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Chairman Carl Johnson and the Walker River Paiute Tribe Honored the Veteran's of our community tonight! Each Veteran was gifted a very nice embroidered jacket w/ their names on it,



we also feed them fresh salmon and BBQ tri-tip that melted in your mouth, lots of good food - thank you to the cooks and those that brought dishes. This honor was long overdue to these men and women who sacrificed so much in their lives for our freedoms. Thank you for your service and may you always be Blessed. A very special &

heartfelt Thank You to Casey Green and [Starla Green](#) from Warm Springs, Oregon for traveling to Schurz and bringing the salmon and singing the honor songs and gifting our Veterans.

Chairman wants to especially acknowledge [Ken Richardson](#), fellow Council Members and WRPT Staff that helped make this event a success. Many Aho's to you all.

[Elveda Martinez](#)

Gotta give a shout out to our Chairman Carl Johnson, fellow Tribal Council members, cooks, Blue Ladies, Casey Green and family for a great Honoring of our Veterans. The prayers, songs and gifts were very heart felt. One Vet thanked ME for doing this for them. No, no...it's Thank You!! I was proud to announce their names. I am so proud of them all. Please thank Casey and crew [Kim Just](#)....that flute song was beautiful.

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Today, President Obama designated the 496,330 acres **Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument**. The Monument includes the majestic Organ Mountains, to the east of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the Potrillo, Robledo, Doña Ana, and Sierra de las Uvas Mountains to the west. New Mexico Senators Udall and Heinrich and a wide range of tribal leaders, elected officials, and the local community and businesses have worked collaboratively to



develop this locally-driven proposal to protect these special places.

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### What Is Your Water Footprint?

Take a water tour with us through your home, yard, diet, energy, and consumer choices! Then, pledge to cut your water footprint and help return more water to rivers, lakes, wetlands, underground aquifers, and freshwater species.

**Know this:** The average American lifestyle is kept afloat by about 2,000 gallons of H<sub>2</sub>O a day—twice the global average.

**The bright side:** By pledging to cut your water footprint, you can help restore freshwater ecosystems.

So far **66,473** people have used this tool, promising to save **13,412,982** gallons of water.

**Ready for the challenge?** Let's get started...

## **Help Save the Colorado River**

You can help restore freshwater ecosystems by pledging to cut your water footprint. For every pledge, [Change the Course](#) will restore 1,000 gallons back to the Colorado River.

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## **Mexican cave skeleton reveals secrets of New World's first people**

**By Will Dunham**      WASHINGTON Thu May 15, 2014

(Reuters) - A horrible day for a teenage girl perhaps 13,000 years ago - death in a Mexican cave - has turned into a wonderful day for scientists who have managed to coax important secrets out of the oldest genetically intact human skeleton in the New World.

Scientists said on Thursday genetic tests on her superbly preserved remains found by cave divers have answered questions about the origins of the Western Hemisphere's first people and their relationship to today's Native American populations.

These findings determined that the Ice Age humans who first crossed into the Americas over a land bridge that formerly linked Siberia to Alaska did in fact give rise to modern Native American populations rather than hypothesized later entrants into the hemisphere.

Scientists exploring deep beneath the jungles of Mexico's eastern Yucatán peninsula discovered the girl's remains underwater alongside bones of more than two dozen beasts including saber-toothed tigers, cave bears, giant ground sloths and an elephant relative called a gomphothere.

The girl - with her intact cranium and preserved DNA - was entombed for eons in a deeply submerged cave chamber before being discovered in 2007. The petite, slightly built girl - about 4 feet, 10 inches tall (1.47 meters) - is thought to have been 15 or 16 years old when she died.

She may have ventured into dark passages of a cave to find freshwater and fallen to her death into what archeologist James Chatters of the firm of Applied Paleoscience, one of the leaders of the study, called an "inescapable trap" 100 feet (30 meters) deep - a bell-shaped pit dubbed Hoyo Negro, "black hole" in Spanish.

Chatters said the chamber - more than 135 feet (40 meters) below sea level - was "a time capsule of the environment and human life" at the end of the Ice Age.

## **WATER NYMPH**

The divers named her "Naia," a water nymph from Greek mythology. One of the divers, Alberto Nava, recalled the moment Naia was spotted - her skull resting atop a small ledge. "It was a small cranium laying upside down with a perfect set of teeth and dark eye sockets looking back at us," Nava said.

The pit was dry when she fell but Ice Age glaciers melted about 10,000 years ago, inundating the caves with water. Tests determined she lived between 13,000 and 12,000 years ago.

Scientists long have debated the origins of the first people of the Americas. Many scientists think these hunter-gatherers crossed the former land bridge between 26,000 and 18,000 years ago and subsequently pushed into North and South America starting perhaps 17,000 years ago.

But the most ancient New World human remains have confused scientists because, like Naia, they have narrower skulls and other features different from today's Native Americans.

This led to speculation that these earliest New World people might represent an earlier migration from a different part of the world than the true ancestors of modern Native Americans.

But mitochondrial DNA - passed down from mother to child - extracted from the girl's wisdom tooth showed she belonged to an Asian-derived genetic lineage shared only by today's Native Americans.

This indicates cranial and other differences between the earliest New World human remains and today's Native Americans are due to evolutionary changes that unfolded after the first migrants crossed onto the land bridge, the researchers said.

The study, led by the Mexican government's National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) and supported by the National Geographic Society, appears in the journal Science.

(Editing by [Matthew Lewis](#))

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### **[Militarization of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef Harms Indigenous Communities](#)**

**Sandra Cuffe, Truthout:** The Cayos Cochinos off Honduras and at the southern end of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef are a protected area, but that protection - including a strong military presence - rarely extends to the Afro-Indigenous Garifuna communities or their life-ways.

[Read the Article](#)

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### **New discovery of world's biggest dinosaur**

This is dinosaur dig team member Pablo Puerta, lying next to a really big femur, or leg bone, from a newly discovered dinosaur. In case you haven't heard, it's the biggest dinosaur known now. The team found this bone, among others, near the central Argentine town of El Sombrero. The Washington Post said this morning: "Take the elephant, today's largest land-bound animal. Then stack 14 of them on top of one another. Then — and only then — would it be possible to conceive of the size of this mega-dino." [Read more at the Washington Post >](#)

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### **CALENDAR**

**May 28-30 Nashville, TN 2014 National Healthy Homes Conference (HUD)**

The nation's leading interdisciplinary event brings together health, housing and other professionals dedicated to improving the lives and homes of America's families and communities. This national conference brings you leaders from the forefront of the healthy homes industry and offers the opportunity to learn from professionals, stakeholders, and leading experts that are guiding the nation toward healthier homes and communities with more than 130

sessions in six dynamic tracks. For info. & to register, visit <http://www.healthyhomesconference.org/>.

**June 3-5 Kansas City, MO NAIHC's Annual Convention & Trade Show**

The National American Indian Housing Council's NAIHC Annual Convention "Framing A Vision" will include training sessions that provide up-to-date information on issues that impact tribal housing programs and that directly relate to administration of programs under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act NAHASDA. For more info., visit [www.naihc.net](http://www.naihc.net)

**June 3-4 Phoenix, AZ Construction Administration Training (HUD/ONAP)**

FREE! Learn how to manage construction in Native communities from the drafting table to the grand opening! This 2-day training will offer IHBG Grantees the skills to understand the process of construction administration. Training topics include basic skills, reading schematics and drawings, understanding the project manual, contracting, construction, and closeout. Topics of special interest include contracting for rehabilitation work and also special procurement and construction issues such as design-build, force account, small purchase, and non-competitive. Attendees will have the construction issues such as design-build, force account, small purchase, and non-competitive. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on group exercises that are designed to turn theoretical knowledge into daily practice. Register at: <http://registration.firstpic.org> or call 202.393.6400.

**June 3-5 Hollywood, FL Promoting & Building Strong & Safe Tribal Communities (NLC)**

Native Learning Center (NLC) partners with the U.S. Dept of HUD for this Summer Conference promoting & building strong and safe Tribal communities. Growing strong and safe communities requires knowledge and strategies to develop sustainable housing initiatives, preserve language and culture, encourage financial wellness, and write grant proposals. This 3-day conference will educate participants on topics related to culture revitalization, sustainable housing, grants education, Tribal government & financial wellness. Registration is FREE for Native Americans & Those Working Within Indian Country. Register Now at <http://nativelearningcenter.com/6thannualsummerconference/>

**June 4 Webinar 10am – 12 pm PDT Keys to Securing Brownfields Funding Webinar**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the CA State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Dept of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) host this webinar. Agency experts will discuss their respective grant guidelines. Topics incl. Applicant and Site Eligibility Criteria; Application Steps; & Success Stories. Register at: <https://student.gototraining.com/r/2251944207532694528>.

**June 8-11 Anchorage, AK NCAI 2014 Mid-Year Conference**

Don't miss out on this conference which will feature our 9th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. click here to register.

**June 16-18 Las Vegas, NV Tribal Administrative Assistant Certification Program**

This program will prepare you for key clerical tasks you need to master as part of an administrative team and show you how to maximize your efficiency and productivity with current and emerging office technology. Click link for more info.: Tribal Administrative Assistant Certification Program



### June 16-19 Las Vegas, NV Tribal Governance Certification Program

This program contains information distilled from several of Falmouth Institute's most popular governance classes into one program that will provide you with all the essential information you need to serve as a productive board or council member. More at: Tribal Governance Certification Program



### June 16-20 Las Vegas, NV Advanced Human Resource Certification Program

This comprehensive program will allow you to enhance your knowledge of tribal HR policies and issues and provide you with an additional credential that asserts your advanced knowledge of the tribal HR field. More at: Advanced Human Resource Certification Program

### June 18-20 Las Vegas, NV Tribal Contracting and Purchasing Certification Program

This program will provide you with a firm understanding of crucial contract and purchasing concepts and skills as we examine ethical considerations in

procurement, detecting and preventing fraud, increasing competition in the purchasing process, negotiating prices, conducting cost and price analyses and understanding different purchasing methods. More info at: Tribal Contracting and Purchasing Certification Program

### June 20 Arlington, VA Native Language Summit

Working Together for Native American Language Success: The Depts. of Education, Health and Human Services, and the Interior co-host this Native American Languages Summit as part of the work of the Native Languages Workgroup. During this conference, federal partners and organizations with Native Language programs will come together to discuss methods for measuring success. The goal is to work together as a team to ensure the preservation and acquisition of Native languages so that they may not only be revitalized but that Native youth

have a command of the language from a linguistic and cultural perspective. Participants will discuss the challenges and successes of measuring oral and written American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian languages and will share best and most promising practices. To learn more and register for the summit, visit the summit's website

#### **June 24-25 Oklahoma City, OK Self-Monitoring (HUD/ONAP)**

This course is designed to assist Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) recipients to develop an effective program to monitor their activities and those of their sub-recipients. Not only is monitoring a requirement under the law, it demonstrates a recipient's willingness to be accountable for their performance. Attendees will learn practical ways to conduct monitoring and complete an annual compliance assessment that ensures compliance with NAHASDA's statutory and regulatory requirements. Click on this link for course description. Follow this link to register for this course.

#### **4 Regional RES (RES DC) June 24-26 Washington DC**

Theme: Building Bridges of Opportunity for Today's American Indian Enterprises. Reservation Economic Summit (RES) is a 3-day multifaceted American Indian economic development conference filled with business development sessions, business networking, a Tribal Business Leaders Forum with members of Congress, Teaming opportunities, an American Indian Business Trade Show, and much more. For more info and to register, visit: [HTTP://WWW.NCAIED.ORG](http://WWW.NCAIED.ORG).

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#### **Myron Dewey**

Check out **Native Women's Website**, built with web-builder (not programming needed/drag & drop templates) and hosting from [www.indigenou networks.com](http://www.indigenou networks.com)

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We are only two weeks away from our second **THIRA/HMP Workshop in Elko, NV** and I hope to see you all there. This is a great opportunity to get started or continue on your Tribe's THIRA and Hazard Mitigation Plan with support from those who will be reviewing and approving them. Please see the information below on location, justification to attend, registration and travel reimbursement. Please forward this email to any who may be interested in attending. You do not have to have attended Workshop #1 in order to join us for Workshop #2. Everyone is encouraged and urged to attend.

Also as a reminder, FEMA Region IX will be there on Tuesday to deliver the Draft Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance Consultation Guidance once again to Tribal Nations in Nevada.

**Tribal leadership is highly encouraged to attend this presentation on Tuesday and travel funds are available in order to get them to Elko. Tuesday's Tribal consultation will begin Tuesday at 8:30 AM and is expected to end around 2:00 PM.**

#### **What:**

THIRA/HMP Workshop #2. This workshop is the second of three coordinated by the ITERC, with assistance from FEMA Region IX and the Nevada Division of Emergency Management. The final agenda is attached.

#### **Who:**

Tribal Emergency Managers, department heads, planners, leadership, and any personnel who will have direct involvement in creating the THIRA and HMP. Although all are invited and welcome to attend, travel reimbursement is available for only two people per tribe. See “Travel Assistance” below for details.

**When:**

Workshop #2: June 2 – 5, 2014.

**Where:**

Elko Band Administration Building, 1745 Silver Eagle Drive, Elko NV 89801. The building is circled in black in the attached map.

**Why:**

Nearly all Tribes in Nevada have been working on NIMS Compliance activities for the past few years and have made incredible progress in a very short time, with limited resources. In order to maintain NIMS compliance, remain eligible for Federal funding, and better prepare and protect our communities, we need to continue to plan and meet the requirements needed for Federal assistance. The Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA) and Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) are two elements of preparedness and planning required for various Federal funding and/or assistance. We know most of you are performing emergency management duties as one of many responsibilities, and many hats you wear as a Tribal employee. In order to help move the THIRA and HMP process along, the ITERC has secured funding and partnered with FEMA RIX to deliver a series of workshops in which we will facilitate discussion and guidance to create, modify and complete jurisdictional THIRAs and HMPs for those Nevada Tribes who wish to participate. Each workshop is cumulative, so it is highly suggested you attend all three, as we will start the process during Workshop #1 and continue developing the THIRA and HMP in Workshops 2 and 3. At the end of each workshop, participants will leave with a clear understanding of the research and information they are expected to gather, as well as any work they are expected to complete in preparation for the next Workshop. The ultimate goal of these workshop is for all Tribal Nations in Nevada to submit a complete THIRA and have a working draft of the HMP by the end of 2014.

**Registration:**

Please return your completed registration form (attached) ASAP.

**Lodging:**

The cut-off date for our group code has passed as of May 9, but you may still ask the hotel if they will honor our rate. A block of rooms was being held at Stockmen's Hotel & Casino under the “Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission” at a group rate of \$70.00/night. There is no guarantee you will still receive that rate, but it won't hurt to try.

**Note: There are a number of events happening in Elko this week so early reservations are recommended. It is likely most of the hotels in the area will be booked.**

Check-in: Sunday June 1

Check-out: Friday June 5

Stockmen's Hotel and Casino, 340 Commercial Street Elko, NV 89801 Phone: 775-738-5141

Email: [ContactUs@NorthernStarCasinos.com](mailto:ContactUs@NorthernStarCasinos.com)

<http://www.northernstarcasinos.com/stockmens-hotel-casino>



### **Travel Assistance:**

The ITERC has limited funding available to assist with travel expenses for participants. **We are able to reimburse mileage, per diem, and hotel for Tribal representatives from Nevada only.** A travel form and instructions will be provided to participants at the workshop. All travel reimbursement will follow GSA guidelines.

### **Material Needed:**

All work will be done directly on individual laptops using the THIRA tool and HMP information sheets which will be provided to each registered participant before the start of the workshop. **All participants will need to bring a laptop to the workshop.** A flash drive or blank CD is also recommended in order to back-up the work completed during the workshop. Information on further resources and required material will be provided upon registration.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. We look forward to seeing you all in Elko!

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**TEDxUniversityofNevada – Call For Speakers** [tedxuniversityofnevada.org](http://tedxuniversityofnevada.org)

After you have read this information, complete the speaker submission form.

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**In Case You Slept Through High School, Here's 170 Years Of American History In One Amazing GIF** *Perfect for students of all ages...* [ijreview.com](http://ijreview.com)

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**Cody H** 's Post:

*"High-level plenary meeting of the general assembly to be known as the world conference on Indigenous Peoples looks to be on shaky grounds. Shows that there is no global consensus that such a meeting should proceed."*

**Level of Participation in World Conference Sparks Intense Debate as Permanent Forum on...**

Level of Participation in World Conference Sparks Intense Debate as Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues Enters Second Week United Nations

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**CRUM, GEORGE**

The potato chip was invented in 1853 by George Crum. Crum was a Native American/African American chef at the Moon Lake Lodge resort in Saratoga Springs, New York, USA. French fries were popular at the restaurant and one day a diner complained that the fries were too thick. Although Crum made a thinner batch, the customer was still unsatisfied. Crum finally made fries that were too thin to eat with a fork, hoping to annoy the extremely fussy customer. The

customer, surprisingly enough, was happy - and potato chips were invented! For [more information on George Crum and potato chips, click here.](#)

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### **These nerdy board games put the fun in planetary problems**

BY DAVE BURDICK

Geeky games like Power Grid and Forbidden Island are much more fun than they sound -- and they include an environmental theme, too.

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### **What can we do to get more people reading?**

CORRECTION: The creator of this infographic has posted a statement about this image's accuracy: <http://www.robertbrewer.org/disciple/surprising-book-facts-infographic/>

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**The Metropolitan Museum of Art Releases 400,000 Images Online** for Non-Commercial Use <http://t.co/eNIIIZw4Qz> via @Colossal

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### **Where's Robby Schlesinger photo contest!**

What do you do for solace? Climb mountains? Go fishing? Go to festivals? Meditate? Work out? Take a walk?

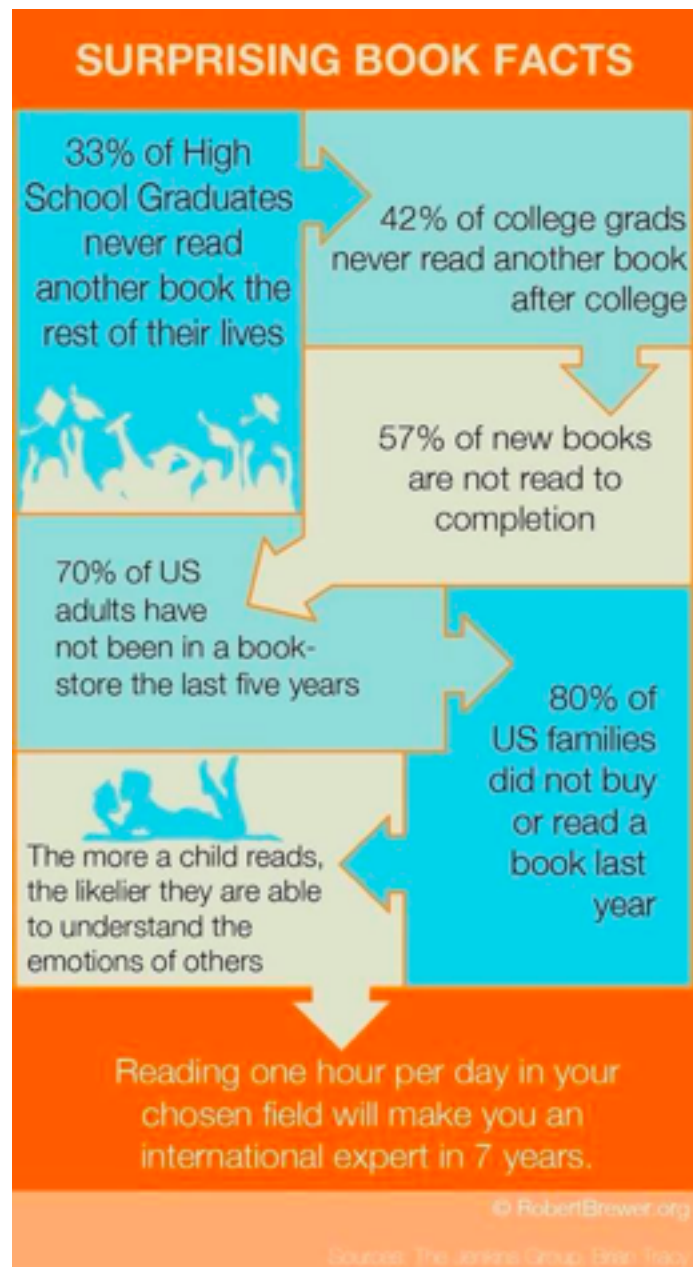
Whatever it is you do, we want you to capture a pic and post to social media using the hashtag #4solace YOUR ASSIGNMENT Capture a... [swimmingforsolace.offerpop.com](http://swimmingforsolace.offerpop.com)

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### **History Organizations Represent Over Half of America's Active Museums**

#### ***Statement from the American Association for State and Local History in Response to IMLS Report***

National, TN—On May 19, 2014, The U.S. agency that is the primary source of federal funding for the nation's museums and libraries released a new estimate of the number of active museums



in the United States. The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) [announced](#) that there are 35,144 museums in the U.S., more than double the agency's working estimate of 17,500 from the 1990s.

What is overwhelmingly powerful about the data is that fifty-five point five percent (55.5%) of those museums fall into the [history category](#):

- History Museums
- Historical Societies
- Historic Preservation
- Historical Houses and Sites

“The empirical data shows what we in the field have always known to be true, the vast majority of America's museums and cultural sites are devoted to history. Yet history remains one of the most underfunded disciplines in the humanities,” said Lynne Ireland, AASLH Council Chair and Deputy Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society. “This report confirms our belief that history organizations are crucial and that history is at the center of America's cultural life.

Together we must use this information to continue our advocacy and work for increased funding and recognition of history's relevance to our communities and nation.”

To read the full release, including breakdown of active museums by discipline, please visit: [http://www.imls.gov/government\\_doubles\\_official\\_estimate.aspx](http://www.imls.gov/government_doubles_official_estimate.aspx)

### **About the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)**

AASLH has provided leadership and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans since 1940. AASLH is the only national association dedicated to the uniqueness of history organizations and the specific challenges of collecting, preserving, and interpreting history. Our membership

includes over 6,000 individuals and institutions from rural communities, urban sites, small historical societies, and large history centers across the United States. For this diverse membership, AASLH offers programs and services that meet members' needs while progressively advancing the goals and standards of the field of state and local history. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH is proud to provide a home for those who work and volunteer in the field of state and local history. For more information, visit [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org).

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