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A mural outside the Western Folklife Center in Elko, Nevada, which hosts the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering every year – Photo Claire Carlson / Sierra Nevada Ally

<https://sierranevadaally.org/2025/03/18/cowboy-change-your-ways/>

Consultation schedule for BIA response to EO 14210

We look forward to hearing from you at one or more of the following sessions:

CONSULTATION -ALASKA Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Type: Session: In-person and Virtual (Hybrid) Tribal Consultation 10:00 am - 3 :30 pm
Alaska Daylight Savings Time

James M. Fitzgerald U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building Conference Room
222 W 7th A venue Anchorage, AK 99513

Federal Building -will require valid ID and security requirements for building entrance.

Zoom registration link: <https://tinurl.com/2i5kmf6c>

CONSULTATION-CALIFORNIA Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Type: Session: In-person and Virtual (Hybrid) Tribal Consultation
10:00 am -3:30 pm Pacific Daylight Savings Time

John E. Moss Federal Building Stanford Room 650 Capital Mall Sacramento, CA 95814

Federal Buildingwill require valid ID and security requirements for building entrance.

Zoom registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/4kaw23na>

CONSULTATION -ALBUQUERQUE Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Type: Session: In-person and Virtual (Hybrid) Tribal Consultation

10:00 a.m. -3:30 pm Mountain Daylight Savings Time

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Auditorium 9169 Coors Blvd NE Albq,NM

Zoom registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycj9f9y9>

CONSULTATION -MINNESOTA Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Type: Session: In-person and Virtual (Hybrid) Tribal Consultation

10:00 am -3:30 pm Central Daylight Savings Time

Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Visitor Center
Auditorium] 3815 American Blvd E Bloomington, MN 55425

Zoom registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/f5teu4ur>

CONSULTATION -VIRTUAL-BIE INTERESTED PARTIES Friday, May 30, 2025

Virtual for the BIE Interested Parties 10:00 am- 3:30 pm Eastern Time

Zoom registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/5acbm7us>

CONSULTATION -OKLAHOMA Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Type: Session: In-person and Virtual (Hybrid) Tribal Consultation

10:00 - 3:30 pm Central Daylight Savings Time

Supreme Court of Oklahoma, Judicial Center Auditorium 2100 North Lincoln, OKC
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Federal Building -will require valid ID and security requirements for building entrance.

Zoom registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/3x2bzf98>

CONSULTATION-WASHINGTON, DC Date: Thursday, June 5, 2025

Type: Session: In-person and Virtual (Hybrid) Tribal Consultation

10:00 am - 3:30 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time

U.S. Department of the Interior Yates Auditorium 1849 C Street NW DC 20240 Federal Building -will require valid ID and security requirements for building entrance.
Zoom registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdemyc49>

CONSULTATION - VIRTUAL Date: Friday, June 6, 2025

10:00 am- 3:30 pm Eastern Daylight Savings Time

Session: Type: Virtual Tribal Consultation

Zoom registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/txhp98ua>

The language of EO 14210 is located at <https://tinyurl.com/3x5rzk6u>. Indian Affairs recommends reviewing the language prior to attending a session or submitting written comments to provide meaningful feedback. Your feedback will help Indian Affairs define the next steps.

We welcome your written comments, which must be submitted either by email to consultation@bia.gov, or by mail to the Department of the Interior, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, 1001 Indian School Road NW, Suite 229, Albuquerque, NM 87104, by 11:59 pm ET on Monday, July 7, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the Tribal consultations, please contact Oliver Whaley, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, by phone at (202) 738-6065 or by email at oliver.whaley@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Davis

Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior

Exercising the delegated authority of the

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs

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Oh my goodness Shayne, Madeleine Pickens story of the mustang is so full of misinformation I hardly know where to begin.

Maybe Tina & I can try to share the true story with you, especially what Velma Johnson intended with the Wild Horse & Burro Act, whose management directions have been ignored for decades.

Until then, here is a brochure that summarizes the history & current sad situation:

(would not transfer)

Best to you,

Karen Boeger <[kboeger1011@gmail.com](mailto:kboeger1011@gmail.com)>

# *THE WOMEN WHO SAVED HISTORY*

*A PODCAST CELEBRATING THE NEVADA WOMEN  
WHO PRESERVED OUR STATE'S HISTORY*



“The Women Who Saved History” is a monthly 30-60 minute podcast focused on telling the stories of the many women who have dedicated their lives to preserving the history of the Silver State. Currently, there have been 20 women throughout the state that we have identified, including eight deceased women. Many of our historical institutions are the outcome of their work. Acknowledging these women has long been overdue. We are excited to celebrate them and their accomplishments with our first podcast series.

This program is funded in part with support from Nevada Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition, we thank Caesar's Entertainment for their sponsorship of this podcast series. Without these sponsors support, this podcast would not be possible.

## Latest Episodes

### [Mary Gibson: Librarian and Archivist Activating to Document, Collect and Share](#)

[The U.S. government's relationship with Indigenous peoples is long and fraught, and its impact is still deeply felt today. In this episode, we're joined by Mary Gibson, founder and executive director of the Noowuh \(Shoshone\) Knowledge Center in...](#)

[April 27, 2025 • Episode 14 • 36:50](#)

<https://thewomenwhosavedhistory.buzzsprout.com/2345493/episodes/17038297-mary-gibson-librarian-and-archivist-activating-to-document-collect-and-share?t=0>

The U.S. government's relationship with Indigenous peoples is long and fraught, and its impact is still deeply felt today. In this episode, we're joined by Mary Gibson, founder and executive director of the Noowuh (Shoshone) Knowledge Center in Nevada, a Nevada-based nonprofit focused on cultural preservation. A Western Shoshone enrolled with the Te-Moak Tribe, Mary is also a librarian and archivist dedicated to preserving the Noowuh language, culture, and history. In our conversation, she shares her archival work documenting the stories of the Western Shoshone people, including standout collections like the papers of Mary and Carrie Dann, two elder land activists. We also explore the Ruby Valley Treaty, signed between the U.S. and some Western Shoshone, and how its legacy continues to shape today's land disputes. As we wrap up, Mary reflects on what fuels her preservation efforts, the work that still needs to be done, and the community that has supported her along the way. Tune in for a rich conversation on Indigenous history, activism, and cultural memory in Nevada with Mary Gibson.

#### **Key Points From This Episode:**

- Mary's Western Shoshone and Mexican heritage, her upbringing in Elko, and her family.
- Her thirst for knowledge and the steps she took to continue her education while raising kids.
- How she earned her Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) degree.
- Her former professor, Dr Anastasia Weigel: How she inspired Mary to become an archivist.
- Details of the collections that Mary was able to acquire when she returned to Elko.
- Records from land activists: how they are being used in the fight against the US government.
- A breakdown of the Ruby Valley Treaty and its significance to the Western Shoshone people.
- How Nevada residents have benefited from Mary's preservation work.
- Some of the collections at the Noowuh Knowledge Center, founded by Mary.
- Ways that Mary has been acknowledged for her work and the positive effects of this.
- Key challenges Mary has faced in preserving tribal material.
- Why she founded the Noowuh Knowledge Center: Connecting Western Shoshone with their heritage.



- Fundamental historical and cultural facts that Mary would like to impart to listeners.
- Preservation work that still needs to be done, including indigenous food and plant traditions.
- Acknowledging the friends, family, and mentors who have helped Mary on her journey.

#### **Links Mentioned in Today's Episode:**

[Cultural Heritage preservation | Noowuh Knowledge Center](#)

[Mary Gibson on LinkedIn](#)

[WatchGreat Basin Research Watch | Team](#)

['Historic records document decades-long struggle for native lands by Western Shoshone Tribe](#)

['The Dann Sisters: Searching for Reciprocity for the Western Shoshone'](#)

[Two](#)

[Sisters' Story Unforgotten | University of Nevada, Reno](#)

[Claytee White](#)

[Su Kim Chung](#)

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Sherry Rupert: Championing Cultural Tourism for Rectification and Cultural Preservation Through Indigenous Storytelling

[What does it take to preserve a vital yet painful chapter of history? In this episode, Claytee White and scholar Su Kim Chung interview Sherry Rupert, former Indian Affairs Director for Nevada and Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commiss...](#)

[December 29, 2024 • Episode 10 • 33:58](#)

What does it take to preserve a vital yet painful chapter of history? In this episode, Claytee White and scholar Su Kim Chung interview Sherry Rupert, former Indian Affairs Director for Nevada and Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission. Sherry, now CEO of the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA), shares her remarkable journey as the driving force behind the restoration of the Stewart Indian School in Carson City, a site that once sought to erase Indigenous identities but now stands as a beacon of remembrance and education. From gathering alumni stories to creating innovative walking tours, Sherry recounts how she transformed the school into a vibrant cultural center that honors the resilience of Native peoples. She also discusses the challenges of funding, gaining community support, and sharing difficult histories authentically. Beyond her work at Stewart, Sherry reflects on her mission to amplify Indigenous voices through cultural tourism on a national scale. Discover how this important work connects past and present, and learn how you can engage with these stories. Tune in to hear Sherry's inspiring perspective on preserving history to foster understanding and change.

Key Points From This Episode:

- An overview of Sherry Rupert's career with Nevada's state government.
- How she led the restoration of the historic Stewart Indian School in Nevada.
- Her partnership with Nevada state governors, including Brian Sandoval.
- Some background on Sherry, her early life, education, and her family.
- The inspiration behind her work for the Stewart Indian School.
- Unpacking the painful history of the school as a tool for assimilation.

- The walking tour featuring alumni stories that earned Sherry a Tourism Excellence Award.
- Ways to conduct research at the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum.
- Details of the archives, exhibits, and Native art curated by Indigenous artists at the center.
- Key preservation challenges, like securing funding and addressing painful historical truths.
- How they preserved and honored the full stories behind the school and its alumni.
- Reflections on the importance of sharing the stories of Indigenous peoples.
- How visitors can explore the school's rich history through exhibits, tours, and workshops.
- Sherry's current work serving as CEO of AIANTA, advocating for Indigenous cultural tourism.

Links Mentioned in Today's Episode:

[Sherry L Rupert](#)

[AIANTA Team](#)

[NativeAmerica.travel](#)

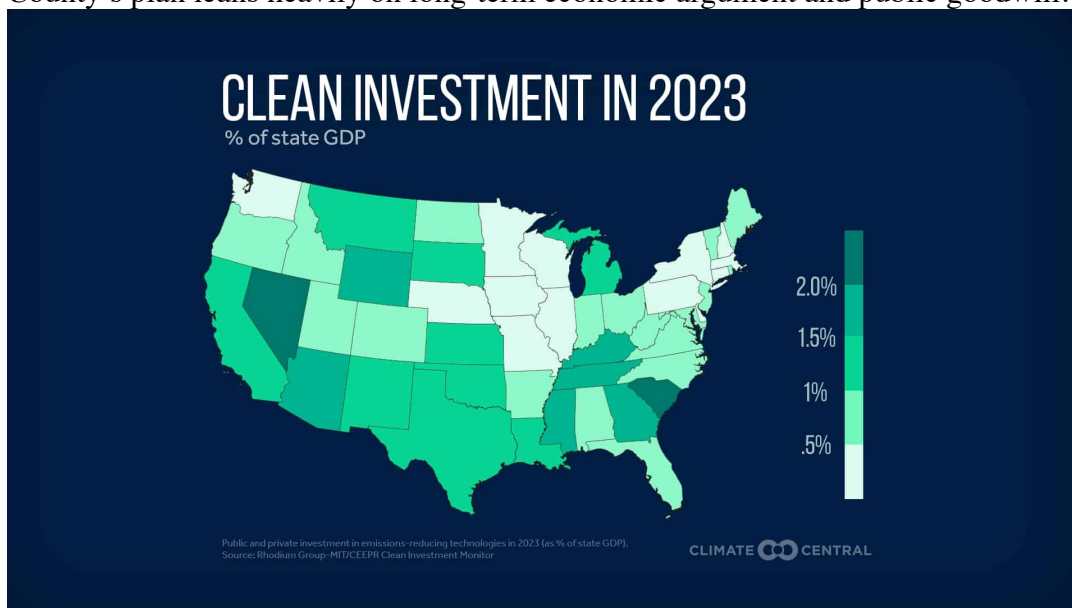
[Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum](#)

[Claytee D. White](#)

[Su Kim Chung](#)

From Planning to Doing: Washoe County's Climate Action Plan Hits the Ground

The county has big ambitions for net-zero emissions—but without formal mandates, Washoe County's plan leans heavily on long-term economic argument and public goodwill.



<https://sierranevadaally.org/2025/04/24/from-planning-to-doing-washoe-countys-climate-action-plan-hits-the-ground/>

In Jonathan Thunder's painting, the Pink Panther meets Ojibwe cultural mythologies and Surrealism

The Duluth-based Ojibwe artist's solo exhibition "The Artist as Storyteller" is on view at the U's Quarter Gallery.

<https://www.startribune.com/in-jonathan-thunders-painting-the-pink-panther-meets-ojibwe-cultural-mythologies-and-surrealism/601321881>

·Posted by Rona Antipas

When my son was about 7 or 8, we were having dinner, and as always, I asked him how school was. He looked a little unsure and said, "Today, the teacher asked what 'Manifest Destiny' meant. I raised my hand and got called on."

I asked, "What did you say?"

He replied, "I said, 'Isn't it just an excuse to kill Indians?'"

I was stunned. "Did you really say that?"

"Yes, Papa."

"What did the teacher say?"

"She said, 'Not really.'"

"And what do you think?"

"I think it is."

That was the moment I knew I was raising a child who thought for himself and had strong morals.

Next month, he'll turn 33. He graduated from Harvard Law School and is now one of the top attorneys in the U.S. Navy JAG Corps.

I was proud then. I'm proud now.

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The [American Folklife Center](#) at the Library of Congress has digitized many of its collections. Some of the music collections are:

### **Omaha Indian Music**

Presented here are selections from the American Folklife Center's collections documenting Omaha music traditions. The sound recordings include 44 wax cylinder recordings made in the 1890s (first published on a 1985 LP entitled *Omaha Indian Music: Historical Recordings from the Fletcher/La Flesche Collection*), 323 songs and spoken-word segments from the 1983 Omaha harvest celebration pow-wow, 24 spoken-word segments from an interview with an Omaha elder in 1983, 25 songs and speeches from a performance by members of the Hethu'shka Society (recorded at the Library of Congress in 1985), and 61 spoken word segments from an interview conducted with an Omaha musician in 1999. Included are 654 black-and-white and 436 color photographs that were made by Library of Congress employees during the 1983 pow-wow and 1985 concert. Additional documentation from the 1983 pow-wow includes 35 pages of fieldnotes, 30 pages of handwritten tape recording logs, an 8-page program, and two posters. A concert flier and a Hethu'shka Society membership document are from the 1985 performance at the Library of Congress. Also included is official correspondence pertaining to the publication of the LP, the pow-wow, and the 1985 concert. Essays included in the booklet accompanying the LP and references to relevant articles from *Folklife Center News* provide framing text.

In the 1980s, American Folklife Center folklife specialists made several visits to the annual Omaha pow-wow during which they returned copies of the wax cylinder recordings to members of the tribe in keeping with a goal of the Federal Cylinder Project. In 1985, the Omaha tribe gave permission to reproduce the wax cylinder recordings from the 1890s on the LP, *Omaha Indian*



*Music*, and these recordings are also included here. Selections from the interview with John Turner provide advice and contextual information about the songs included on the LP. At the Library of Congress concert in 1985, copies of the LP were given to the participating members of the Hethu'shka Society. The songs sung during the concert continue to be sung at the annual Omaha pow-wow. Among the eight participants at the concert were Dennis Hastings, Morgan Lovejoy, and Rufus White, who served as informants for this project.

For the 1983 pow-wow recordings, a decision was made to include only the songs that were sung by Omaha drums--the Host Drum and the Tai Piah Singers. Photographs of the visiting drums--the Honey Creek Singers and the San Juan Pueblo--are included. References to songs by the Honey Creek Singers and the San Juan Pueblo are included in the bibliographic records as notes. There are also references to the Honey Creek Singers and the San Juan Pueblo in the fieldnotes and the tape logs. During the course of a 4-day interview in July 1999, Rufus White provided identifications and contextual information for the songs that were sung by the two Omaha drums during the 1983 pow-wow. Some of his commentary has been included in the online collection.

The online presentation was made possible by the support of the Texaco Foundation.

### **More from Maven's Notebook:**

#### **Commentary: Colorado River: The sky is falling, again**

Greg Walcher, president of the Natural Resources Group, writes, "Every year for the past 25, at least, negotiating teams for the seven states on the Colorado River have worked to overcome a new crisis, invariably driven by two entities: the state of California and the federal Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). For a quarter-century, those teams have responded to federal pressure based on the dubious theory that an ongoing drought, and a resulting decline in the river's flow, somehow changed the law and gave BOR authority to ignore the Interstate Compact. Not once has the federal agency ever acknowledged the government's own role in reducing the river's flow, by neglecting to manage thirsty invasive species like tamarisk, and especially by allowing national forests to become so overgrown that much of the snow never makes it to the river. It is easier simply to demand that everyone use less water. But that assumes an authority BOR does not have, under any law, to make such demands. Yet here we are again, the states trying to reach yet another agreement, with an arbitrary May deadline imposed by BOR, to replace the current drought plan that expires in two years. ... " [Read more from the Daily Sentinel](#).

#### **Is Phoenix sustainable? Experts tell SEJ conference the region plans for heat, drought**

"As a major city in the middle of the Sonoran Desert, Phoenix has been in the spotlight in the debate over the sustainability of urban development, so much so that it's gained the reputation for being an "uninhabitable hellscape." But some on a panel at the 2025 Society of Environmental Journalists conference on April 25 argued that while Phoenix has its fair share of environmental and sustainability concerns — notably extreme heat and water shortages — a habitable future is still in reach. Water remains a major concern over the sustainability of Phoenix, especially on the Colorado River, and by extension, the Central Arizona Project. The CAP is a system of pipes, tunnels and aqueducts designed to bring water from the river to Indigenous communities and populous regions of the state. ... " [Read more from Arizona Central](#).

### **Arizona's new water plan: Treating wastewater to tackle drought**

“From April 2020 to March 2025, Arizona has endured its fourth driest stretch of drought on record, underscoring the urgency of water conservation efforts across the state. With water resources strained and climate conditions remaining unpredictable, both state agencies and residents are being urged to take proactive steps in managing water use. “Just be conscious of your water use,” Jonny Malloy, a meteorologist with the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, told AZFamily. “I think it can be taken for granted.” His words highlight the need for increased awareness as Arizona faces ongoing environmental challenges. In response, the state is embracing innovative water management strategies. One of the most promising developments is the approval of new regulations that allow for the treatment and reuse of wastewater as potable, or drinkable, water. These forward-thinking rules pave the way for municipalities to convert treated wastewater into a safe, sustainable water source. ... ” [Read more from Water Online](#).

### **Pitkin County pledges \$1 million to Shoshone water rights purchase**

“Pitkin County on Wednesday joined 29 other Western Slope counties, cities and towns, irrigation districts and water providers in financially backing a plan to buy a critical Colorado River water right. Pitkin County commissioners unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Shoshone Permanency Project and pledging \$1 million toward the campaign to keep the water rights associated with the Shoshone hydropower plant in Glenwood Canyon on the Western Slope. Pitkin County’s Healthy Rivers Board recommended the \$1 million contribution from its fund at its regular meeting April 17. The Colorado River Water Conservation District plans to purchase the water rights from Xcel Energy for nearly \$100 million. The water rights are some of the biggest and oldest non-consumptive water rights on the mainstem of the Colorado River, and ensure water keeps flowing west to the benefit of downstream cities, farms, recreation and the environment. ... ” [Read more from Vail Daily](#).

### **Trump denies disaster aid, tells states to do more**

“In the wake of recent natural disasters, state leaders across the country are finding that emergency support from the federal government is no longer a given. Under President Donald Trump, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has denied federal assistance for tornadoes in Arkansas, flooding in West Virginia and a windstorm in Washington state. It also has refused North Carolina’s request for extended relief funding in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. While it’s not uncommon for the feds to turn down some requests for disaster declarations, which unlock federal aid, state leaders say the Trump administration’s denials have taken them by surprise. White House officials are signaling a new approach to federal emergency response, even as Trump and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem threaten to shut down FEMA altogether. “The Federal Government focuses its support on truly catastrophic disasters — massive hurricanes, devastating earthquakes, or wide-scale attacks on the homeland,” Brian Hughes, a spokesman for the National Security Council, which advises the president on issues of national security, said in a statement to Stateline. ... ” [Read more from Stateline](#).

## More from Pope Francis



Pope Francis wrote this in the Hospital.

“The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

**Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.**

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.”

—Pope Francis

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For those serious about history and/or research, a recommendation:

Nevada Historical Quarterly, Vol 67 2024 Numbers 1-4

Contains two articles of special interest plus a lot of other good “stuff”

Saving Walker Lake: A Pleistocene Terminal Lake in the Anthropocene by Philip Garone

Excellent bibliography for Walker River

Early Tourism at Lake Tahoe: Rustcating Amongst the Stumps Ryan R. Powell and Peter A Kopp
Much deeper than it sounds, focusing on forestry and competing political interests/movements



Te Pesa Pewukwaeyoona

Ralph Edward Burns

Kooma - Naa'a - Pabe'e - Togo'o - Hube'e - Aatse - Hi'e - Tunetooedu - Tookwasu - Bua'a

Tabatsebooena
December 13, 1944

Tabaegana
April 25, 2025

Viewing & Funeral Service

Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 10 am - Viewing

Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11 am - Service
Nixon Gymnasium, Nixon, NV

Burial

Nixon Cemetery, Nixon, NV

Traditional Potluck Dinner

will follow after burial at the
Nixon Gymnasium, Nixon, NV

Food donations are appreciated

Naa'agapu Peagapuno - William Burns & Bernita Teton-Winnemucca
Nodukwa - Maxine Wilder-Burns
Tooamoobe - Jennie, Juliagapu, Ralphgapu Jr., Janine, Janell, Sheri & Monica
Togo'otse - Kendallgapu, Ashley, Jordan, Wesleygapu, Lynelle,
Lawerance, Nicole, AJ, Krista & Arin
Hubetse - Erv, Elias, Aaron, Trystan, Emilia, Noah & Haizen



Flowers can be delivered before the funeral service to:
Walton's Funeral Home
2155 Kietzke Lane
Reno, Nevada 89502