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Native American tribe buries remains, 150 years after massacre By Wendy Leonard, Deseret News Saturday, May 25 2013

Washakie, BOX ELDER COUNTY — Near the northern Utah border lies an obscure, but sacred spot of ground where hundreds of Native American remains are buried. Four additional souls were welcomed to the privately owned cemetery Saturday,marking "a day of joy" for the surviving and thriving Northwestern Shoshone Nation, said Darren Parry, the tribe's vice chairman.

Though the ceremony was conducted "old-school," consisting of ancient Native American customs, Parry said the entire tribe subscribes to beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints.

He has credited their faith and the tribal members' 1873 LDS conversion as a major reason they're still around today, having avoided placement on government reservations and other persecution through the years due to their registry with the church.

Prayer was offered Saturday "for these who walked upon the earth before us," said Shoshone elder Larry Neaman, who bears top honors among the tribe's approximately 536 members living in Box Elder, Weber and Davis counties, as well as portions of Nevada, Idaho and Wyoming.

At 63, Neaman said being called an "elder" makes him feel "really old," but he's proud to guide his people and still lives in Washakie, where he grew up harvesting and hunting the land.

With time, Neaman said "all Indian people will journey into the Creator's world," known by Latter-day Saints as the presence of a Heavenly Father.

"I will meet you again, somewhere on the other side. But I am not dead, my body is asleep," he chanted in ancient Shoshone dialect while presiding over the burial site. Fewer than 10 Shoshone members can recall the language.

The bones were carefully wrapped in rabbit skin bags and laid in the ground facing East on a grave site-dotted plain covered in sagebrush and dry grass. The 6-foot deep trench contains all four remains and was sprinkled with dried tobacco prior to their placement, a Native American custom symbolizing respect

"It is to honor the old Indian custom and train of thought of returning them to their resting grounds," Parry said.

Two of the remains buried Saturday had recently been in the possession of the Smithsonian Institution, another had been property of the federal government and the fourth set was found years ago in the Utah town of Warren, in Weber County. Parry believes the remains were studied and documented in order to better identify other generations of Shoshone Indians and their posterity.

The bones had been kept intact and were carefully cared for while in government possession. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, in conjunction with other legislation, requires the return of cultural artifacts, including human remains, to their rightful tribes. Parry said it has taken years to fulfil the promise, but individuals are slowly coming home.

The

newest grave sites at the Washakie Cemetery will remain unmarked, to prohibit digging at the spot. Native American skulls used to fetch a price, said Tribal historian Patty Timbimboo-Madsen.

Timbimboo-Madsen, one of about 50 full-blooded Northwestern Shoshone Native Americans living in Utah, said she can trace her tribal lines to the late 1700s, but the population of Native Americans is believed to have been living in the southwestern United States for decades, if not centuries before that.

Shoshone people, she said, gather each year to "share old stories and encounter new relatives."

"Remembrance of those who have passed on allows us to tell their stories and hold onto some of their ideals because they were good ideals," Timbimboo-Madsen said. "They held a real importance of family ... everyone had their place in their family."

Repatriating the remains, she said, helps bring her people back together, which is "something we didn't even imagine could ever happen." The tribe had been descimated by U.S. troops at the <u>Bear River Massacre</u> in Preston, Idaho, in January 1863.

More than 300 people died, marking the single greatest loss of Indian lives in American history. Two of the remains buried Saturday, both identified by researchers as teenagers, are believed to have perished in the massacre. Their remains were located near the battle site.

Timbimboo-Madsen said there's no way of knowing how many bodies lie in the small private Washakie cemetery, but each time more remains are found, the tribe gathers as many as can attend and holds a ceremony to honor not only the passing of their progenitors, but also the lives they lived and "many different journeys they took on this earth," Neaman said.

"We are all going to return to the earth as dirt one day," he said. "Our bodies are part of the earth. Our spirits, we believe, were created in some other way."

Honoring the ancient people, Neaman said, gives root to the enduring Shoshone culture, as "it helps us to understand their hardships and sacrifice a little bit better."

Native American Vets Push for Recognition By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN APALBUQUERQUE, N.M. May 26, 2013 (AP)

The Navajo Code Talkers are legendary. Then there was Cpl. Ira Hamilton Hayes, the Pima Indian who became a symbol of courage and patriotism when he and his fellow Marines raised the flag over Iwo Jima in 1945.

Before World War II and in the decades since, tens of thousands of American Indians have enlisted in the Armed Forces to serve their country at a rate much greater than any other ethnicity.

Yet, among all the monuments and statues along the National Mall in Washington, D.C., not one stands in recognition.

A grassroots effort is brewing among tribes across the country to change that, while Democratic Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii has introduced legislation that would clear the way for the National Museum of the American Indian to begin raising private funds for a memorial.

"This is not a political gamble for anyone, and it's not politically threatening for anyone," said Jefferson Keel, a retired Army officer and president of the National Congress of American Indians. "This is something that both sides of the aisle can get behind and support, because it's not going to cost a lot of money for the country. It's just something that needs to be done."

The push for a memorial can be traced back to the 1980s when the well-known Three Soldiers sculpture was unveiled near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Depicted are three American soldiers: one white, one black and a Hispanic.

During the Vietnam era, the federal government says more than 42,000 Native Americans served in the military and 90 percent of those service members were volunteers.

"I've come across veterans from throughout the whole country, from the East Coast all the way to California, and a lot of Indian who people believe that there should be something on the National Mall. We're not there, we haven't been recognized," said Steven Bowers, a Vietnam veteran and member of the Seminole tribe in Florida.

Bowers is spearheading an effort to gain support from the nation's tribes to erect a soldier statue on the National Mall in recognition of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served over the years.

His proposal calls for placing it prominently at the entrance of a planned education center at the Vietnam memorial — where millions of people visit each year — rather than at the Museum of the American Indian.

Numerous tribal organizations, including the National Congress of American Indians, have signed on in support of the grassroots effort, and Bowers is hopeful the legislation introduced this week by Schatz doesn't complicate matters.

Jeff Begay, a Navajo and Vietnam veteran whose grandfather also served as a scout for the U.S. Army, said he prefers a memorial close to the heart of the National Mall.

"We feel that we don't want to be represented on the museum property because we're not relics anymore," he said. "We're not artifacts to be observed. We are real soldiers, we contributed to defense of this country, and we need to be honored in the Mall area."

John Garcia, deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, said he's been meeting with Native American leaders and believes that a memorial "is a real possibility" if land is located and private funds are raised.

Garcia estimated there are about 200,000 Native American veterans, and a memorial dedicated to them would be appropriate since they have been involved in every American war from the American Revolution to recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Supporters of the two efforts agree that a memorial in the capital city would help to raise awareness of the role Native veterans have played in the country's history.

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Stressed Ecosystems Leaving Humanity High and Dry

Stephen Leahy, News Report: Everyone knows water is life. Far too few understand the role of trees, plants and other living things in ensuring we have clean, fresh water. This dangerous ignorance results in destruction of wetlands that once cleaned water and prevented destructive and costly flooding, scientists and activists warn. Around the world, politicians and others in power have made and continue to make decisions based on short-term economic interests without considering the long-term impact on the natural environment, said Anik Bhaduri, executive officer of the Global Water System Project (GWSP), a research institute based in Bonn, Germany.

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Meet the Rainforest-Dwelling Malaysian Farmers Fighting to Keep Their Land Above Water

James Trimarco, **News Report**: The dams would cost \$105 billion, flood an area twice the size of L.A., and force the relocation of tens of thousands of indigenous people. Against all the odds, the local forest-dwelling people are coming together and organizing in a way that's unheard of in this part of the world. "They're going to build these dams, flood this area and force the natives out of the little land they have left. We are talking about the end of this race. They will lose their culture, way of life and language." **READ** | **DISCUSS** | **SHARE**

'Hairdo archaeologist' solves ancient fashion mystery

26 May 2013

Janet Stephens earns a living trimming, straightening and dyeing the hair of customers seeking the latest look.

But the stylist from the US city of Baltimore is more interested in the hairdos of the past.

Stephens is a hairstyle archaeologist who specialises in recreating how women in ancient Rome and Greece wore their hair.

She spoke to the BBC about a museum visit that marked the start of a long journey of discovery on which she solved a historical mystery and had her work published in an academic journal.

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National Funding Opportunities

Support for Family Learning Programs

National Center for Family Literacy: Toyota Family Learning

Toyota Family Learning, a new initiative of the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL), is a modern-day movement for all families to learn together. One key element of Toyota Family Learning is to provide grants to fund family mentor programs and service learning programs targeting vulnerable families. In the current funding round, NCFL will award five organizations a three-year grant, as well as a wide range of NCFL training and communications support, to implement services that encourage families to learn together. The focus is on applications that will adapt existing family engagement in education programs to include the implementation of family mentoring and service learning components. Each winning applicant will receive a \$175,000 grant divided over three years. The application deadline is June 24, 2013. Visit the NCFL website to download the Request for Proposals.

High-Need Community Projects Funded

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation: Community Partners

The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life

in the communities where Lowe's operates stores and distribution centers throughout the United States. The Foundation's Community Partners grant program supports nonprofit organizations and local municipalities undertaking high-need projects such as building renovations/upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades, and safety improvements. Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The second funding cycle of the year will be open from June 1 to July 30, 2013. Visit the company's website to take the eligibility test and learn more about the program.

Exemplary Health Services Programs Recognized

Premier Cares Award

The Premier Cares Award was established to recognize exemplary programs nationwide that have made health services more accessible to a specific medically underserved population, particularly as demonstrated in superior health outcomes. The award spotlights innovative programs that support people excluded from or underserved by the mainstream health delivery system, including farm workers, homeless children, pregnant teens, low-income mothers and infants, and individuals who don't have the strength or means to reach a clinic or hospital. The winning program must be able to show measurable benefits/outcomes covering a full two-year span and must be capable of being replicated. The award winner receives \$100,000 and the other five finalists receive \$24,000 each. The entry deadline is July 31, 2013. Visit the Premier website to review the award criteria and download the entry form.

Grants Fund Skateboard Parks

Tony Hawk Foundation

The Tony Hawk Foundation is dedicated to funding the construction of new, quality skateboard parks located in low-income communities throughout the United States. The Foundation primarily considers projects that can demonstrate a strong grassroots commitment, particularly in the form of planning and fundraising by local skateboarders and other community groups. Priority is given to projects that are designed and built by qualified and experienced skateboard park contractors and include local skaters in the design process. Requests are reviewed two times per year; the upcoming application deadline is July 1, 2013. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant criteria and submit an online application.

Regional Funding Opportunities

Programs in Company Communities Supported

Plum Creek Foundation

The Plum Creek Foundation provides support for community-based nonprofit organizations that work to improve the general welfare and quality of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The Foundation's areas of interest include community services, education, environment, and the arts. The remaining application deadlines for 2013 are July 31 and October 31. Visit the company's website to review the grant guidelines and download the application form.

Funds for Initiatives in North Carolina **Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation**

The mission of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation is to improve the quality of life of the people of North Carolina. The Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations that address one of the following focus areas: Community Economic Development, Environment, Strengthening Democracy, Public Education, and Social Justice and Equity. Grants are provided to organizations that work for progressive policy change at the regional or statewide level as well as community-based projects that reach low-resource and/or rural regions in the state. The upcoming deadline for online applications is August 1, 2013. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the focus areas and the application process.

Grants Enhance Quality of Life in Bank Communities Bank of the West Charitable Investments Program

The mission of the Bank of the West's Charitable Investments Program is to help meet the needs of the communities the bank serves in 19 Western and Midwestern states. The focus is on supporting nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving quality of life, particularly for low-and moderate-income individuals and communities. The charitable giving categories include Education and Job Training as well as Community and Economic Development. Requests may be submitted throughout the year. Visit the bank's website to review the funding guidelines and submit an online application.

Support for Children's Programs in Arizona

Coyotes Charities

Coyotes Charities seeks to enhance the quality of life for children throughout the state of Arizona. Support is provided to nonprofit organizations that promote healthcare, education, cultural arts, and sports-related programs for children. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Applying organizations must have had 501(c)(3) status for a minimum of two years. The upcoming application deadline is June 28, 2013. Visit the Coyotes website to download the application form.

Federal Grant and Loan Programs

Healthcare Innovation Supported

Department of Health and Human Services

The Health Care Innovation Awards, Round Two, provide support for new payment and service delivery models that will provide better health, better healthcare, and lower costs through improved quality for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees. Letters of intent are due June 28, 2013. The application deadline is August 15, 2013.

Funding Available for Food Programs in Low-Income Communities

Administration for Children and Families

The Community Economic Development Healthy Food Financing Initiative Projects program provides support to implement strategies to address food deserts, increase healthy food access in low-income communities, foster self-sufficiency for low-income families, and create sustained employment opportunities in low-income communities. The application deadline is July 2, 2013.

Program Supports Economic Development

Administration for Children and Families

The Community Economic Development Projects program provides support to address the

economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of employment and business opportunities. The application deadline is July 2, 2013.

Tribal Transportation Funded

Department of Transportation

The Public Transportation on Indian Reservations program provides support for planning, capital, and operating assistance for tribal public transit services. The application deadline is July 8, 2013.

Resources

Native Learning Center (NLC): FREE courses & training for Native Americans.

www.nativelearningcenter.com

- Native Home Capital (CDFI) http://www.nativehomecapital.com/
- Native Community Finance (CDFI) www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: <u>www.ncai.org</u>
- National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net
- Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona: http://www.itcaonline.com/
Inter Tribal Council of California: http://www.itcoinc.org/
Inter Tribal Council of Nevada: http://www.itcoinc.org/

All Indian Pueblos Council (of New Mexico):

http://www.20pueblos.org/

Federal Partners:

- USDA Rural Development http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html.
- Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm
- General Services Administration (GSA)
 https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/ start_page.do
- Indian Health Service (IHS) http://www.ihs.gov/
 IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) http://www.ihs.gov/
 EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home
- □ Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html
- ☑ Department of Energy's (DOE)Tribal Energy Program http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html

Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth

- [X] Internal Revenue Service Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: http:// www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html
- Department of Treasury CDFI Fund http://www.cdfifund.gov
- US Department of Commerce MDBA (Minority Business Development Agency) http:// www.mbda.gov/

Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov. **Small Business Administration** (SBA) http://www.sba.gov/

- ▼ OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory <u>www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/</u> publications/index-ca-publications.html
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Preparedness & Recovery FEMA-NAC@fema.dhs.gov.
- FEMA Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/ training.shtm
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy http:// www.fcc.gov/indians/.
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco: http://www.frbsf.org/community/index.html
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/ program information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: http://www.rcac.org/ doc.aspx?58
- http://www.greencommunitiesonline.org/tools/funding/grants/sustainability/index.asp.
- Native Center for American Indian Enterprise Development www.ncaied.org
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/ resources rural sustainability.html
- Dept of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21

ServeWyoming Position Opening

Position Title: Volunteer Wyoming Program Coordinator

Salary: \$30,000 - \$36,000/year

Reports To: ServeWyoming Executive Director **Schedule:** Full-time, salaried, grant-funded position.

Benefits: Health benefit, retirement, paid holidays and personal time as determined by

Executive Director and Board. Travel reimbursement at federal rate.

Deadline for Submissions: May 31, 2013 (rc'd5.26)

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The Volunteer Wyoming Program Coordinator will assist Serve Wyoming with facilitating the collaboration, development and support of Volunteer Wyoming, a program to establish a single resource and central clearinghouse (Statewide Volunteer Center) to serve Wyoming nonprofit organizations and communities, and to increase the number and effectiveness of volunteers in Wyoming.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate all functions of the program including the matching database, statewide volunteer center, volunteer management trainings, emergency volunteer reception centers, recruitment of volunteers, and service grants/pro bono volunteering.
- "Collect statistics and research on volunteerism in the region and demonstration sites.
- "Organize, maintain and create record keeping documents."
- "Facilitate and support the Pro Bono Volunteer Initiative, which is an effort to establish a network of business, and social leaders who volunteer their services, time and money. Nonprofits will apply to receive short-term assistance from one of our Professional Volunteer members.
- "Recruit general, emergency and pro bono volunteers. Involve a diverse pool of volunteers who will be engaged in a manner, which will be creative, innovative, and draw on their strengths to effectively meet community needs.
- Develop and support training and technical assistance to local volunteer efforts and volunteer initiatives; provide on-going education, outreach and resources on volunteer management practices in collaboration with other statewide efforts.
- Develop partnerships with statewide voluntary organizations to promote volunteerism among seniors, people with disabilities, students and families, and volunteers engaging in emergency management roles; coordinate volunteer resources such as national service programs and grant programs.
- Initiate and manage the HandsOn online community volunteering website to increase efficiency and quality of volunteering in Wyoming.
- "Leverage funds from businesses, foundations and corporations for sustainability.
- "Research, disseminate and pursue grants to support the program.
- Develop partnerships, conduct outreach, research and analyze community assets, prepare business plans, goals and financial strategies to support volunteerism programs.
- "Coordinate and acts as a liaison in assigned roles, tasks and programs as determined by the Executive Director.

- Ensure that formal and informal opportunities for practical, immediately applicable volunteer management training are locally accessible; and provide such training in appropriate settings.
- "Provide information about and encourage the use of volunteer recognition programs; at each site develop and implement an annual volunteer promotion/recruitment/recognition event.
- "Prepare agendas for, meet with, compose press releases for, take minutes for, and draft organizational policy statements for consideration by the Advisory Committee and any other committees created to further the work of the Volunteer Wyoming Program.
- "Prepare notes for Commissioner Meetings for review by Executive Director and Commissioner Secretary
- "Assist with other ServeWyoming Programming including AmeriCorps State and Disability Inclusion Team from time-to-time, and other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

- "Bachelor's degree, or the equivalent combination of education and experience
- " Willingness to travel
- Demonstrated excellent communications skills, both written and oral
- Demonstrated ability to articulate the vision of a community, and to bring everyone together around that vision
- "Demonstrated ability to attract funds from individuals, businesses, and other potential contributors
- Demonstrated administrative and organizational skills, including the ability to work effectively with citizens in all walks of life
- "Self-disciplined, self-starting style, accustomed to work without supervision, and capable of supervising and motivating others
- "Compelling commitment to strengthening the volunteer experience and the volunteer impact on Wyoming communities
- Capacity to assess community issues with patience, open-mindedness, mature judgment, and imagination

Please send letter of interest, resume and references to:
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