance for the community.

The Johnson O'Malley committee used this event as an opportunity to hand out backpacks and school supplies to students.

Elko Band Council's Aid to Tribal Government Specialist, Jennifer Saunders said the event was "just fun before school starts for the kids, and to get them excited to go back to school."

Johnson O-Malley committee member, David Decker, explained why the committee chose to distribute school supplies at the function. "We passed out school supplies and backpacks to students Kindergarten through 4th grade, just to make it easier on us, for when we do the shopping at Wal-Mart."

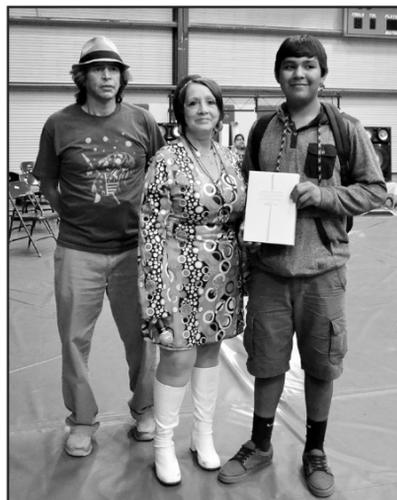
The committee wanted to ensure students received their school supplies before school started on Monday. Items handed out were: backpacks, glue sticks, notebooks, composition books, pencils, pens, flash drives, binders, papers, folders and crayons, to name a majority of the supplies.

"It's a privilege, it's not owed to us," explained Decker. "Last night we shopped for 61 kids, we spent about \$1,300."

Decker also said that after all the shopping has been completed, the committee will have spent around \$16,000 on all students in the service area. He followed up stating that Elko JOM receives approximately \$14,000 per year, and the funds that are not used, should be carried over into the following year.

Back to School committee member and Elko Band employee and event announcer, Susan Zuzueta said the event was organized so school supplies could be handed out and so the community can have fun before school starts on Monday.

Zuzueta said the party was themed and individuals were encouraged to dress up for the costume contest held that evening. Other activities included CHR's Matching Wheel game, musical chairs, Limbo, dancing, as well as giving away an iPad Air. Johnson Tom was the winner of the drawing for the iPad Air.



Elko Band Chairman, Gerald Temoke and Susan Zuzueta, committee member pose with iPad winner, Johnson Tom.

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School District Resource Officer, who explained the official process of handling teens caught with drugs.

"If they're caught, they're not just let go, they have to go through classes, along with their parents," Johnny recalled. "Which a lot of parents didn't know, so that was an eye opener to a lot of people."

Other topics of discussion included alcohol and prescription drug abuse.

"We also had NDI show up, and they talked about meth lab procedures, and how they service all of Elko County," said Johnny.

A talking circle was also instigated. "Since we had such a small group, everyone was able to talk about how alcohol and any type of addiction had made such an affect of their family," Johnny explained. "It's like everyone

addiction.

To end the evening, a Community Empowerment Panel of nine individuals, who in some way were familiar with the drug issues facing this community, were put on the hot seat to answer questions from community members.

Panelists included, Ben Li, IHS Pharmacist; Patty Taylor, IHS Community Health Nurse; Dr. Fredrick, IHS Elko Service Unity Chief Dental Officer; Jan Boyer, Elko Service Unit Diabetes Educator; Travis Wayne Field, Western Shoshone Department Police Officer; Jody Abe, Te-Moak Housing Client Service Counselor; Darla Lozano, Te-Moak Crime Prevention Coordinator; Dana Cassadore, Te-Moak Tribal Prosecutor; and Allen Wayne Bill, Te-Moak Probation Officer. The panel was moderated by District Judge Nancy Porter.



Panelists listen to community member questions. Far right: District Judge Nancy Porter, moderator.

knew someone in their immediate family who was actually an abuser of pain medication, alcohol, meth."

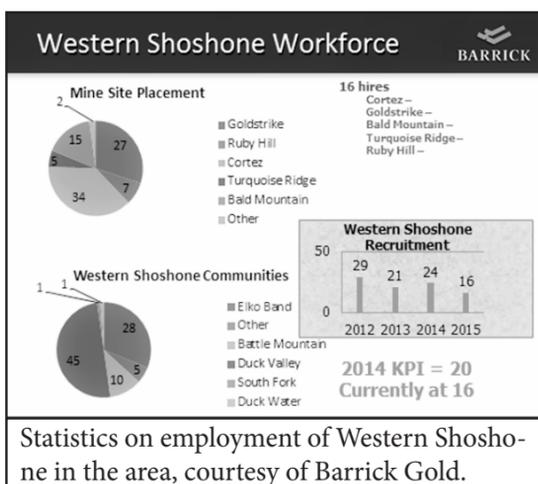
Another session included success stories from former addicts. "We had three people who were actually courageous enough to stand up in front of our group and talk," said Johnny.

She also said that when the three individuals spoke, the crowd was shocked to hear the process of overcoming an

addiction. Topics included prescription drug abuse, housing regulations on drug usage, medical consequences of drug use, the zero tolerance ordinance as it pertains to drug sales, and lawful procedures when handling drug cases.

One attendee and a guest speaker was Mike Jackson. When asked what his thoughts on the seminar were, he replied, "I was just hitting meetings all day, off and on, so the day flew by!"

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Statistics on employment of Western Shoshone in the area, courtesy of Barrick Gold.

questions and offer individuals assistance filling out applications.

"It's an opportunity for us to reestablish our pool, and get new names," said Barrick Manager for Native American Affairs, Brian Mason. "We can't guarantee them a job, but we can make sure they get an interview for a position."

Since some companies will only accept applications for employment electronically, Barrick offered assistance to building an electronic profile.

"The difficulty for a lot of our folks is they don't know how to build that profile," explained Mason, "so we assist them as they come in here to build a profile."

According to Mason, Barrick hired 16 Western Shoshone employees this year, and their goal is to have 20 hired.

Most applicants that attended the job fair will be competing for entry level positions such as haul pack operator, roaster operator and lab assistant.

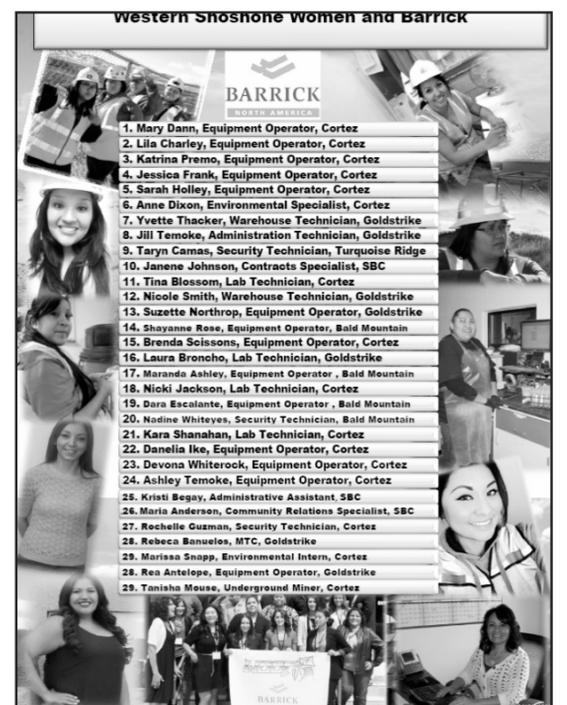
"We will then start to work with these individuals to achieve MSHA training and then possibly an interview for a position," said Mason.

Mason, along with Kristi Begay will have the list of applicants, once any of the jobs become available, applicants will be called in for interviews.

"Barrick's realizing that this is a manpower supply to meet a need, and it's local hire," stated Mason. "And there's no one more local than Western Shoshone's."

Barrick is also planning to recruit in

Battle Mountain and Owyhee in October. The exact dates will be announced once determined.



Poster of the Western Shoshone women employed in the last 3 1/2 years, courtesy of Barrick Gold.

Elko Band Election Eligibility Information

By Victoria Jackson

Elko, September 9- With elections for each Band nearing, voter registration and registration for candidacy due dates are approaching.

VOTER REGISTRATION

For those who may not registered to vote, in the Elko Band Council Election area, the deadline to complete paperwork and turn it in is October 2.

Elko Band Council elections are scheduled for October 13, 2015.

To be eligible to vote, the individual must be an enrolled member of the Te-Moak Tribe and be affiliated with Elko Band; At least 18 years of age at the time of the election.

If an individual has not voted in the last two elections, they are required to re-register.

Those interested in becoming a registered voter can pick up their voter registration form at the Elko Band or Te-Moak Tribal offices.

If an absentee ballot is needed, a notice must be submitted to the Elko Band Election

Committee by September 23, 2015.

CANDIDACY INFO

The closing date for Elko Band Council Candidacy is September 21, 2015.

Eligibility for candidacy is as follows:

Per Election Ordinance of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada Section 13-5-1. Candidate for Office

(a) To be an eligible candidate for any elective office, a person shall:

1. Be enrolled as a member of the Te-Moak Tribe.
2. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
3. Had a physical residence within the trust lands of a constituent Band for a period of at least one (1) year immediately preceding the nomination.
4. Submit his name for candidacy in writing to the Elko Band Election Committee in person or by Certified Mail at least twenty (20) days prior to the election.
5. Sign an "Authorization to

Release Information" form at the time he files for candidacy to permit the Election Committee to request for a background investigation regarding his/her criminal history; Individuals convicted of a felony shall be an ineligible candidate.

As of September 9, Elko Band election committee member Cassandra Banuelos reported that four members have submitted their names for candidacy and 276 individuals are registered voters.

Names of the individuals running for office will be posted at the Elko Band Administration building and the Te-Moak Administration building by October 3.

To vote through absentee ballot for the Tribal Chairperson elections, ballots must be sent in by October 24.

The first candidate forum has not been decided, but will be posted and announced once scheduled.

For more information about elections contact your local Band office.

Classes and Community Calendar

Community Outreach

September 23, 2 pm - 8 pm
New Welcome Center
FMI: Elko Band Social Services, 775-738-8889

Elko Band Pow-Wow

October 9-11
Elko Indian Colony Gym
FMI: Jennifer Saunders 775-738-8889

Elko Band Council Elections

October 13
Elko Indian Colony Gym
FMI: Elko Band Council Administration, 775-738-8889

Wells - Shoshone Language Class

Thursdays, 5-7 pm
Wells Band Environmental Department
1705 Mountain View Drive
775-752-2601

Battle Mountain - Shoshone Language Class

Monday-Thur, 4 pm-6 pm
Friday, 1-3 pm
Language Building, Circle Way, Battle Mountain
FMI: Carlene Burton 775-374-0352

Elko - Adult Shoshone Language Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays
6 pm, Welcome Center
FMI: Marlene 775-738-8889

Active Citizens Meeting

Wednesdays 6-8 pm
Te-Moak Diabetes Center
FMI: Cherie, cherie.ike@british council.org

Healthy Native Dance Class

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
3 pm to 4:45 pm
Te-Moak Diabetes Center
FMI: Lorena 775-738-4881

100 Mile Club Group Walk

Mondays, 6:30 am
Wednesdays, 7 pm
Elko High School Track
FMI: Lorena 775-738-4881

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Adult Handgame:

- 1st - \$2,500, Fort Duchesne
- 2nd - \$2,000, Duckwater
- 3rd - \$800, Alex Longtree
- 4th - \$300, Chester Knight



Youth Handgame:

- 1st - \$700, Duckwater Team
- 2nd - \$500, Zippi
- 3rd - \$300, Thomas Tom

Adult Horseshoe:

- 1st - \$400, Vernon & Sean
- 2nd - \$200, Joseph & Martin
- 3rd - \$100, Bryson & Laren

Youth Horseshoe:

- 1st - \$100, Kaleb & Logan
- 2nd - \$75, Evan & Nathan
- 3rd - \$50, William & Alissa

Virginia Jackson Memorial Handgame Tournament:

- 1st - Aiden Sam, Theo Steele, Mal Steele
- 2nd - Evan Jim, Nathan Koerber, Tristin Carpenter
- 3rd - Chester Knight, Sophie Knight, Jennifer Stevens
- 4th - Alfie Dushane, Janis McQueen, Leonard Johnny



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Sat. Oct. 10, 10am-1pm

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Community Outreach

New Welcome Center Senior Bldg

September 23, 2015 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Presentation by
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Motivational Speaker and Comedian

Refreshments will be provided

2 pm Arrives at Senior Center
4 pm Talking Circle with Youth
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with the project.

"Me and Joe have been going around to see if we can get our casino going," explained Holley. "It finally came. I'm very happy."

Local guests included Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce members: Angie Gonzales, Alternate Chamber Board Member; Shar Peterson, Chamber President, Newmont External Relations and Economic Development Board Member; Doug Mills, Chamber Treasurer and Lander County Commissioner; Phil Hanna, Chamber Board Member and Battle Mountain General Hospital Administrator; Bianca Lomelli, Chamber Member; Sady Tingey, Chamber Executive Director; Sonia School, Chamber Member.

Other guests included Duane Peck, General Manager, Marigold Mining Company; Tim Buchanan, Newmont Mining Company Community Relations; Dennis Floge, Platform 10 Development LLC.



Chairman Holley presents the visiting Battle Mountain Chamber of Commerce members.

Te-Moak Tribal Chairman, Davis Gonzales made a short congratulatory speech, "I want to congratulate Battle Mountain, Joe and his council, for the work that they have done, they went through a lot of hurdles, and we got it done."

Elko Band Council Chairman, Gerald Temoke, also spoke, "I want to thank Battle Mountain for pushing this along also, otherwise, we would still be dragging, and if they weren't pushing us so hard, we wouldn't be where we are right now, so thanks a lot guys!"

Lydell Oppenheim, Battle Mountain Band Council member, stated, "Our fathers were pushing this through long ago, and they tried to get this done for the people and fell short back then."

"So here we are with their children, that's doing all this work and going through all this travel, and whatever it took to get this going today," continued Oppenheim. "I'd like to thank all of the community for believing in us and being part of that, not only our community, but the town community as well, and they are as welcome as we are too."

"As you can see, it's been a lot of work, not only for Battle Mountain, it took Wells, South Fork, Elko, it took all of us to come together and work together," stated Chairman Holley. "The first day of the casino is today, we're going to lay down a lot of prayers, that's why we have our youth dancers to spread prayer here."

"We're still going forward, and I appreciate everybody's help, with the county, and everybody involved," continued Chairman Holley. "We didn't do it alone, so a special blessing of thanks to all of the community members for pushing it forward."

Platform 10 Developer, Dennis Floge, explained to the crowd his involvement in the planning process, "We had met with the County Commission and City Planners, and they had said that if we were able to increase the hotel rooms, that it would help with making the city

of Battle Mountain attractive to conventions, so I went back to my partners and said we need to add thirty rooms."

The original plan called for 80 rooms, now the casino will house 110 rooms. Floge also stated that the Bingo Hall will also be used as a multi-purpose room.

He also believes that the target customers are Interstate 80 travelers. The plaza will also include 300 slot machines, 10 table games, an 80 seat bar, a convenience store, diesel fuel islands for trucks, conference rooms and showers for truckers.



Signs announcing the construction of the White Knife Travel Plaza.

Henderson Construction is the current contractor, but Floge said Platform 10 will begin looking for other contractors. "We're trying to put out bids to do this as cost effectively as possible - the less money paid to contractors, the less they have to pay back to the debtors."

After the congratulation speeches concluded, Reggie Sope performed a prayer for the ground, which as Chairman Holley explained was very important, "We'll pray for the site and pray for the land which we're going to ultimately disturb."

The prayer was spoken and the honor song was performed, then the dancers were lined up to help bring in the colors.



Dancers follow the flag bearers to the ground-breaking site.

The colors were posted and Chairman Holley explained the meaning of the honor song, "This song is not just for the Veterans, but it is for the elders also."



Veterans carry in the flags, as the crowd stands for the honor song.

Chairman Holley then invited everyone in attendance to an open round dance. Tribal and community members and officials joined in. Laughter and congratulations continued.

Once the dancing was done, Chairman Holley prepared the crowd to witness the first breaking of ground for the travel plaza. He requested assistance from an elder, and community member, Marlene Leach volunteered. Laughter ensued as Leach joked about how hard the ground felt, as she looked for a soft spot. She made the first official dent in the ground and the crowd hooped and hollered.

As Leach handed the shovel to Councilman Delbert Holley, she joked, "there,

I loosened the ground for you!"

Councilman Delbert Holley was the next in line to move some dirt, followed by other Battle Mountain Councilmen then other visiting councilmen, then last, but not least, Chairman Holley.



The official broken ground to start the project.

Chairman Holley then presented framed pictures to the representatives of Newmont, Marigold, Barrick Gold, and Platform 10.

"These are just a gift of our appreciation, to say thank you for standing beside us, helping us out, pushing us down the road, always being there and helping us all this time," explained Chairman Holley of the gifts.



Chairman Holley presents gifts to supporters.

After the short presentation, more inter-tribal songs were performed, cake was passed out, and more laughter and congratulatory statements were given.

After all the cake was gone, and the tents were tore down, the Battle Mountain Band Council began to prepare for their next event, the Battle Mountain Fandango. Contest results on page 8.

The White Knife Travel Plaza is scheduled to be completed by December 2016.



Community members round dancing at the construction site.

As of September 13, the site has been cleared and leveled in preparation of the beginning of construction.

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2nd Annual GBC/Barrick
Native American
Program and Barrick
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Sign up with your school counselors by
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Te-Moak Tribe Comprehensive Plan 2015
“Planning for Our Future”

Draft Tribal Goals with Most Votes So Far

How These DRAFT Goals Came to Be: More than 194 community members have responded to the Te-Moak Planning Team’s survey efforts with very thoughtful comments and votes about their vision for the future of the Tribe. We have summarized those comments that relate to projects that could benefit all members of the Tribe into Draft Goals for Battle Mountain, South Fork, Wells and Elko residents to vote on at several gatherings. Here are some of the goals that have received some of the highest number of votes.

Goal: Community Wellness
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal B: Provide better health care for our people.
Goal E: Improve the quality of communication between our people.
Goal D: Evaluate our community law enforcement and judicial services with the goal of improvement.

Goal: Culture
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal C: Learn the value of respect for one another.
Goal A: Provide more education on the Shoshone cultural practices and language.

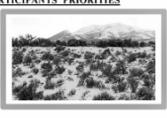


Goal: Economic Development
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal B: Create more jobs and job training for our people.
Goal A: Practice carefully planned sustainable community development that benefits all Tribal members.
Goal D: Support more businesses owned by Tribal members.

Goal: Environmental Quality
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal C: Clean water
Goal E: Promote green infrastructure and alternative energy sources that will allow our communities to achieve self-sufficiency.



Goal: Education
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal C: Encourage our youth to seek higher education.
Goal A: Ensure that our children receive K thru 12 education that renders them well-rounded and competitive in society.



Goal: Housing
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal B: Build additional housing for our growing population.
Goal D: Construct apartments for single tribal members and elders.
Goal E: Renovate or rehabilitate existing homes to restore quality living conditions.

Goal: Transportation
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal B: Repair or replace damaged roads.
Goal E: Improve maintenance of the existing road system.



Goal: Natural Resources
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal E: Develop our ability to feed ourselves by growing and harvesting our own food from the land and regaining our hunting and fishing rights.
Goal A: Resolve the issue of Tribal access to clean, affordable water that will be available to our future generations.

Goal: Governance
HIGHEST VOTE GETTERS SO FAR IN ORDER OF PARTICIPANTS’ PRIORITIES

Goal A: Conduct an open, broad-based discussion of benefits and liabilities of enlarging Tribe by including 1/8 blood quantum.
Goal F: Involve our youth in band and tribal governance mentoring.

Come on over to cast your own votes on which goals are most important at the “Planning for Our Future” gathering at the Elko Colony Gym on Sunday Sept. 27th at 1:00 pm!

More than 194 Te-Moak Tribal Members, friends and family who live in Battle Mountain, South Fork, Wells and Elko have already voted on which community development goals they believe should be the priorities as we write the Tribal Comprehensive Plan this year. They expressed their priority preferences at gatherings co-hosted with each of our outlying communities earlier this year. But the Tribe wants to hear from even more of you.

A Community Driven Planning Process: To begin our planning process we asked Te-Moak country residents who attended the Battle Mountain New Year’s Eve Comp Plan Pow Wow three open-ended questions about what they would like to see as part of their vision for the future of our communities. We went on to ask these questions in additional community forums

and on-line on our tribal website and our project Facebook page “Te-Moak: Planning for Our Future.”

The Draft Goals Came from The Communities’ Voices: From all of the answers we collected, we asked our community planning consultant to develop Draft Long Term Community Development Goals that residents could review and vote on to determine which goals they wanted the Tribe most to pursue. Then at the Wells Comp Plan Gathering on April 16th and the South Fork Comp Plan Gathering on June 29th, we asked participants to vote on which of the Draft Goals were most important to each of them. And, again, we offered online opportunities and comment boxes for people to vote as well. We have highlighted some of the DRAFT goals that received the most votes by the 194

participants so far in this issue of the Te-Moak News.

When and Where: Now the Tribe wants to offer even more of our Band members, families and friends one more opportunity to vote on what they want us to focus on as long term Tribal priorities. We planned this gathering to be in Elko on a weekend after all of our kids have started back to school to make it as easy as possible for our busy Tribal members to find the time to attend. So please join us on Sunday September 27th beginning at 1:00 pm at the Elko Colony Gym for what promises to be another great time filled with fun, games for children and adults (think Bingo for example), food catered by the Red Lion and prizes (like a \$500 VISA Gift Card, a Pendleton Blanket, traditional jewelry, and much more). All as part of our effort to work hard to better understand what our communities’ long term planning goals are.

What’s Next: Once we have heard the planning goal priorities from all participants at all of our gatherings, community forums, online opportunities and comment boxes, we will ask our community planner to draft the formal Te-Moak Tribal Comprehensive Plan document that directly reflects our local values. It will be finished by December 31, 2015. The language in the plan will be useful to each of our Bands and the Tribe as we work together to 1) write grants to fund projects that will help us accomplish our shared goals; 2) produce resolutions that are supported by all four Bands and the Tribe as adopted in the Comprehensive Plan goals; and 3) lobby the State legislature, the U.S. Congress, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Native Law Enforcement Association, and others on important policy and funding issues.

BINGO ♦ GAMES ♦ PRIZES

Te-Moak Tribe and Elko Band Invite
All Members, Family and Friends from All Four Communities to Final
“Planning for Our Future”
Sunday Sept 27th at 1:00 pm
At Elko Colony Gym
FREE DINNER CATERED
BY RED LION
Choose from Tri-Tip, Pork or Chicken



♦ Battle Mountain ♦ Elko ♦ South Fork ♦ Wells ♦

All who attend and comment on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Goals will be entered in a drawing to win the

\$500 VISA Gift Card

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

Grand Prize

Vote and Win

Contest Rules: Place an "X" next to 10 of the Draft Comprehensive Plan Goals in these tables that are the most important to you. Be sure to use only 10 total "X"s and to sign your name. Only one entry is allowed per person. Then drop this page off to any of the comment drop box locations by 4:30 pm on the September 25 deadline. A random winner will be drawn from the entries on September 28 to win a \$250 Visa Gift Card

So far, more than 164 community members have responded to the Te-Moak Planning Team's survey efforts with very thoughtful comments about their vision for the future of the Tribe. Our Community Planning Consultant has summarized those comments that relate to projects that could benefit all members of the Tribe in this Draft Goals document for your review and comment.

Community Wellness

Goal A: Create more opportunities for preventative health education and fitness.	
Goal B: Provide better health care for our people.	
Goal C: Prevention and In-community treatment of drug and alcohol abuse.	
Goal D: Evaluate our community law enforcement and judicial services with the goal of improvement.	
Goal E: Improve the quality of communication between our people.	
Goal F: Improve the public safety amenities in our communities.	
Goal G: Build public facilities that promote healthy activities for our youth and elders.	

Governance

Goal A: Conduct an open, broad-based discussion of benefits and liabilities of enlarging Tribe by including 1/8 blood quantum.	
Goal B: Consideration of possible broader revisions to the Tribal Constitution.	
Goal C: Conduct diplomatic participation in city, county, state and national government and Native politics to secure benefits for the Tribe.	
Goal D: Practice open communication between our members, the Bands, Tribal entities and the Tribe.	
Goal E: Study and report on the feasibility of enforcing the Treaty of 1863.	
Goal F: Involve our youth in band and tribal governance mentoring.	
Goal G: Provide public education on public funding distribution requirements based on population numbers.	
Goal H: Encourage participation in community events by Tribal and Band leaders.	

Natural Resources

Goal A: Resolve the issue of Tribal access to clean, affordable water that will be available to our future generations.	
Goal B: Develop and utilize our existing natural resources for the benefit of the Tribe.	
Goal C: Research opportunities for Tribal participation in profits from current and future commercial development of natural resources on our lands.	
Goal D: Sustain and expand our grazing and agricultural lands.	
Goal E: Develop our ability to feed ourselves by growing and harvesting our own food from the land and regaining our hunting and fishing rights.	

Environmental Quality

Goal A: Protect the natural beauty that is valued highly by our people.	
Goal B: Clean air.	
Goal C: Clean water.	
Goal D: Research, then work with developers to mitigate, potential impacts of industrial activity near our communities.	
Goal E: Promote green infrastructure/ alternative energy sources that will allow our communities to achieve self-sufficiency.	
Goal F: Plant more trees in and near communities.	
Goal G: Promote visual quality of life by keeping our communities clean.	

Transportation

Goal A: Provide public transportation between communities.	
Goal B: Repair or replace damaged roads.	
Goal C: Work toward safe, well-lit, walkable communities with pathways.	
Goal D: Develop new connector roads between colonies	
Goal E: Improve maintenance of the existing road system.	



SURVEY continued from pg 7

Housing

Goal A: Maintain the property tax free status of our homes.	
Goal B: Build additional housing for our growing population.	
Goal C: Plan for housing options for the younger people in our communities.	
Goal D: Construct apartments for single tribal members and elders.	
Goal E: Renovate or rehabilitate existing homes to restore quality living conditions.	

Economic Development

Goal A: Practice carefully planned sustainable community development that benefits all Tribal members.	
Goal B: Create more jobs and job training for our people.	
Goal C: Increase Tribal-owned land base for growth, ranching and agriculture.	
Goal D: Support more businesses owned by Tribal members.	
Goal E: Implement the Gaming Compact Initiative adopted by the ordinance with the State of Nevada.	
Goal F: Research and implement viable options for technological advancement that will improve our quality of life - like high speed internet and telemedicine.	

Culture

Goal A: Provide more education on the Shoshone cultural practices and language.	
Goal B: Practice equality among communities within our Tribe.	
Goal C: Learn the value of respect for one another.	
Goal D: Identify and preserve traditional and cultural properties we value.	
Goal E: Hold more tribal gatherings in the communities.	
Goal F: Provide more after school activities that celebrate our culture.	
Goal G: Improve communication between our people.	

Education

Goal A: Ensure that our children receive K thru 12 education that renders them well-rounded and competitive in society.	
Goal B: Integrate Elder wisdom into our educational system.	
Goal C: Encourage our youth to seek higher education.	
Goal D: Value tribal members who have earned college degrees by integrating them into our workforce.	

Completely fill out all information accurately. Only one entry per person will be accepted.

FIRST AND LAST NAME: _____

AGE (Circle One): 17 & Under 18-29 30-45 46-64 65 & Older

STREET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

What would you like to see in your community in 10 years? _____

Thank you for your participation!

Please drop survey into any drop box location, for your chance to win a
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 Deadline to Submit survey is
September 25, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

Drop Boxes are located at the following locations:

- Te-Moak Tribal Administration Building
 - Te-Moak Housing Authority
- Battle Mountain Band Administration Building
 - Wells Band Administration Building
 - Elko Indian Health Service
 - Elko Smoke Shop
- Elko Band Council Administration Building

VIETNAM VETERANS WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

ALL NORTHEASTERN NEVADA VETERANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US IN ELKO FOR THE CELEBRATION!

WHEN
September 26, 2015
All Day

WHERE & WHAT
 Parade 11 am – **Downtown Elko, Nv**
 Reception 1 – 3pm – **Northeastern Nevada Museum**
 Happy Hour, Dinner 5-8pm
 Memorial – 8:30pm
Stockmen's Hotel & Casino – 340 Commercial St. Elko, NV

The Event theme is
The Greatest of Their Generation!

THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES, DECORATING CONTESTS, AND LOTS OF CELEBRATING!

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Trails to Remember: Native Artists Connecting the Past to the Present.



Featuring a collection of contemporary paintings by Micqaela Jones, ledger drawings by Myles Crouch, and beadwork by Shawn Collins.

October 5 - November 13, 2015

Opening Reception
October 8, 2015

Chilton Circle, Leonard Center for Student Life
3-5 p.m. with artist presentations.

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Prizes: \$450.00
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Saturday - Oct. 10, 2015

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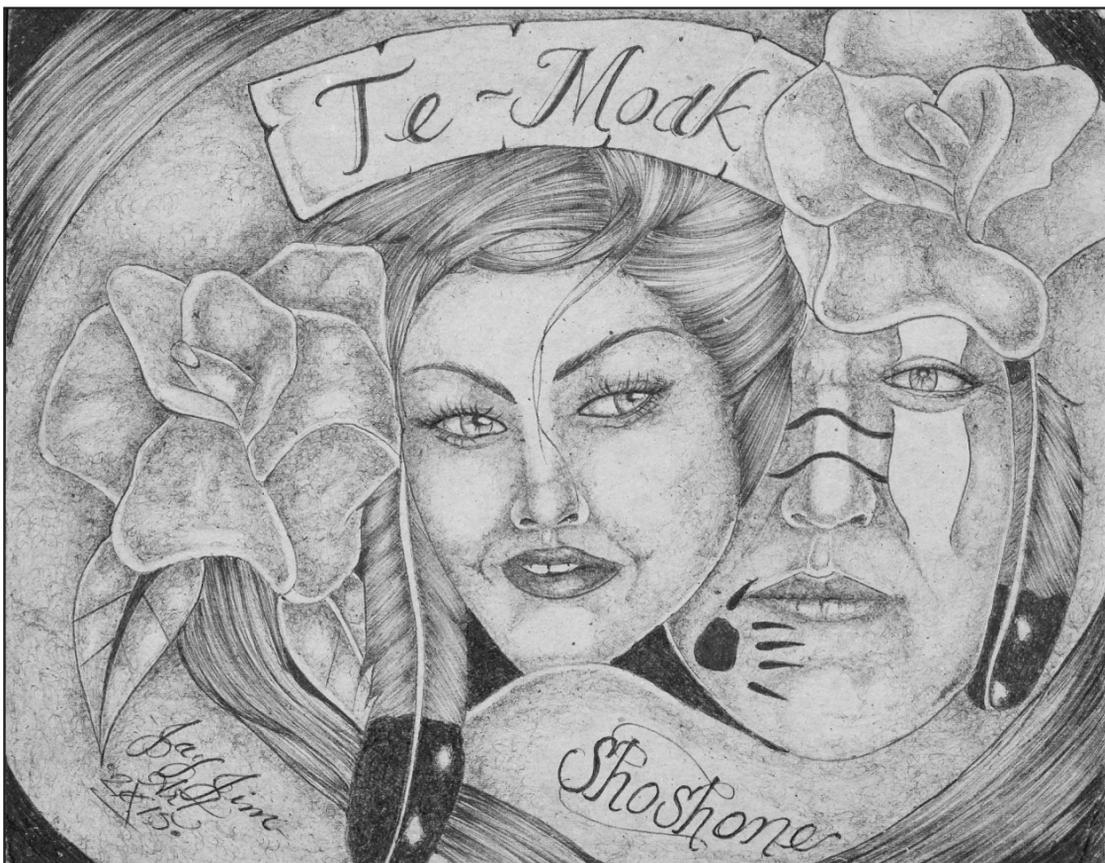
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Elko Band Tribal Council 2015 Election Timeline

- October 14, 2015 – Post certified election results
- October 13, 2015 – Election Day
- October 6, 2015 – Voter List complete and submitted to Elko Band Council
- October 4, 2015 – Election Committee to mail out absentee ballots
- October 3, 2015 – Posting of Election Ordinance
- October 3, 2015 – Posting of confirmed candidates for Elko Band Council
- September 23, 2015 - Last day to request for Absentee voter ballot
- September 23, 2015 – Last day to submit notice for candidacy

SEPTEMBER ARTIST SPOTLIGHT - Jay Jim



September 17, 2015 - The Artist Spotlight section will be a new monthly section dedicated to displaying and promoting Te-Moak tribal artists.

To have your art publicly displayed in the Te-Moak News, contact the editor, Victoria Jackson, via e-mail, with your contact information, print sales information and a description of the work, to tmknews@yahoo.com.

A new artist will be chosen each month.

Talented Native American Artist Jay Jim submitted this drawing for the viewing pleasure of the Te-Moak News readers.

To purchase prints, or to order from Jim, contact Melva at 775-778-6490.

REUNION continued

An art area was set up at the foot of the stairs for people to take a moment and show off their creative sides. Grandchildren ran to show their family their work, nods of approval were given and "Tsaa" was a frequent response.



Participants create art, after checking in for the reunion.

Many of the participants had attended every Shoshonean Reunion held, others may have missed a few, but made a point to come to Elko.

Some guests stated that every year they've attended a reunion, they meet family they never knew about.

Alfreda Nagitsy, a Shoshone-Bannock from Fort Hall, Idaho, said she's been to every reunion except for the first three. The main reason she attends, she said is so she can take her mother, Leola Nagitsy, to meet new people and view the different exhibits.

"Sometimes you run into your relatives, that you didn't even know you have," exclaimed Alfreda. "So it's been nice, I love coming here."

She also said that she was looking forward to the Agai Dika Treaty, performed by the Fort Hall Culture Program, and the Ruby Valley tour.

Leola Nagitsy, who moved from Fort Washakie back to Fort Hall, after her husband passed away, said she's looking forward to meeting new people, and that she had already visited with old friends she met from previous reunions.

"In 2003, we had the Shoshone Reunion at Fort Washakie, Wyoming, when I was the President," recalled Leola. "Now people are coming in and it's getting bigger and bigger."



Leola Nagitsy, Fort Hall, Idaho

A variety of classes/workshops/storytelling were offered throughout the weekend. Dorece McKinney of Owyhee, Nevada said, she loves to see friends that she's met throughout the years of the reunion. Although she

said she cannot speak Shoshone fluently, she can understand a large amount of it. She also said she would be looking forward to attending the buckskin glove making class, and planned to attend the fashion show.

Bernadette Oberly, Eastern Shoshone from Fort Washakie, Wyoming said she's attended her fair share of reunions. This year, she was looking forward to watching the many demonstrations offered, including basket weaving.

"I do not speak Shoshone, and the reason I don't is because of my dad, who is a fluent speaker, but he went to boarding school, and they discouraged him to teach us the language," explained Oberly. "The other reason is my mother is from a different tribe than my dad, she was an Arapaho and he was a Shoshone, and they couldn't understand each other, so they didn't teach us their language."

Oberly also said that she married a Comanche by the name of John Oberly, who's mother was Comanche, and father an Osage. They had four children before he passed from the complications of Agent Orange. She said they didn't know their tribes were related when they got married.

In regards to understanding the language, "I think the Shoshone's speak slower, and the Comanche's speak faster," observed Oberly. "My mother-in-law, who was Comanche, would speak to my dad, because he was Shoshone, and they could understand each other."



Bernadette Oberly, Eastern Shoshone

Another hot topic of this year's Shoshone-Numic Language Reunion was about the trials and hardships facing teachers of the Shoshone language.

Some spoke about the difficulties within the classroom, others consulted with each other on how to reinforce the language at home.

John Washakie, Eastern Shoshone, and a former reunion executive committee member, said he wanted to attend this year's event, so he could finally enjoy it, instead of working through it.

Washakie, a past tribal chairman, who works as the Librarian Cultural Specialist within Fremont County School District #21, says he speaks, what he considers, broken Shoshone.

"I came from the time period when we were raised in the boarding schools, and they didn't allow you to speak," stated Washakie. "Your family didn't want you to speak it, because you got punished, it's just one of those things."

He also explained that Fort Washakie School has approximately a 90% Eastern Shoshone population, where their language curriculum is a part of their daily required school curriculum.

Although Fork Washakie School is a public school, they are allowed to bring in spiritual people to cedar the building. Washakie describes the school's history, as beginning as a BIA boarding school. He said the school was started, "back in the day, when they were trying to take the Indian out of the student." It later turned into a government day school, then in 1956, the tribe met with the state to turn it into a public school. Since the land was in trust, the tribe needed to take the land out of trust to receive state funding.

"We receive state funding, but what the hell, we're all Indians, so we run it ourselves," exclaimed Washakie.

In regards to how the language classes are affecting students' home lives, Washakie believes, "I think they're more aware of who they are, which I feel is really important, for a person, especially an Indian student. If they know who they are, they have less problems with outside influences."



John Washakie and Clint Wagon Eastern Shoshone

Clint Wagon, Eastern Shoshone, Co-Chairman of the Eastern Shoshone Tribal Business Council, and school board member understands the challenges Shoshone speakers have while trying to keep the language alive.

When asked if he speaks Shoshone, Wagon replied, "Ya know, that's something I understand, more than I speak, and I think one of the challenges, at least with us, was that our grandparents, aunts and uncles wanted us to get a degree, and so they kind of helped mold us. Unfortunately, that's the part I missed."

Wagon explained that his

mother is a fluent speaker, and like him, his father can understand more than he can speak. "I think it was that era of boarding schools and that was part of the challenge for me but, I understand a whole lot more than people think I do."

He continued to explain about what steps he, and other school board members, are taking to learn from their sister tribes. They intended to ask about the methods others use to teach Shoshone.

The tribe has had Shoshone language programs in the past, but they have not produced fluent speakers. "I think the downfall we've had is, we've only focused on animals, numbers and colors, there's never been basic conversation, commands, nothing," Wagon recalled.

He continued to explain that the board is considering developing an immersion program. "An idea I brought forward to your board is looking at a six or seven year program, beginning in the first three years, that's the ages we want, because they're going to catch on so much quicker than anybody else."

He said once the children get older, appropriately developed programs can be designed for them.



Shoshonean Reunion Opening

Dialogue continued throughout the reunion about the various issues that are blocking the advancement of teaching the Shoshone language.

During Thursday's session, "Elko Shoshone Class," teachers from various tribes shared the trials they are facing in teaching fluency.

Barrick Manager for Native American Affairs, Brian Mason, suggested to the attendees, that the differences in the writing styles of the language are creating distance between the tribes and their common goals.



Elko Band Language Assistant, Rachael Thacker, leads dialogue

After the session was over, small groups of individuals gathered together to share experiences and suggest methods that may have helped their programs grow.

Hopes from most attendees, are that one day, all Shoshone people will be fluent in the language.

RELAY continued

line and began speeding down the track, some kicking and others whipping their horses to their maximum speed. Other riders were left behind as their horses spooked at the sound of the start.



L-R: Bad Rock Warriors, Two Tone, Ba-Kia-Dah and Boogie Boys at the start of the race.

The racers hustled around the track, finally beginning their decent in preparation of the first exchange. Some teams jumped flawlessly from the backs of their horses then onto the back of another horse being held by a man on the ground.



After the riders mounted their second animal, the race continued. Teams that were in the lead before the exchange fell behind. Others with a quicker technique pulled ahead. It has been said that the race can be won or lost during the exchange.



Racers continued to glide around the track, slowing just before the grandstands, with teams preparing for the second and final exchange, for riders to mount their third and final horse. The volume of the crowd increased, as they cheered on their favorite team, screaming at the clean exchange, groaning if the execution was less than perfect.



As some teams had uneventful switches, and continued down the track for the final leg of the race, others had a little more trouble at the exchange. Team Ba-Kai-Dah Rider Trevor Bensley could not complete the switch and fell off his horse before the first turn, after the second exchange. Bensley landed underneath the horse, and was stepped on, causing Bensley's ribs to broken. EMT's rushed to the fallen rider and safely removed him from the track, and the first team began rounding the final turn for home.



Team Hisbadhorse, left, and Two Tone, right, begin the final lap of Sunday's race.

With the packed crowd in the grandstands on their feet, and cowboys watching from the infield, team Hisbadhorse reached the finish line first.

Once the remaining qualified teams finished the race, judges deliberated and officially named the winners of the race. First place, Hisbadhorse, second place, Two Tone, third place, Boogie Boys and fourth place, Buckskin. Payouts were announced and teams began preparing for another day of racing.



Sunday, August 30 - The Ladies Race kicked off day two of the Indian Relay races. Four women entered the race, where the objective was to be the first woman to cross the line for a chance at the cash and prizes.

Another shotgun start began the races and the four women on the barebacked horses screamed past the grandstands, took one lap and returned to the finish line.

Della Jackson of Fort Hall, Idaho won the race. Tahliya Appenay of Fort Hall won second place. Owyhee's Cree Raining Bird took third place followed by Rylee Appenay in fourth place.



Indian Relay Heat Two Results: 1st place - Hisbadhorse, 2nd place - Two Tone, 3rd place - Boogie Boys and 4th place - Ba-Kia-Dah.

MEET THE TEAMS

Boogie Boys Fort Hall, Gibson, Idaho



Back L-R: Holder Raiburn Buckskin, Holder Tyrell Buckskin, Mugger/Catcher Earl Buckskin
Front: Rider Josh Thompson
Not pictured: Alternate Brisco Teton

Team Ba-Kia-Dah Fort Hall, Idaho



L-R: Holder Dennis Dann, Alternate Rider Garrett Galloway, Rider Trevor Bensley and Holder Gatlin Galloway.
Galloway rode Sunday after a Saturday accident broke the ribs of original rider Bensley.

Coby Team Fort Hall, Idaho



L-R: Ladies Racer Della Jackson, Holder Trevor Tissidimit, Rider Dallan Yokoyama, Holder Kyler Farmer, Catcher RJ Tissidimit.

Buckskin Team Fort Hall, Idaho



L-R: Holder Chris Anderson, Catcher Keavin Anderson, Mugger/Owner Noah Fred and Rider Lare Denny.

Two Tone Fort Hall, Idaho



L-R: Holder Neil Tillman, Holder Tony Tone, Holder Jesse Tone, Rider Jon Marc Skunkcap.

Bad Rock Warriors Fort Hall, Idaho



L-R: Ladies Racer Tahliyah Appenay, Holder Ernie Appenay, Rider Bryson Appenay, Ladies Racer Rylee Appenay, Holder Wayne Cortez.
Not pictured: Mugger Rayfield Appenay.
Owners: Thea and Ernie Appenay.

Indian Crafts Department See Record Number of Entries

Photos and article by Victoria Jackson



Elko, September 5 - 18 exhibitors entered their handmade work into Elko County Fair's Indian Craft portion of the Home Arts Premium competition.

Leah Brady, Indian Crafts Superintendent said she was surprised at the turn out. "This is

probably the largest amount of exhibitors I've ever seen."

Another increase this year was the amount of cradle board entries. Five different makers submitted their work, including Yvonne Webb, Webb Brady, Leah Brady, Karla Dick and

Elizabeth Dann.

Entries were accepted Wednesday 5 pm to 8 pm and Thursday all day. Winners were chosen Thursday night. Categories included Willow Work, Buckskin Work, Rawhide, Horsehair and Rabbit fur, Beadwork, General Crafts and Silversmith and Beadworking. Within each category, were separate subcategories. Ribbons were also given for the many subcategories, along with \$5 for blue ribbons and \$3 for each red ribbon. The Best of Show winner earned \$25, and winners of the Special Awards collected \$10.

To be eligible for entry into the Indian Crafts Department, individuals must be a Native American that resides in Neva-

da, local tribal affiliation is not a requirement. The entry must have been made within a year and a half of the entry date.

Judging was based on a point system in the areas of quality of work, design, beauty and originality, harmony of colors and materials, suitability, articles to purpose and cleanliness. During the selection process, each judge made the point selections alone. The point system helps judges to be objective, by not simply selecting the article that they like best.

"This is the first year we've had multiple entries, where some people didn't get ribbons because of the amount of entries," said Brady. "It was a nice competition this year."

And the Winners of the Elko County Fair are...

Overall "Best of Show"
Rocky Roa
Rawhide Reins

Best of Indian Crafts and Rugs
Leah Brady

Junior Special Award for Willow Work
Makel Whitney

Most Outstanding Silversmith/Metal Beadworking
Carla Platerio



Best of Willow Work
Leah Brady



Best of Beadwork
Nick Knight



Best of Cradleboards
Leah Brady



Best of Rawhide, Horsehair & Rabbit Fur - *Rocky Roa*



Best of Willow Work
Leah Brady



Best of Cradleboards
Leah Brady



Best of Cradleboards
Leah Brady



Best of Willow Work
Leah Brady

2015 Battle Mountain Fandango Results

Results and Photos Courtesy of Battle Mountain Band Fandango Committee Member, Gelford Jim



Hand game participants competing for prizes and bragging rights. Photo and results courtesy of Fandango committee member, Gelford Jim.

Battle Mountain, August 24- The four days of Fandango fun, brought approximately 290 people to the Battle Mountain Indian Colony.

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Once the competitions were complete winners of each event were crowned.

Chili Bean Contest:

1st - \$100, Sean Allan
2nd - \$75, Rose Nehring
3rd - \$50, Frankie Sims

Bread Contest:

1st - \$100, Marlene Knight
2nd - \$75, Jenny Koerber
3rd - \$50, Theresa Moufe

Salsa Contest:

1st - \$100, Vinton Hawley
2nd - \$75, Glenna Kamasee
3rd - \$50, Georgie Oppenheim

Pie Contest:

1st - \$100, Ashley Flores
2nd - \$75, Evangeline Holley
3rd - \$50, Kristie Dixey

Adult Card Game:

1st - \$300, Lacey Tom
2nd - \$200, Barbara Dushane
3rd - \$100, Sophie Knight



Youth Card Game:

1st - \$150, Kaleb Atkins
2nd - \$100, Nathan Koerber
3rd - \$50, Tristin Carpenter



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