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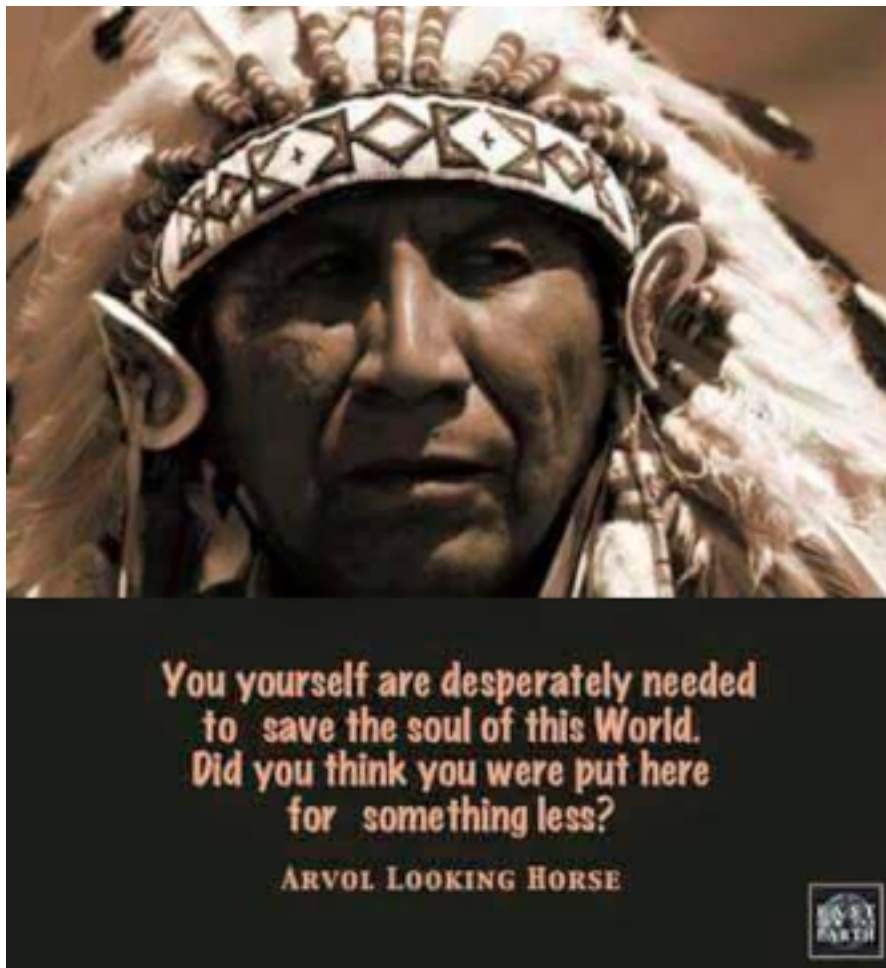
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NATIVE HEALTH will be kicking off **National Health Center Week** in August. In honor of National Health Center Week NATIVE HEALTH will be kicking off its "Why I Like my NATIVE HEALTH/NHW Community Health Center Provider" contest. One winner from each site will receive a new bike and helmet. See the article block below for more information.

Summer is going by quickly and NATIVE HEALTH has some exciting events planned for the fall. We have our Annual Laughter is the Best Medicine Fundraising event on

Saturday, September 17, our Native American Children's Pageant on Saturday, October 1, and the Open House after the NARD Parade on Saturday, October 8. Save the date for these fun events!

There are always many events sponsored by NATIVE HEALTH and the local American Indian community. Please take a minute and read the newsletter to see what might benefit or interest you or your family.

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## **First Scenic50 videos available**

Scenic America is proud to make several videos from its October 2015 conference available to the public for viewing.

The clips feature speakers presenting the topics of Scenic America's white paper [\*Taking the Long View: A Proposal for Realizing America the Beautiful\*](#), which was debuted in draft form at the conference.

The first clips available are on the topics of [Promoting Beautiful Highways](#), [Preserving Community Character](#) and [Honoring Parks and Open Spaces](#).

Additional videos will be highlighted in next month's Scenic Overlook newsletter.

All conference videos will be made available on Scenic America's website and a link to that page will be provided in July's newsletter.

The speakers were filmed during a Scenic Symposium at the National Press Club. The symposium was part of a [3-day conference](#) honoring the 50th anniversaries of the Highway Beautification Act and the White House Conference on Natural Beauty.

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THE WHITE HOUSE                      Office of the Press Secretary                      July 6, 2016

### **FACT SHEET: Administration Announces New Actions to Advance the President's Precision Medicine Initiative**

*"And my hope is that this becomes the foundation, the architecture whereby 10 years from now we can look back and say that we have revolutionized medicine in areas like cancer, or Alzheimer's, or some of the diseases that cause so much pain and suffering for so many families all across the country."*

*President Barack Obama, January 2015*

In January 2015, President Obama announced the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI), a bold new research effort to revolutionize how we improve health and treat disease. The Precision Medicine Initiative will pioneer a new model of patient-powered research that promises to accelerate biomedical discoveries and provide clinicians with new tools, knowledge, and therapies to select which treatments will work best for which patients.

Precision medicine is the ability to tailor both prevention strategies and treatment decisions to an individual's unique characteristics. Examples of this include, cancer specialists identifying the most effective drug or treatment based on the specific genetic change in a patient's cancer. Care teams remotely monitoring blood glucose levels and analyzing trends to help patients manage or

even prevent diabetes. And when prescription drugs are needed to treat an illness, individualized information being used to make sure the right drug is given at the right dose.

Today, the Administration is announcing new investments, partnerships, and policies that aim to bring us significantly closer to our goal—using technology and the power of people. These steps include:

- \$55 million in new awards from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to health care provider organizations, technology developers, and community health centers to launch the major steps to recruit a million or more voluntary research participants as partners into the PMI Cohort Program.
- A Food and Drug Administration proposal to streamline its oversight of genomic tests to respond to emerging technology while continuing to ensure safety and effectiveness; and
- The development of tools and technology to make data accessible and usable for researchers and participants.

These new milestones follow [actions taken earlier](#) this year by the Federal Government, the private sector, and non-profit organizations to advance precision medicine. These steps included actions by the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, and more than 40 private sector organizations. Research participants will be essential partners in PMI, donating their time, energy, and health information. Recognizing the important role that individuals play in PMI, the Administration is making it a priority to protect the privacy and security of the information that will be donated by PMI research participants. Toward this effort, the White House released [privacy and data security principles](#) to guide activities under PMI.

### **Steps to Recruit More than a Million Research Volunteers in PMI**

The PMI Cohort Program is a landmark longitudinal research effort that will engage at least a million people in the United States to improve our ability to prevent and treat disease based on individual differences in genetics, environment, and lifestyle. Participants will be able to join the cohort either through partner healthcare organizations that have existing relationships in their communities or by enrolling directly through a computer, smartphone, or call center.

Today, the [NIH is announcing](#) an investment of \$55 million to build the foundational partnerships and infrastructure of the PMI Cohort Program, to launch the largest ever study of its kind. This investment will support several Healthcare Provider Organizations (HPOs), a Data and Research Support Center, and a Participant Technologies Center.

The HPOs will include regional and national medical centers, community health centers, and VA health centers to ensure that participants in the research reflect the geographic, ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic diversity of the country. These organizations will help build the research protocols and plans, inform their patients about the study, enroll interested individuals, and collect essential health data and biological specimens.

- Regional medical centers: NIH has selected four regional medical healthcare as the initial partners, bringing research expertise and the ability to reach large numbers of potential volunteers, contributing to the overall diversity of the participants and regions reached by this phase of the program. These centers are:
  - Columbia University Health Sciences, New York City, partnering with Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Harlem Hospital
  - Northwestern University, Chicago, partnering with University of Chicago, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services, LLC, and University of Illinois at Chicago.
  - University of Arizona, Tucson, partnering with Banner Health
  - University of Pittsburgh
- Community Health Centers : NIH is initially partnering with six Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), critical healthcare providers for the country's most vulnerable patients, in order to ensure that underserved communities are represented in biomedical research. The initial sites are:
  - Cherokee Health Systems, Knoxville, Tennessee
  - Community Health Center, Inc., Middletown, Connecticut
  - Eau Claire Cooperative Health Center, Columbia, South Carolina
  - HRHCare, Peekskill, New York
  - Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, Jackson, Mississippi
  - San Ysidro Health Center, San Ysidro, California
- Partnership with the VA : Five years ago, the Department of Veterans Affairs launched the [Million Veteran Program](#) to allow researchers to study health issues critical to veterans. To date, more than 490,000 individuals across the country have stepped forward to serve their country once again by donating their data to science. Building off this success, today the VA is also partnering with the NIH to help enroll participants directly into the PMI Cohort Program and to share strategies, protocols, and best practices.

## **Steps to Support Data, Tools, and Technology for Researchers and Participants in the PMI Cohort**

Just as important as ensuring the recruitment of a diverse and robust group of individuals to participate in PMI is the need to develop the tools and technology needed to make the data secure and useful to researchers and participants, and to maintain participant [privacy](#).

- **Developing a Data and Research Support Center** : To ensure that the data collected through the PMI Cohort Program is accessible to researchers and research participants as part of a secure system, NIH is funding an award to Vanderbilt University, partnering with Verily (formerly Google Health) and the Broad Institute (with additional collaborations with Columbia University, Northwestern, University of Michigan, and University of Texas at Houston), to create the data infrastructure of the PMI Cohort Program. This infrastructure will allow participants to contribute their clinical and lifestyle information in a secure environment, and receive individual and aggregated study results in return. It will also provide qualified researchers secure access to the data, and ensure that privacy and security are built into the program from day one.
- **Creating Tools and Technologies to Support Enrollment through a Participant Technologies Center** : NIH is also funding The Scripps Research Institute and Vibrent Health, in partnership with Sage Bionetworks, PatientsLikeMe, Walgreens, and other partners, to support the development of tools and technologies to enroll people directly into the study. These tools will enable individuals across the country and from all walks of life to participate in the study and contribute both survey information and a range of digital health data over time. These organizations will also explore the most dynamic and useful ways of sharing health and research information with participants.

### **Steps to Modernize the Regulatory Approach to Genomic Tests**

In addition to building the infrastructure to support research through PMI, the Administration is also working to accelerate innovation around genomic tests. As part of PMI, [FDA is developing a flexible yet accountable approach](#) to oversight of genomic technologies. It also has launched a novel platform—precisionFDA—that provides the community with a place to compare the accuracy of their DNA sequencing tests. Today as part of these efforts, FDA is publishing draft guidance that, when finalized, will provide a flexible and streamlined approach to ensuring the safety and effectiveness of these tests

- **Bringing Accurate Genomic Tests to Market**: As precision medicine becomes a reality, patients and their providers need to rely on accurate diagnostics to help them make the best care decisions. To assure patient safety while recognizing rapid advances in science and technology, FDA is proposing a streamlined regulatory approach that developers can opt into that aims to speed the development and scalability of genomic tests. Today, the FDA is releasing [draft guidance](#) on standards for Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)-based in vitro diagnostics used for diagnosing germline diseases as well as [draft guidance](#) for the use of genetic databases to support clinical validity for NGS-based in vitro diagnostics. These new policies will make it easier for developers to market safe and effective genomic tests by relying on community-based standards and well-established sources of scientific evidence that meet appropriate standards. FDA will seek comment on this proposed approach for 90 days.

\*\*\*\*\* Scholarships



**Kelsey's Law Scholarship**

Deadline: August 31  
Maximum Award: \$2,000

**One Life Makes a Difference**

Deadline:  
Varies Maximum Award: \$2,500

**Up and Comer Scholarship**

Deadline:  
July 4 Maximum Award: \$500

**Camp Counselor Appreciation Scholarship**

Deadline: November 1  
Maximum Award: \$1,000

**SCTPN Undergraduate Scholarship**

Deadline: Varies  
Maximum Award: \$1,000

**Gracias Music Foundation Scholarship**

Deadline: June 30 Maximum Award: \$2,000

**Animal Compassion Undergraduate Scholarship Deadline:**

December 30 Maximum Award: \$500

**The State of the American Mind Essay/Video Contest**

Deadline: December 30 Maximum Award: \$5,000

**The Anheilo Project Dream Scholarship**

Deadline: Varies Maximum Award: Varies

**Google SVA Scholarship for Student Veterans**

Deadline: November 2 Maximum Award: \$10,000



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***Nevada Magazine's Silver State Scavenger Hunt***

We're calling on you to earn the title of Ultimate Nevada Explorer! Participants in *Nevada Magazine's* 2016 Silver State Scavenger Hunt have already begun their adventures, traveling hundreds of miles across the state, exploring ghost towns, backroads, and historical sites. [Click here](#) for more details, and to read about how you can win one of two Grand Prizes provided by Land Rover Las Vegas and Jaguar Land Rover Reno.

On the heels of a successful inaugural run, the *Nevada Magazine* Silver State Scavenger Hunt is back! In 2015, participants traveled tens of thousands of miles, explored nearly every nook and cranny in the state, and truly earned the title of Nevada explorer. This year's hunt promises to be bigger, better, and with more excellent prizes.

We've decided to celebrate ghost towns this year, highlighting some of the most iconic and important mining camps and early sites in Nevada's history. Like last year, we've split the state into two zones—Northern and Southern—and chose 14 notable ghost towns in each. Simply pick a zone, visit 10 of the 14 locations in that zone, snap a photo of yourself holding the **JULY/AUGUST 2016** issue of *Nevada Magazine* at each location, and email all 10 photos to us at [nvmaghunt@gmail.com](mailto:nvmaghunt@gmail.com).

We're once again teaming up with Land Rover Las Vegas and Jaguar Land Rover Reno, who will be providing this year's prizes. Each grand-prize winner can select the prize that best suits his or her interest.

## **Browning MT**

### **Patience Award —**

In 1972, the members of the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe



requested that 19,000-acres of land be transferred to trust to eliminate its checkerboard land base. Since the reservation is not contiguous, jurisdictional issues commonly arise. The Nevada Native Lands Act would consolidate Fort McDermitt's reservation.

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## **Intern Hopes to Bring Awareness, Education of Culture**

*Aspiring Native American educator supplements classroom work with field experience*

***Written by Tsanavi Spoonhunter, Public Relations Assistant (RSIC)***

Brendan Abel, a Reno-Sparks Indian Colony tribal member and a student at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC), is the current intern at the Colony's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), but this is just the beginning of his journey to educate Natives and outside community members.

As an intern at the THPO, under the guidance of Michon Eben (the THPO / Cultural Resources Manager), Abel is learning about different cultural sites that the RSIC views as important historical areas, and the steps to take in order to preserve them.

He expresses the need to inform all community members of what is happening—things that should be viewed as a concern.

“To me, it's like the outside [community] they see profit with their projects, but they don't realize what they're destroying,” Abel said. “Like up at Peavine Mountain, they want to build some power lines from Verdi to Bordertown on the west bottom side of this important mountain. There would be a lot of construction through there, and they would be plowing over a lot of medicinal plants. They just don't see how important some of these sites are to the RSIC.”

This 11 month internship will allow Abel to travel to specific areas and monitor the sites that are under the surveillance of the THPO. Abel will be learning oral history techniques, as well as training for construction activities.

In addition, he hopes to gather information that will assist him during this internship and for his future profession.

“I hope to gain a lot of knowledge—I want to learn knowledge of all the laws and different policies, so that I can be aware of things that are going on outside of the tribe and I hope to pass down everything that I learn to my students one day,” Abel said.

Abel is gaining a higher education to assist his Native community. In order to achieve this goal he is seeking his secondary education.

Previously attending Great Basin College in Elko, he plans to finish his Associate's Degree at TMCC and transfer to the education department at the University of Nevada.

Since his transfer to the area, he learned of the THPO internship.

He decided to apply because of his interest in archeology, and as a former resident of the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe and enrolled member of the RSIC, he was able to do so.

Above all, Abel understands the importance of higher education.

“I'm interested in working with Native students especially, because I come from a small reservation, my graduating class was probably about 11,” Abel said. “So, I feel like a lot of these students in rural communities are at a disadvantage for outside resources. I hope to bring all my knowledge and give that to them, so that they can feel that they can go off and get their degrees.”

The internship will end in January, but until then Abel will continue to attend meetings and tours with local, state and federal agencies to assist with Native American cultural resources and safeguard sites.

“I'm happy to be here, I'm happy to be serving the community, and working with Michon (Eben),” Abel said. “I hope to represent the RSIC in a good way.”

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## **Reno Artown Partners With Reno-Sparks Indian Colony**

*Great Basin Native American Cultural Fair brings artists, drummers, dancers, crafts*

**Reno, Nevada** –Reno Artown will incorporate Great Basin Native American culture into its July calendar with an event hosted by the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony this Saturday.



“The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony is excited to share its culture with the entire Artown community,” said Michon Eben, the RSIC’s Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Resources Manager. “Since Artown’s mission is to strengthen Reno’s arts industry, enhance its civic identity and national image, it is certainly in keeping with the goal of our community to provide authentic Native American art and experiences.”

On July 9, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., the RSIC will host a Great Basin Native American Cultural Fair which will include live demonstrations and performances. This free event will be held at 34 Reservation Rd.

The demonstrations will include silversmith techniques that will be presented by Ralph Thomas, a RSIC tribal member. Plus, there will be performances from two renowned drum groups: The Young Chiefs and The Mankillers, and Native American will dance in full regalia.

In addition to the live programming throughout the day, over 20 vendors—basket weavers, to fine artists, to bead workers, to crafters---will be on hand and Indian taco and other food will be available for sale.

For more information about the *Artown Great Basin Native Cultural Fair*, the RSIC community, culture, departments, economic developments, business opportunities and services, please contact Stacey Montooth at 775/842-2902 or at [smontooth@rsic.org](mailto:smontooth@rsic.org)

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## **DEAL WOULD KEEP NEVADA AS DRONE TEST SITE UNTIL 2020**

Nevada is slated to be a designated Federal Aviation Administration drone test site until 2020 under terms of a proposed deal authorizing the FAA through 2017.

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## **Powwows**

**[31ST ANNUAL TAOS PUEBLO POW WOW July 8 - July 10, 2016 Taos, NM](#)**  
**[TaosPuebloPowwow.com](#)      [Find More Information »](#)**

**[32nd GREAT MOHICAN POW WOW July 8 - July 10, 2016 Loudonville, OH](#)** For more information, VISIT our WEBSITE: [MOHICANPOWWOW.COM](http://MOHICANPOWWOW.COM) **[Find More Information »](#)**

**[Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Pow wow "Years Of Reconciliation" July 8 - July 10, 2016 Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, AB](#)**

Host Drum: White Fish JRS Masters of Ceremonies: Francis Alexis - Eugene Alexis Big Drum, Hand Drum and Dance Competitions. (Tiny Tots paid daily) Specials: Team Dance, Jr Girls Jingle, Women's Jingle and Golden Age Women's Traditional **[Find More Information »](#)**

**[MARCELLUS NORWEST VETERANS POW WOW July 8 - July 10, 2016 Grand Ronde, OR TRIBAL HEADQUARTERS IN GRAND RONDE: 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde,](#)**

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[Find More Information »](#)

**Maskekos 24th Annual Pow wow, Enoch Cree Nation July 8 - July 10, 2016**  
**Edmonton, Alberta**

Host Drums: Mountain Soul - Mountain Cree Camp, Wild Horse, North Battleford MC's: Hal Eagletail - Elmer Rattlesnake Head Drum Judges: Charlton Thomas - Garrison Deschamps Arena  
Directors: Rocky Morin - Bryce Morin - George Desjarlais' [Find More Information »](#)

**MIDNIGHT SUN INTERTRIBAL POW WOW** July 8 - July 10, 2016 Fairbanks, AK  
CONTACT DEBBIE OGDEN Council Chair 907-456-2245 VISIT us on our WEBSITE  
[MidnightSunInterTribalPowwow.com](http://MidnightSunInterTribalPowwow.com) [Find More Information »](#)

**NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS** July 7 - July 10, 2016 Browning, MT  
Grand Entry Times: Thurs 7pm, Fri 1pm & 7pm, Sat 2pm & 7pm, Sun 1pm & 7pm Jr Boys & Girls 7-12 Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Chicken, Traditional 1st \$200 - 2nd \$150 - 3rd 100 - 4th \$75 - 5th \$50 Teen Boys & Girls 13-18 Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Chicken, Traditional 1st \$400 - 2nd \$300 - 3rd 200 - 4th \$100 - 5th \$75 Jr Adult Mens & Womens 19-35 Fancy, Grass, Jingle, Chicken, Traditional 1st \$1000 - 2nd \$700 - 3rd 500... [Find More Information »](#)

**The Sacred Visions Powwow** Committee is dedicated in promoting and keeping alive the traditions and culture within the community for the elders, youth and all generations that follow. Our committee is comprised of ten members that are committed and growing stronger every day. We are currently in the process of hosting our 8th Annual Sacred Visions Powwow which will be held at Big Bend Ranch in Wadsworth, Nevada, on July 22-24, 2016. Wadsworth Nevada is a part of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Reservation. These events are FREE to the public and everyone is Welcome.

Grand Entries: Friday 7pm / Sat. 12 noon & 7pm / Sun. 12 noon

FREE Parking, FREE Admission Dry Camping Available on Powwow Grounds and at Big Bend RV Park

The Sacred Visions Powwow is an alcohol and drug-free event. The Sacred Visions Powwow committee is not responsible for travel expenses, accidents, theft, or any circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Sacred Visions Powwow Committee



**All ROWs Database, 114, 7-7-16.pdf**

**NCAI has been asked to share with tribes to get feedback on this draft of Rights-of-Way bill** that will be introduced next Friday by Congressman Luján (D-NM) so the turnaround time to provide comments is by middle of next week.

Please review and if you have any feedback or thoughts or even questions, you can contact Graham Mason, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman Luján at [Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov](mailto:Graham.Mason@mail.house.gov) (who I copied on this email)

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Stanley Tom Jr., 53, of Farmington, NM went home to be with the Lord on Friday, July 1, 2016. Stan was born on August 1, 1962 in Schurz, NV to Stanley Sr. and Imogene Tom. Stan graduated from Yerington High School in 1980. After high school, he proudly served in the US Army and received training as a Military Police Officer. He obtained his Associates Degree, then a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1994 at American Indian Bible College in Phoenix, AZ. In 2011, Stan earned his Master of Social Work from New Mexico Highlands University. Stanley worked at T'iis Nazbas Community School as a dorm manager. After earning his degree he worked at Clarity Counseling. His final place of employment was with the SJC Alternative Sentencing Division as a Substance Abuse

Counselor.

Stan is preceded in death by his father Stanley Tom Sr.

He is survived by his wife Deborah (Lee) Tom; son Jesse Caleb Lee Tom; mother Imogene Tom; brothers Mike, Gary, Don, Alvin, David; sisters Kathleen, Marilyn, and Bernita; and numerous nieces and nephews all of Nevada.

A viewing will be from 6-8 PM Thursday, July 7th at Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute St. in Farmington. Funeral services will be at 10:30 AM on Friday, July 8 at the First Assembly of God Church, 805 Saguaro Trail in Farmington, NM. Following the service Stan will be laid to rest at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 6917 E. Main St., in Farmington, with full military honors by VFW Post #2182.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are greatly appreciated and can be made to the family at the funeral service.

Stan's care is entrusted to the Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute St. in Farmington, 505-325-8688.

# HAND GAME TOURNAMENT

(3—5 players)

## July 9, 2016

10 a.m. to the last game  
171 Campbell Lane (Tribal Park)  
Yerington, Nevada



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