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Woman  
teaching the  
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### **18th National Tribal Preservation Conference**

NATHPO announces that the 18th National Tribal Preservation Conference will be hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Ignacio, Colorado, the week of August 29, 2016. The conference is open to the public.

Meeting and lodging will be at the Sky Ute Casino Resort

[Click here for Sky Ute Casino Resort website](#)

Transportation and Lodging Information:

[Click here for Updated Transportation and Lodging Information](#)

Note: Have a question about room availability? Please ask for Jeff Lyman at Sky Ute

This is the link for the basic conference registration form:

[Click here for Conference Registration Form](#)

Conference Agenda:

Monday, Aug. 29, 2016: Pre-conference Workshops and opening reception

Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 30-31, 2016: Plenary sessions

[Click here for link to Tues. & Wed. Agenda-at-a-glance](#)

[Click here for more information on International Repatriation Session](#)

Thurs., Sept. 1, 2016: Federal Communications Commission Section 106 Summit

Fri., Sept. 2, 2016: Federal Communication Commission (concludes by 12noon)

[Click here for FCC Summit Announcement](#)

[Click here for Updated FCC Summit Draft Agenda](#)

NATHPO will be offering three pre-conference workshops this year on Monday, August 29th:

1. THPO Toolkit, to be taught by Thomas Gates, former THPO (cost \$75)

We encourage new THPOs and Indian tribes considering or actively applying for THPO status to participate in this workshop.

[Click here for more information on Toolkit](#)

[Click here for workshop application form](#)

2. Field Trip to Chimney Rock National Monument (cost \$50)

Participants will leave Sky Ute Resort to Chimney Rock National Monument and return – about 40 minutes each way (transportation, \$25 entrance fee, and lunch included).

[Click here for link to USFS Chimney Rock National Monument webpage](#)

[Click here for workshop application form](#)

3. Native Language Workshop, “Organizing Cultural Content Using FLEx,” offered in collaboration with the American Indian Language Development Institute (cost \$100)

[Click here for more information about this workshop](#)

[Click here for AILDI registration link for this workshop](#)

Use this Paypal link to pay for conference registration and workshop fees:

[\*\*MAKE PAYMENT NOW\*\*](#)

NATHPO is accepting presentation proposals through July 31, 2016:

[Click here for Presenter Proposal in PDF](#)

[Click here for Presenter Proposal in Word](#)

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## Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice Access & Awareness Webinar Series

### **"Federal Agencies Convening for Environmental Justice: Connecting Communities to Green Space, Healthcare and Jobs"**

**Thursday August 11, 2016 at 1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern**

**[Register Now!](#)**

Established by Executive Order 12898, the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) comprises 17 federal agencies and White House Offices that work together to guide, support and enhance environmental justice and community-based activities. Check out the [EJ IWG Webpage](#) for more information.

The EJ IWG is launching the Access & Awareness Series, a monthly event, to provide public access to the working group and to increase community awareness of federal agency environmental justice strategies and holistic community-based solutions to address environmental justice issues. This series will help the public gain a deeper understanding of how federal agencies are collaborating and what resources are available to anyone interested in improving the health, quality-of-life, and economic opportunities in overburdened communities.

The first webinar of the series, "Federal Agencies Convening for Environmental Justice: Connecting Communities to Green Space, Healthcare and Jobs" will provide an introduction to the Environmental Justice Interagency Working Group established in 1994 under Executive Order 12898 and chaired by the Environmental Protection Agency. It will highlight three innovative federal projects with presentations from the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor and the Department of the Interior, National Parks Service. These presentations will highlight agency programs and how they integrate important EJ principles to target underserved and overburdened communities.

- **Date:** 8/11/2016
- **Time:** 1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern
- **Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/federal-agencies-convening-for-environmental-justice-connecting-communities-to-green-space-tickets-26760830364>

Once you register, you will be emailed with information on how to access the webinar.

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### **Upcoming EJ IWG Webinars**

*9/8/2016 from 1:00–2:30pm EST*

#### **Title: Increasing Awareness of Federal Grant and Resource Opportunities**

Purpose: An introduction on how to use the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website and current funding opportunities for communities facing environmental justice issues

*10/13/2016 from 1:00-2:30pm EST*

#### **Title: Creating Safe and Healthy Environments for Children**

Purpose: Children's Health Month: Advancing the Federal Commitment of protecting children's environmental health and safety.

*11/10/2016 from 1:00–2:30pm EST*

*Title:*

#### **Learning Together: Lessons Learned from Collaborative Place-Based Initiatives**

Purpose: Overview of the EJ IWG Framework for Collaboration and showcasing the importance of effective federal collaboration.

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Was North America once inhabited by a race of cannibalistic giants? According to an old legend supported by several challenging archaeological finds, this unnerving scenario is possible.

#### **Buried Enigma: Nevada's Lost Race of Cannibalistic Redheaded Giants**

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[Mark Trahan](#) shared [Trahan Reports's post](#).

This is why it matters that Native Americans run for office. Even the other candidate recognizes the importance of listening to tribal communities. (And, for the record, Frazer is one of my favorite places.)

#### **#NativeVote16 – Montana congressional debates will take place on tribal lands**

TrahanReports Denise Juneau and Ryan Zinke have agreed to a series of congressional debates across Montana. And half of those debates will occur in...[trahanreports.com](http://trahanreports.com)



*I'd rather be at a powwow.....*

## **Federal Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities**

### **[\\$10 Million Grants Program to Build Healthy, Resilient Coastal Communities](#)**

This opportunity opens to applicants on July 27, 2016.

The Gulf Research Program of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has joined with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to establish a \$10 million grants program to fund projects that enhance the science and practice of coastal community resilience in the Gulf of Mexico region. These projects will explore the interrelated health, social, environmental, and economic impacts of disasters and other environmental stressors and inform strategies to address these challenges in Gulf communities. For more information about this new program, visit [www.nas.edu/gulf/grants](http://www.nas.edu/gulf/grants) and register to receive e-mail updates.

### **[FY 2016 Promise Neighborhoods Competition](#)**

Deadline for Notice of Intent to Apply: August 11, 2016

Applicants are strongly encouraged to notify the U.S. Department of Education of the applicant's intent to submit an application for funding by submitting an e-mail to the [Promise Neighborhood Mailbox](#)

Deadline to Submit Applications: September 6, 2016

Full details [here](#).

Funding Opportunity Number: ED-GRANTS-070816-001

The 2016 Promise Neighborhoods grant competition will award \$30 million to up to five organizations to provide their communities with a coordinated, comprehensive suite of services and school supports aimed at improving the outcomes for students and their families. New grantees will build on a portfolio of 58 prior Promise Neighborhood grants in 48 communities across the nation, representing a federal investment of nearly \$300 million. To date, over 1,000 national, state, and local organizations have partnered with a Promise Neighborhood, benefiting students at over 700 schools.

### **Our Town Grant Program, National Endowment for the Arts**

Applications due September 12, 2016.

[Full details here.](#)

The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places with the arts at their core. Creative placemaking is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work - placing arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, and create a distinct sense of place. Our Town offers support for projects in two areas: Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects and Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

### **Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants**

Applications due September 13, 2016.    [Full details at here.](#)

#### **Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6000-N-08**

HUD is making \$5,000,000 available through this NOFA for Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants. The Rural Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing Grants Program funds national organizations with expertise in rural housing and community development to strengthen the capacity of rural housing development organizations, CDCs, CHDOs, local governments, and Indian Tribes to carry out community development and affordable housing activities that benefit low- and moderate-income families and persons in rural areas. Award Ceiling: \$2,500,000 ; Award Floor: \$500,000

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#### **Scientists in Belgium have created a solar-powered machine to turn urine into drinkable**

**water.** After being collected and heated in a solar-powered boiler, the liquid is distilled through a membrane which removes 95 percent of the ammonia. Nutrients including nitrogen and potassium are also separated out. The device was recently tested at a 10-day music and



theater festival, during which researchers were able to collect 1,000 liters of water. The team hopes to install larger versions of its machine in other public places. *Engadget*

### **Cockroach Milk Makes Us Wish We Didn't Complain About Other Milks**

In the spirit of “Fine, you hate pea milk? Well have some of THIS,” scientists have recently discovered that the formula the Pacific Beetle Cockroach feeds to its hatchlings [may be nutritious for humans](#). The “milk” is full of protein, fat and sugar, and contains about four times the energy of a cow’s milk. However, the formula is not technically milk, as it takes the form of crystal proteins that are stored in the baby cockroach’s stomach. Cockroach milk is not yet ready to hit food stores, but once it is, we expect there to be lines out the door of our nearest Whole Foods.

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### **Retiring farm board chairman remembers early days**

Tribe organized to begin farming its own land

By MELISSA ST. AUDE Staff Writer | Posted: Thursday, July 28, 2016 8:31 am

MARICOPA — At the end of the day Friday, Leona Kakar will turn off the lights of her office and leave the Ak-Chin Indian Community government facility on West Peters and Nall Road. After 50 years of serving in a variety of capacities, including farm board chairman and administrative assistant to the farm manager, Kakar is retiring.

As she steps back from the day-to-day activities involved in running Ak-Chin’s farm, which she helped to develop, she said leaving isn’t easy to do. In her retirement, she plans to stay involved with the community as much as possible.

“I’ll probably spend more time with my grandchildren, and I’ve thought about volunteering at the cultural center,” she said. “I’m fluent in the O’odham language, so I can be useful there.”

Kakar is 80 years old and remembers the days before the Ak-Chin Indian Community was organized and before its farming enterprise was a financial boon for its residents.

Today, the community has a resort casino, egg farm and industrial park as well as its 16,000-acre farm, which all earn income for the community. But it was the farm that started it all, Kakar said.

It was a desire to communally farm their own land that originally prompted the Ak-Chin residents to organize and form a tribal council more than 55 years ago. The farm was the community’s first financial enterprise.

When Kakar was born in 1935, the Ak-Chin community was a much different place.

She grew up near Farrell Road.

“Most of the housing was mud huts back then,” she said. “But my dad eventually built a two-room stucco house. There were six of us in that house — my mother and father and the four of us kids — but it seemed like we had plenty of room.”

Like others in the community, the family survived by farming about 40 acres and living off the land. Her parents grew squash and watermelon and as a child, Kakar helped to gather mesquite beans and cholla buds from the desert.

“Everyone was poor,” she said. “Nobody had work.”

Those who did work had jobs with the non-Indian growers who leased large parcels of Native American land for farming. For years, the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs had leased much of the community’s land to non-Indian farmers.

The farmers would make some improvements to the fields and dig wells, but the economic benefits to the community were minimal and the tribe didn’t receive any portion of the profit made by crop yields.

When she was older, Kakar worked as a clerk at the local grocery store and saw how much money the farmers were earning. It didn’t go unnoticed by Kakar and her brother, Richard Carlyle, that the farmers who were leasing tribal land were the only ones in the community making money.

Efforts to organize the community and the Ak-Chin farmers began in the 1950s.

The first few meetings were held outside in a farm field, in the shade of a large tree.

“We got people together and told them they would have jobs and the community would be better off if we did this,” she said.

Most in the community were supportive of the idea but when tribal members approached BIA about taking back the leases, they were told the endeavor would fail.

“We knew we could make money,” Kakar said. “But the BIA said it would never work. They wouldn’t give us any money or any help. It made me so angry.”

But the community moved forward anyway. They formed a tribal council — a necessary first step — as well as a farm board. As non-Indian leases expired, they were not renewed.

In April 1961, the Ak-Chin Indian Community was officially born and soon after, the farm enterprise started on a shoestring budget and with borrowed equipment.

“The banks didn’t lend us any money and the BIA didn’t help, but we had some area farmers who helped us,” Kakar said.

Cotton, grains and maize were the first crops grown. Eventually, when dairies began relocating to Maricopa from the Phoenix area, the farm devoted some acreage to alfalfa and corn to meet the new market demand for local cattle feed.

Over the years, more non-Indian leases expired and those acres became part of the Ak-Chin community’s farmlands.



Today, nearly 16,000 acres are farmed by the community, which grows cotton, grain, potatoes, alfalfa, corn and pecans.

Kakar's brother served as the first farm board chairman, but when he died in an auto accident in 1965, she was asked to take over.

"I agreed, thinking it would be temporary," she said.

She's served ever since. As well as being on the farm board for 50 years, she's also been on the Tribal Council several times and works as an administrative assistant to the farm manager. Over the years, she's seen the farm grow, profit and become an important source of jobs.

Harrah's Ak-Chin Resort Casino is now the community's largest employer and biggest money-maker. It stands on former farmland where hay once grew.

"When the hay was growing there, we thought it was doing good making money. Then the casino came in," Kakar said.

After the formation of the tribal council and farm, it took about 25 years for the community to settle its water rights, a move that Kakar believes is one of Ak-Chin's greatest accomplishments.

"Without water, this land would be nothing," she said. "Water is our lifeline. You can't do anything on this land without it. And we do have the best water settlement."

For many of the early years, Ak-Chin struggled to obtain adequate water. Kakar said she was among those who traveled to Washington, D.C., to lobby for the tribe's water rights.

After more than two decades of negotiation, the tribe secured an allotment of Central Arizona Project water from the Colorado River, much of which is used to irrigate its farms.

As she prepares to leave a job she's held for five decades, Kakar said times, and the nature of her administrative position, have changed.

Her office is one of the few in the Ak-Chin government facility that doesn't have a computer on the desk. Kakar doesn't like computers.

"They really need a young person in this position who's comfortable with computers," she said.

In her retirement, she hopes to rediscover a few hobbies she once enjoyed, knitting and quilting.

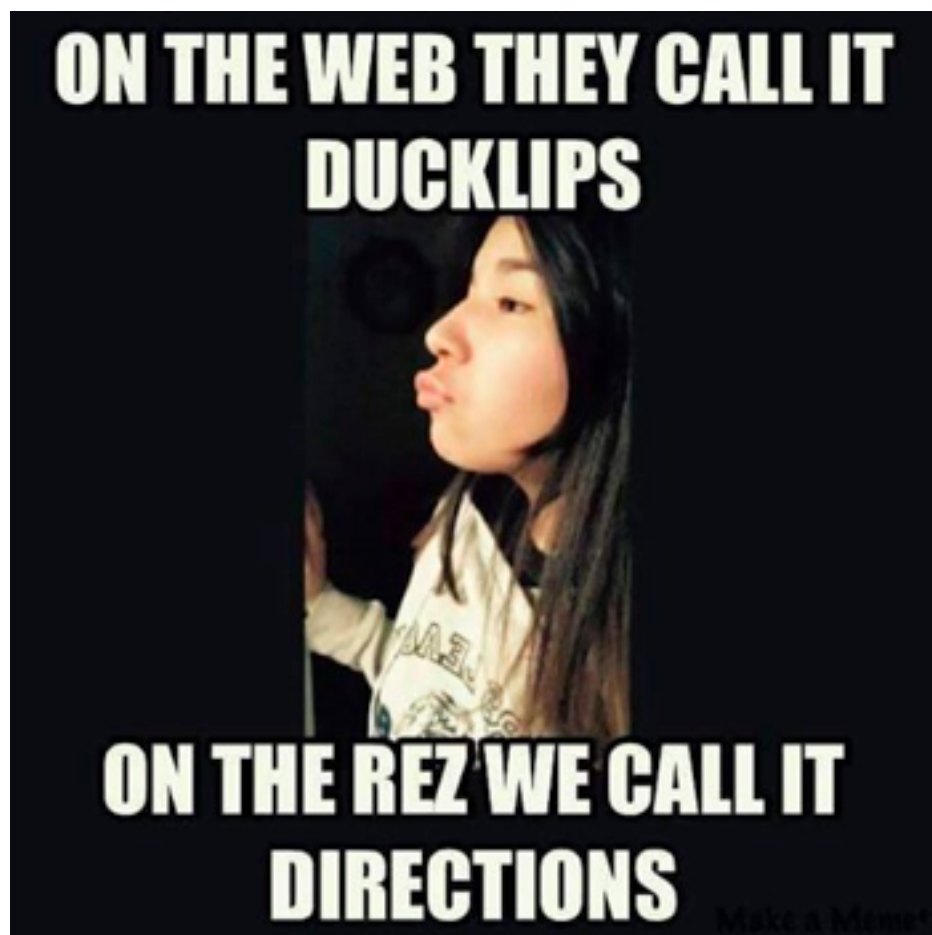
"My eyesight isn't as good as it once was and my fingers aren't as nimble anymore, but years ago I used to really like knitting. I'll probably try that again," she said.

She'd also like to spend more time cooking.

She misses some of the foods she grew up with — pinole with sugar, wild spinach and cholla buds — and would like to help the younger generation learn more about the foods that were once staples in the community.

“Everything is so much easier for the younger generation,” Kakar said. “They don’t have to go out and find their food in the desert — everyone has refrigerators now. Life has gotten easier, and I love this life, but sometimes I miss the way we used to live.”

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### **Housing Excellence (THE Academy) application period now open**

RCAC and Native Capital Access (NCA) will accept applications for the Tribal Housing Excellence Academy (THE Academy) until September 1, 2016. THE Academy is a three year initiative to apply best practices in leveraging resources historically underutilized by Tribes and Native communities to increase the number and type of housing units produced on Native lands.

[Read more](#)

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**And if you ever think you have it tough: <http://www.trendingly.com/wonder-woman>**

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- [\*\*Standing Rock Sioux Tribe sues Army Corps over Dakota Accesses pipeline permit approval\*\*](#)  
[The Army Corps of Engineers has approved the Dakota Access pipeline permit, which has upset the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Now, the tribe is suing the Corps for issuing the](#)

[permits.](#)  
[kfyrtv.com](#)

- [North Dakota sign change stirs strong feelings at Standing Rock](#)  
[Marcellus Red Tomahawk was the first elected chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.](#)  
[indianz.com](#)
- [Running for water, Earth](#)  
[About 40 people of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe wearily climbed the Southside Boat Club's sloping parking lot Tuesday morning in Keokuk.](#)  
[dailygate.com](#)

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### [Federal judge blocks N. Dakota's voter-ID law, calling it unfair to Native Americans](#)

Move follows judicial action on voting laws in Texas, N. Carolina, Wisconsin and...

[washingtonpost.com](#) By [Robert Barnes](#)



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[News](#)

The **Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe** put this sign out in support of their firefighters.

For the latest statistic on the Sutcliffe Fire visit: <http://bit.ly/2anVeaJ>