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**Our teachings are Ancient...**

*"We walked with the dinosaurs...leave no footprints...  
...leave everything the way you found it and better..."*

Matter is energy  
Matter is pure vibrations  
Energy is information  
Information is thought  
Thought is consciousness  
Energy + Vibration = Matter  
Thought + Voice = Your reality  
Thought + Voice = What you want  
Thought + Voice = Prayers  
Thought + Voice = Healing

*"Think, say and do good things, it will come back to you, your children  
& your grandchildren" Elders Speak on Law of Attraction*

**They are finally catching up...**

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A story on Walker Lake, Cecil, etc. Our summer interns, Kenny Nez and Tashina Jim, did a great job. [Video Landing Page](#)

**USDA OFFICIALS WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2014 FARM BILL AT A MEETING SEPT. 8:** Representatives from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will hold a meeting in Salinas, CA on Sept. 8 to answer questions about the 2014 Farm Bill. The legislation brought changes in conservation, commodity programs, crop insurance, rural development programs, loans, disaster programs, energy opportunities and other provisions, many of which will take effect Oct. 1, a news release explains. Officials from the USDA's Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Rural Development program will discuss opportunities for growers and new eligibility requirements.

**TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON ADMINISTERING NUTRITION PROGRAMS:** The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) plans to work with tribal nations and their leadership to determine the feasibility and interest of tribal nation administration of federal nutrition assistance programs, in lieu of state agencies or other administrative entities administering USDA FNS programs. This important study will result in a report to the U.S. Congress in fall of 2015 and may ultimately result in changes in the administration of some nutrition assistance programs based on guidance from tribal leaders. The first part of this process will consult with tribal nations to determine the extent of tribal interest in administering USDA FNS programs, with specific focus on 1) the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), 2) the National School Lunch Program, 3) School Breakfast Program, 4) the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, and 5) the Summer Food Service Program. USDA invites you to participate in the first of a series of formal tribal consultations with tribal nations and their leadership on either of the following dates:

Thursday, September 11, 2014; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT and Monday, September 22, 2014; 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. EDT

To participate in either consultation, please register at: <https://www.research.net/s/TribalConsultation2014>

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## **September Calendar Reminders**

### **Sept. 4-9 Native Youth Health Summit      Window Rock & Albuquerque**

Native Youth Health Summit. This year's Summit features a series of workshops to guide youth in creating digital stories that highlight their own experiences and thoughts on Native health, as well as educational panels, and fitness activities. The digital stories will then be featured at the Native Youth Film Festival on Sept. 8.

### **Sept. 14-18 16th Annual American Indian Tourism Conference Marksville, LA**

This conference features a variety of opportunities to learn and participate in activities such as, mobile workshops, networking events, a tourism trade show, tribal artist vendors, and presentations from experts in the travel and tourism industry. Register Now

### **Sept. 16-19 Facilitator Certification Training: Fatherhood Is Sacred/Motherhood Is Sacred      Mesa, AZ**

A Certified Facilitator is able to lead a group of individuals, clients, and participants through a two- hour per week for 12 weeks of sessions of the Fatherhood Is Sacred™ and Motherhood Is Sacred™ programs. Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible parenting. For more training info., email [training@aznaffa.org](mailto:training@aznaffa.org) or call (480)833-5007.

### **Sept. 18-19 Western Region Veteran's Training Summit      Smith River, CA**

Hosted by Smith River Tribe. For more info., contact Terry Bentley at [terry.bentley@va.gov](mailto:terry.bentley@va.gov) or send a Fax to: 541-677-3030.

**Sept. 22-24 2014 Southwest Regional Veteran's Conference Isleta, NM**

2014 Southwest Regional Veteran's Conference: The Southwest Native American Veterans Association (SWNAVA) and Isleta Pueblo Veterans Association (IPVA) will convene Government Officials with the intent to initiate the following: Increase and enhance access to VA benefits and services that include quality health care, housing, employment and education; Improve coordination and delivery of care through the development of health information systems and trainings; Increase cultural awareness and culturally competent care for VA beneficiaries; Improve health promotion and disease prevention programs and services to American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians.

**Sept. 23-26 Native American Youth Leadership Conference (7th—12th Grade Students)**

**Tucson, AZ** encourage youth to believe in themselves as ambassadors for change. Contact [Nadine@SIENA-AZ.org](mailto:Nadine@SIENA-AZ.org) or 623-670-3561 or visit <http://www.siena-az.org/events.html>.

**Sept. 25 Connect 2014: Business Conference and Trade Show Ak-Chin, AZ**

Presented by American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona. Training sessions and workshops include:

How to Write a Successful Business Plan; Business Loan Guarantee & Certification workshops; Contracting Opportunities & upcoming Development Projects; How to Capitalize on Social Marketing; How to do Business with Ak-Chin Community, and more. Go To [www.aiccaz.org](http://www.aiccaz.org).

**Sept. 25-26 19th Annual First Nations L.E.A.D. Institute Conference Tulalip, WA**

19th Annual First Nations L.E.A.D. Institute Conference is open to anyone involved or interested in Native American nonprofit work, tribal governments or agencies, and Native-related businesses. It is designed to help emerging & existing leaders in Indian Country share ideas, network and learn new skills related to asset-building. To register, visit: <http://www.firstnations.org/lead>.

**SEPTEMBER DEADLINES**

**Sept. 9 Senior Corp RSVP Program**

The Corporation for National & Community Service RSVP grants support volunteers age 55 years and older in activities that serve community needs and respond to the National Performance Measures in the following focus areas: disaster; education; economic opportunity; environment; healthy futures; and veterans & military families. ELIGIBILITY: Public agencies; private nonprofits; institutions of higher education; and Indian tribes.

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/upload/RSVP%202015%20FINAL%20for%20508.508.pdf>

**Sept. 22 FY 2015 Brownfields Area- Wide Planning (BF AWP) Grant Guidelines**

EPA's funding for eligible entities (including Indian Housing entities) who wish to develop an area-wide plan for brownfields assessment, cleanup, and subsequent reuse. This funding is for research, technical assistance, and/or training activities directed to one or more brownfield site(s) located in a specific area (such as a neighborhood, district, local commercial corridor, community waterfront or city block). Funded projects must result in an area-wide plan which includes specific plan implementation strategies for assessing, cleaning up, & reusing the brownfields site(s) as well as related brownfields & project area revitalization strategies. For

more, visit [FY2015 Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant Guidelines \(PDF\)](#) or [Frequently Asked Questions \(PDF\)](#).

### **Sept. 25 “Green Business” in Indian Country Start-Up Awards**

Trees, Water & People's Tribal Renewable Energy Program anticipates some great ideas for green businesses -- solar technologies, Indigenous agriculture, earth-based housing, and anything that respects and protects the earth. The winner of this year's award will receive up to \$40,000 in start-up cash and technical assistance to help an aspiring Native entrepreneur get a jumpstart. Applications will include a business plan, an operating budget and a start-up budget. More info: <http://www.solarwarriors.org/training/business-development.html>. For questions, contact Jamie Folsom at (970) 484-3678 or [twp@treeswaterpeople.org](mailto:twp@treeswaterpeople.org).

### **OCTOBER and later DEADLINES**

#### **Oct. 2 Deployment of Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency on Indian Lands**

Learn more about this FOA. Register for the webinar. The Dept of Energy is currently seeking applications for funding from Indian tribes, tribal energy resource development organizations, and tribal consortia to install community and facility-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. For details, read the Progress Alert or view the full FOA at [Deployment of Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency on Indian Lands](#). Questions related to the FOA may be sent via email to [tribal@ee.doe.gov](mailto:tribal@ee.doe.gov). For other EERE funding opportunities, see their funding list.

#### **Oct. 6 Documenting Endangered Languages**

This funding partnership between the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities supports projects to develop and advance knowledge concerning endangered human languages.

ELIGIBILITY: Universities and colleges, nonprofit organizations, Tribal organizations, and scientists, engineers or educators. Link to RFP: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14580/nsf14580.pdf>

#### **Nov. 12 Rural Community Development Initiative Grants (USDA)**

Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for but are not limited to (a) training sub-grantees to conduct a program on home-ownership education; (b) training sub-grantees to conduct a program for minority business entrepreneurs; (c) providing technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to effectively prepare a strategic plan; (d) provide technical assistance to sub-grantees on how to access alternative funding sources; (e) building organizational capacity through board training; (f) developing training tools, such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides to be used by the sub-grantee; (g) providing technical assistance and training on how to develop successful child care facilities; and (h) providing training on effective fundraising techniques. For more info., call 602/280-8745 or visit [Link to current NOFA](#).

#### **Nov. 15 Nike N7 Grant Fund**

Click on the “Apply” option at <http://n7fund.com/the-n7-fund-grant-cycle-is-now-open/> to view the online application. For more info., contact [N7.Fund@nike.com](mailto:N7.Fund@nike.com).

#### **July 1, 2015 Veterans Cemetery Grants**

This U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs program assists in providing gravesites for Veterans in those areas where VA's national cemeteries cannot fully satisfy their burial needs. Grants may be

used to establish, expand or improve Veterans cemeteries. ELIGIBILITY: States, federally recognized tribal government, or U.S. territories.

Link to RFP: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=258768>

**Open Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program**

Grants are available for the development and operation of tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions in Indian country. This program assists nonprofit organizations and individuals or groups of individuals to build Indian women’s leadership and capacity in tribal communities to advocate for systemic change that will enhance the safety of women in an Indian Tribe. Tribal Coalition nonprofit organizations have accomplished this through technical assistance, expanding the capacity of the tribal coalitions, developing or enhancing appropriate standards for tribal governments, tribal nonprofits organizations, tribal organizations, victim services and victim service providers to increase the understanding of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. For more info., visit [http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/open\\_solicitations.htm](http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/open_solicitations.htm)

**Open Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)**

Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150,000 for repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500,000 for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more details, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm>

**Open Indian Land Tenure Foundation Grants**

Tribal, local and state governments, and 501c3 nonprofit organizations, including educational institutions are eligible. The Foundation is devoted to serving Indian nations and Indian people in the recovery and control of their rightful homelands. Programs and initiatives are focused on education, cultural awareness, economic opportunity and legal reform. For more info., visit <http://www.iltf.org/grants>

**Open Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)**

This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area.

Qualifications for this program:

- An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group
- Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives
- A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group.

For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit <http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm>.

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[Tiny Pioneer Log Cabin in Alaska Built in 15 Days](#)  
[Since many of you are also into log cabins I thought you would enjoy this post. It's about a father and his son who set a goal to build a tiny pioneer log cabin in Alaska...](#)  
[e offgridquest.com](http://e-offgridquest.com)

[Cozy Log Cabin- How I built it for less than \\$500.](#)



[This simple, but cozy bush cabin was constructed in my spare time, and was completed in 8 months. My youth group, and several people from my church were a hu...](#)  
[youtube.com](http://youtube.com)

<http://www.thsmallhousecatalog.com/beekeeper>

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I am repeating this photo 1) because I like it and 2) because the source got cut out of the prior posting.



Navajo (Diné) mother tying her daughter's hair using brush. Undated (1920s?). Source - University of Wyoming, American Heritage Center. — with [Ilona](#)

## **Elouise Cobell is probably spinning in her grave**

By Tim Giago

Native Sun News Editor/Publisher

The process of settling the so-called Cobell settlement has turned into a joke, except it is not one of those “ha –ha” jokes, but one of those jokes that can bring tears to one’s eyes.

The Cobell settlement is a result of the government’s total mismanagement of Indian lands, mineral rights, grazing rights, natural resources and money and was so badly accounted for that for more than 200 years the Indians lost untold billions by hook and crook.

The Cobell settlement was a pittance in remuneration because the accountability of the agencies

holding Indian properties, etc., in trust was so jumbled with distortions and cover-ups that true accounting was indeterminable. The pittance individual Indians received in Cobell cash payments prior to Christmas of 2013 should be a mark of shame on the history of America itself.

Where was the national media in uncovering this mess? They were probably busy filming and writing about the “drunken Indians” at Whiteclay, Nebraska’s firewater holes.

What makes the settlement even more unbelievable is that more than \$1 billion was given back to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to clear up the fractionated land (buy-back) programs abundant on nearly all Indian reservations, a problem created by the BIA itself. Yeah, let’s take a billion dollars from the poor individual Indians and give it back to the nincompoops who caused the problem to remedy their incompetency. What a travesty!

Well, the Interior Department turned over the accounting and payment system for the Cobell settlement to the Garden City Group, whatever that is, and it has raised the hackles of every Indian that was ever owed money by the government. The second payment of the settlement has dragged on now for nearly one year after the first payments were made and the promises at that time were that the next payments would come in the early spring of 2014. Well, that date has come and gone we are still waiting and wondering.

We do not all have wildly successful casinos or we could have turned down the initial legal settlement and called for the settlement that was originally planned by Elouise Cobell. She determined that the theft of Indian monies totaled 10 times what the government finally agreed to pay. She was overruled by a bank of lawyers who all got paid first and could have cared less that their clients, the American Indians, the neediest, would be left holding the bag.

The sad thing is that Native Americans will never be able to go back and say, “Hey, you cheated us out of billions again,” because once they accepted a single penny of the settlement, the legal door was closed.

Leaders like the late Charlie Colombe, former President of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, brought a counter suit against the Cobell lawyers questioning the way the payments were determined and why such a tiny, tiny amount was awarded. Some Indians really got angry at Charlie for “holding up our money” when they should have been supporting his lawsuit and praising him for trying to get them some real money.

Let’s face it; the federal government dodged another Indian arrow. They figured an impoverished people would not have the patience or the time to wait. You cannot hold a sandwich in the face of a starving person and not expect they are going to reach for it.

And so the beat goes on. While the Garden City Group dawdles in a poor imitation of the Interior Department, the real victims of this farce wait on the sidelines; and Elouise Cobell is probably spinning in her grave. What started out for her as one of the noblest gestures to honor Native Americans by paying them for all of the land, minerals and resources stolen for them for more than 200 years has gone up in smoke because of greedy lawyers and a recalcitrant federal government. Doesn’t that sound a lot like history repeating itself?



What Native Americans ended up with was “We can’t pay them what they are asking so let’s just give them enough to shut them up.” This has been the lot of Native Americans since the first settlers set foot upon this continent.

We were cheated out of what was rightfully ours then and we were just cheated out of what was rightfully ours now. Most Indians got just enough to buy a beat up used car when they should have got enough to buy a new house. God bless America!

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### **Comstock Mining Update:**

At its meeting of August 21 the Storey County Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of Comstock Mining Inc’s request for amendments to its SUP. The issue will come before County Commissioners McBride, Gilman and Sjolvangen who are poised to approve it. That will mark the end of Gold Hill as a living community.

[Here is a recap of recent activity.](#)

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### **Native American Suicide Prevention Organization**

Had to share this video. An amazing voice!

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### **ARCHIVE RESOURCES *(One always finds “stuff” in the least expected places.....sdc)***

Founded in 1994, the **Deer Valley Rock Art Center** has the largest concentration of Native American petroglyphs in the Phoenix Valley. Visitors hike a quarter-mile trail to view over 1,500 petroglyphs made between 500 and 7,000 years ago. Voted a Phoenix Point of Pride, Deer Valley Rock Art Center is a destination for families to learn about archaeology in their own backyard. The museum aims to promote preservation, connection and respect for the site.

Collection: [Left for Interpretation: Petroglyphs and Artifacts](#)

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### **Fort Peck Tribal Library Website**

The **Fort Peck Tribal Library** serves the whole Fort Peck Indian Reservation population of the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes as the major resource/research center for students, faculty, community, and professionals. As an academic library, the Library provides services and support for all courses offered at Fort Peck Community College. The Library collection includes over 10,000 titles and 123 periodicals with periodical support being added by an online database funded by the Montana State Legislature.

- [Fort Peck Reservation Newspapers](#)

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### **Emery County (UT) Archives**

The **Emery County Archives Collection** includes photos representing the history of Castle Valley: the towns, the people, coal mining, the uranium boom, ranching, rock art and other

evidence of the Fremont and Archaic Cultures, dinosaur fossils, the Huntington woolly mammoth discovery, and unique geologic formations and history of the San Rafael Swell. This collection contains private collections from individuals such as Elmo Geary's history of drama and theater in Castle Valley, John Niebergall's "Then and Now" pictures of the Manti-LaSal Forest and other areas of Emery County, and many others that showcase the history of the area.

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### [Girl Scouts - Arizona Cactus-Pine Council Historical Society](#)

The Council serves 2/3 of Arizona and the majority of girls who benefit from Girl Scout programs reside in Maricopa County. The Council also provides programming to girls living in Apache, Coconino, Gila, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, and Yavapai counties, the northern half of Pinal and Graham counties, the portion of the Navajo Nation that extends into Utah and New Mexico as well as Laughlin, NV and Earp, CA.

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The **Great Basin Museum** collection contains an assortment of historical photographs that depict historical events in infrastructure development in the Great Basin Area.

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### [News Worth Noting: Enviro groups call for new BDCP scoping alternatives, Reclamation announces meetings to revise criteria for CVP contractor's water management plans, Fort Ord restoration project, World Water Week](#)

#### **Maven, Maven's Notebook**

Friends of the River, C-WIN, CSPA and the Environmental Water Caucus call for new BDCP scoping of a reasonable range of alternatives including the Responsible Exports Plan Submitted by the Environmental Water Caucus: **The letter reads:** “ *Friends of the River (FOR), the California Water Impact Network (C-WIN), the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance (CSPA), and the Environmental Water Caucus (EWC) (a coalition of over 30 nonprofit environmental and community organizations and California Indian Tribes) are relieved to learn that the Bay Delta Conservation Plan website announced on August 27, 2014 that the California Department of Water Resources “and the other state and federal agencies leading the Bay Delta Conservation Plan will publish a Recirculated Draft BDCP, Draft EIR/EIS , and Draft Implementing Agreement (IA) in early 2015.” The announcement also states that: “The scope of the partially recirculated draft documents will be announced in approximately six to eight weeks. The recirculated documents will include those portions of each document that warrant another public review prior to publication of final documents.” We look forward to learning of the scope of the recirculated documents by mid- to late October of this year. Our organizations have communicated several times with BDCP officials about analysis of alternatives in the BDCP process. ... ”*