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**In respect and gratitude**



"One of the more memorable **Friends of the Inyo stewardship** events so far this summer was a youth group Julia and I worked with over the 4th of July weekend. The kids came from all over the country on a traveling summer camp that stopped in Lake Tahoe, Yosemite, and the Eastern Sierra. While camping at Crowley Lake, one girl from New York City SAW THE STARS IN THE NIGHT SKY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE.

These kids, who did not know each other before this trip, were nothing but enthusiastic and stoked to be in the mountains. They treated each other with smiles and a willingness to work together that was refreshing. They volunteered with us for two days, and then took a day trip to Yosemite Valley. The morning after their trip to "the Valley" I met them at Rock Creek Lake and asked what their favorite thing about Yosemite was. Here are a few of their responses:

- The mountains were amazing
- I liked the big trees the best
- The waterfalls were awesome
- I loved being at Mirror Lake and having lots of other people there speaking lots of different languages while all enjoying a beautiful place together
- It was a dream come true

In that moment I had this up welling of warmth and inspiration rising inside me and I wanted to race out to all the places that I felt should hear this. I envisioned running through the middle lanes of a traffic jam on the 405, through all the corporate campuses of the country, the financial boardrooms in the upper floors of skyscrapers, and the halls of Congress. I wanted to grab each person by the shoulders, shake them and say, "WAKE UP." Look at what really matters. These kids get it.

I then flashed back to reality, and we got to work cleaning up the shorelines of Rock Creek Lake (and having fun). Yet I can't help thinking about how much potential our public lands provide to inspire, and to offer opportunities to build bridges within our community."

-Ben Wickham, Friends of the Inyo



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**\$5000 Grants for Writers & Artists with Children:  
Applications Open until 31 August**

The Sustainable Arts Foundation is offering \$5000 awards to writers and artists with children. The money can be used for costs such as child care, workspaces, new equipment, research and travel.

[aerogrammestudio.com](http://aerogrammestudio.com)

## [Chickasaw.tv](http://Chickasaw.tv)

Coming in August! “Winter Fire,” a new documentary series from Chickasaw.tv, will share stories related to history, culture, people and present-day tribal issues.

Here, get a sneak peek of the very first episode, “And Our Mothers Cried,” which features a Chickasaw perspective on the Native American boarding schools of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

## [First Look: And Our Mothers Cried](#)

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, many Native American children experienced a harsh reality.  
[goo.gl](http://goo.gl)

## **Welcome to Chickasaw Networks Home to Our Vibrant HD Video Channels**

Watch the Chickasaw story come to life across vibrant HD video channels — a story of strength, beauty and intelligence of a great Native American Nation. Listen to the voices that have echoed across generations, explore the history of the resilient Chickasaw people and celebrate the rich culture of the tribe, which has sparked a creative renaissance for our Nation — welcome.

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## **Trump administration moves in new direction with Cobell buy-back program**

With just \$540 million left to spend, the Trump administration is changing course when it comes to the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations. [indianz.com](http://indianz.com)

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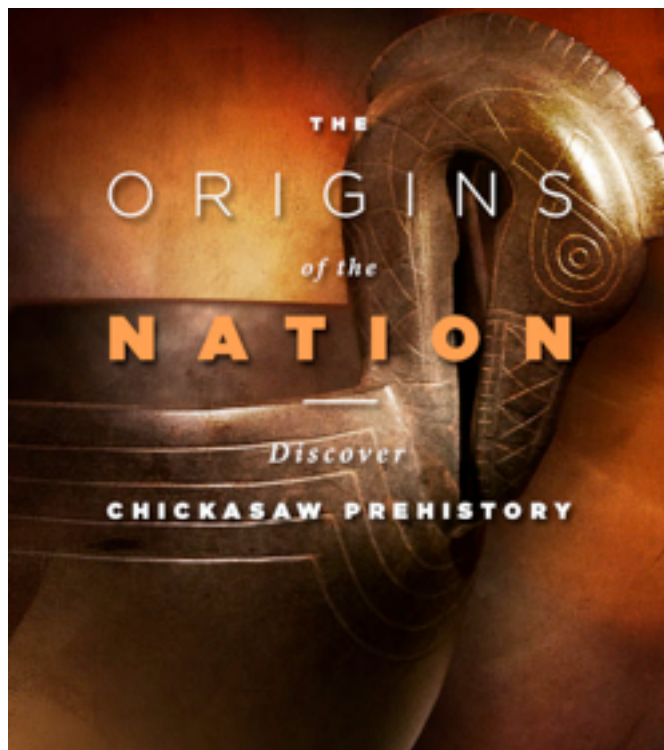
## **AWAKE, A Dream From Standing Rock | Netflix**

Capturing global attention, the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe leads a peaceful protest against an oil pipeline threatening the drinking water of millions. [netflix.com](http://netflix.com)

## **Review: Murder Mystery on the Reservation in 'Wind River' By GLENN**

**KENNY**

A rookie investigator meets her match while investigating a murder on an Indian reservation.



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## **Due Aug. 31 Historic Preservation Fund - Tribal Historic Preservation Offices Grant (DOI)**

Program provides grants to Tribal Historic Preservation Offices for the identification, evaluation, and cultural and historic preservation of significant resources by such means as survey, education, archeology, planning and technical assistance. Eligibility: Federally recognized tribes with signed Tribal Historic Preservation Office partnership agreements with the National Park Service. More info. at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=294702>

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### **Redding Rancheria's Stillwater Pow Wow**

Sep 29 - Oct 1 · [Shasta District Fair & Event Center](#) · Anderson, CA

## **The Westerman Bill: The Timber Industry's Wet Dream**

*Andy Kerr, Andy Kerr's Website*

Kerr writes: "Introduced by Representative Bruce Westerman (R-4th-AR), the bill is the timber industry's wet dream legislation. In only his second term in Congress, Westerman has received more campaign contributions from Big Timber than any other industry." [READ MORE](#)

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## **Circle of Blue**

### **BLM Fracking Rule Reversal**

The 180s continue. The Bureau of Land Management [moved to rescind an Obama administration rule](#) that governed hydraulic fracturing on public lands managed by the federal government. The rule established guidelines for well construction, handling of the brine and fluids that flow out of a fracked well, and reporting the chemicals used in the process. The BLM now feels that the rule “unnecessarily burdens industry with compliance costs and information requirements that are duplicative of regulatory programs of many states and some tribes.”

The rule never went into effect, first being suspended by a federal judge then invalidated. Environmental groups are appealing that ruling. The BLM, however, told the U.S. Court of Appeal for the Tenth Circuit in a [March filing](#) that the rule “does not reflect” the priorities of this administration.

Public comments are being accepted through September 25.



## **WOTUS Repeal**

Weeks after announcing it, the EPA and the Army Corps [published a notice in the Federal Register](#) that states their intent to repeal the Obama administration's definition of which water bodies are regulated by the Clean Water Act.

Publication in the Federal Register initiates the public comment period, which runs through August 28. That is a quick turnaround for one of the most contentious federal environmental rules in recent memory.

The second step in the administration's plan is to propose a new rule. The agencies have not yet done that.

Republicans, meanwhile, are targeting the rule on a second front. A [section of the Defense Department spending bill](#) (page 277, line 12) allows the administration to revoke the rule with no strings attached — strings being requirements for public consultation.

## **Florida Nuclear Plant Waste Injection OK'd**

A Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing board [ruled that underground waste disposal from a pair of proposed reactors near Miami will not harm drinking water resources](#).

Florida Power and Light Company is seeking approval for two additional reactors at the Turkey Point nuclear plant, in Homestead, Florida. Even with a license the company might not proceed with construction if the cost of construction is too high.

Two green groups — National Parks Conservation Association and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy — challenged the NRC's environmental review, claiming that injecting wastewater from the cooling towers could pose a risk to groundwater, if the contaminants were to move upward into a zone. The wastewater will be injected to a depth of 3,000 feet. The Upper Floridan Aquifer, which stretches between depths of 1,010 feet and 1,450 feet, is classified as a potential drinking water source.

The board concluded that contaminants are unlikely to move upward and, if they do, their concentrations will be lower than EPA standards.

## **House Committee Passes Drinking Water Bill**

The Energy and Commerce Committee advanced a bill that makes small adjustments to the Safe Drinking Water Act that will, perhaps, provide more money to communities, improve data reporting, and result in cleaner water.

The [Drinking Water System Improvement Act](#), developed in bipartisan negotiations, includes a number of provisions. Among them:

- A gradual increase in authorized contributions to an infrastructure loan fund, in total \$US 8 billion over five years. But remember the dictum: authorization does not equal appropriation. Congress could still deliver less money during the annual budget process.
- Expanding the uses of the loan fund to include “preconstruction activities” — the design and planning stage.
- Extending the loan repayment period for poor communities to 40 years.

- Requiring that utilities, in their annual water quality reports to customers, include additional information about violations and send electronic versions.
- \$US 5 million per year for a grant program to replace school drinking water fountains with lead in the plumbing.

“It’s a start for some needed improvements,” Alan Roberson, executive director of the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, wrote to Circle of Blue in an email, while also noting that the legislative path through the House and Senate, is still long.

### **Firefighting Chemicals and the Military**

A couple news items in what will be a long-running story to deal with groundwater contamination near military bases because of firefighting foams.

The House passed a [Defense Department spending bill](#) that includes \$US 60 million for the Air Force and Navy to clean up groundwater contaminated by the chemicals PFOA and PFOS, which were used in firefighting foams on military bases.

Air Force investigators, meanwhile, [released a report](#) that indicates that foams are the source of groundwater contamination near Peterson Air Force Base, in Colorado.

### **Trump Orders Infrastructure Council**

By executive order, President Trump [established an advisory council](#) that will produce a report on prioritizing, accelerating, and financing infrastructure projects. The council will have no more than 15 members, appointed by the president. Public interest groups had sued over the administration’s use of informal advisers on infrastructure matters.d Reports

### **Rise and Fall of Government Infrastructure Investment**

A [Congressional Research Service report](#) tracks the ups and downs of local, state, and federal non-military infrastructure spending. Total government investment on structures — generally roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems but also some energy spending — peaked in the late 1930s at roughly 4.2 percent of GDP. In the current decade, total government investment has fallen to about 1.6 percent of GDP, most of which is state and local spending combined with federal grants.

### **Senate Water Security Hearing**

Their House colleagues have adjourned until after Labor Day, but the Senate is still at work. An Environment and Public Works subcommittee [meets on August 1](#) to discuss oversight of the Superfund program.

An Energy and Natural Resources subcommittee holds a [hearing on August 2](#) on preparing for drought through improvements to infrastructure and management.

### **Global Waters Website**

The U.S. Agency for International Development is [promoting a new website](#) as a platform for sharing ideas about water and sanitation successes and failures. **The page is populated mostly by USAID resources, but the site is looking for contributions.**

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### **From HUD: FY 2018 Formula Response Form delay and new deadline to Nov. 6, 2017**

Due to delays in appropriations for FY 2017, the FY 2018 Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Response Form could not be accurately prepared by the June 1<sup>st</sup> date. Therefore, the FY 2018 Formula Response Form will be published no later than September 6, 2017. The deadline for tribes/TDHEs to respond to the Formula Response Form will be extended to November 6, 2017, which will still provide tribes/TDHEs the customary 60-day response period. Read the full Dear Tribal Leaders Letter dated today, 8/1/2017 (attached) .

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### **Energy Department Scientists Barred From Attending Nuclear Power Conference**

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### **Small New Mexico communities struggle to deliver clean water** San Francisco Chronicle

*California* developed the standards by only considering human health, he said. It didn't weigh the costs to clean drinking *water* or concerns raised by industry

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**Heidi Barlese** Honolulu Civil Beat

I am hoping one day, someone would be interested in Teaching. I told the kids, if you learn the language, one day, you might be doing this.



### **How Waianae Coast Schools Are Growing Their Own Teachers**

On a Tuesday morning, about 10 high school students sit in a circle at the front of a classroom, learning how to one day lead their own classes. Kat Muranaka, a teacher at Waianae High School, is guiding her students through a review of the previous day's class, using a lesson planning guide to help... civilbeat.org

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**News Flash: Rhode Island joins Texas, Oregon and New York in offering free community college tuition.....**



## **Maidu Summit Consortium & Conservancy**

### **OUR MISSION**

To preserve, protect, and promote the Mountain Maidu Homeland with a united voice.

Our nine original member organizations once included: Greenville Rancheria, Maidu Cultural Development Group, Maiduk Weye, Mountain Maidu Historical Preservation Association, Roundhouse Council, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Tasmam Koyom Foundation, Tsi-Akim Maidu, and the United Maidu Nation.

The Maidu Summit Consortium & Conservancy envisions re-acquired ancestral lands as a vast and unique park system dedicated to the purposes of education, healing, protection, and ecosystem management based upon the Maidu cultural and philosophic perspectives, as expressed through traditional ecology. These goals are achieved through the use of ancestral lands as places for the demonstration of Maidu traditional ecology and for the perpetuation of the unique culture from which that traditional ecology was derived. We also envision reacquisition of ancestral lands as an opportunity for education about social justice through their use to demonstrate a process toward building greater social harmony and the on-the-ground application of the idea of 'celebrating cultural diversity' through real empowerment of a minority cultural population. Healing can begin through the process of righting past wrongs. The healing will be on the part of the Maidu who can begin to rebuild their cultural lives, and on the part of society in general through restoration of faith in national ideals and the basic enactment of justice.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND**

The Maidu Summit Consortium & Conservancy is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization originating from nine Mountain Maidu groups, tribes, non-profit and grass-roots organizations located in Plumas and Lassen Counties. The Maidu Summit was formed to present a unified voice for the Maidu where resources and culture are concerned. We share a vision of site protection and stewardship throughout our Maidu homeland. The Maidu Summit is seeking funds for strategic development, including cultural knowledge and land stewardship to ensure the perpetuation of Maidu life ways. We serve the community with public information sharing from outside the corporate paradigm. Other projects include finalizing MOUs with partners such as Native American Lands Conservancy, Feather River Land Trust and Feather River College, among others. We continue to build the Summit's infrastructure to successfully reclaim alienated lands through the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council process.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHS**

The Maidu Summit Consortium & Conservancy, now in its 12th year of existence has become the chartered singular voice for the Mountain Maidu tribe for the purpose of conservation and land management. We have represented the entire tribe by way of the alternative non-profit model, granting us new channels of support and development otherwise not available to non-federally recognized native people. Many relationships have been forged with the native and non-native communities that allow us new strength in attaining our goals of acquiring and protecting ancestral lands. [www.maidusummit.org](http://www.maidusummit.org)



WELCOME TO THE 54TH ANNUAL



SHOSHONE-BANNOCK INDIAN FESTIVAL

## 2017 Shoshone Bannock Festival Handgame

Thursday, August 10, 2017

### **BONE HOG**

Registration 4pm-6pm

\$40 Per Team

\$500 Added in 1st-3rd paid out

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

Friday, August 11, 2017

### **ELDERS THREE MAN (55 and up)**

Registration 2pm-4pm

**FREE Entry**

\$1,300 Added in 1st-3rd paid out

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

### **FIRST FIVE BONE HOG**

Registration 4pm-6pm

\$40 Per Team

\$1,000 Added in 1st-3rd

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

Saturday, August 12, 2017

### **CARD TOURNAMENT Men and Women**

(separate tables)

Registration 10:30

**TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 11AM**

\$5 Per Person

**\$200 Added in Split Table 1st-4th paid out**

Saturday, August 13, 2017

**\$17,000 GUARANTEED**

**1ST \$7,000 plus Jackets**

**2ND \$5,000**

**3RD \$3,000**

**4TH \$2,000**

Registration 11am-2pm

**\$125 Per Team 2-5 players**

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

Sunday, August 13, 2017

### **TRADITIONAL GAME**

**Starts at 12pm**

### **KIDS TOURNAMENT**

**17 and under**

**MUST know how to play without coaching**

Registration 10am-12pm

**FREE Entry 3-5 players**

**DOUBLE ELIMINATION**

### **4 MAN**

Registration 12pm-2pm

**\$80 Per Team**

**SINGLE ELIMINATION**

Contact info: ERIC WAHTOMY or KATRINA UTE  
wahtbuffegas@gmail.com (208) 680-6356

*Additional prizes will be added*

*Only the FOUR basic points allowed ALL weekend: Left, right, middle and outside*

*All tournaments will start shortly after close of registration*


*Entry fees will be added into payouts*

*Saturday's entry fees will be added on to Sunday for kid's tournament and 4 man*

*No drugs, alcohol and weapons allowed*

*Shoshone Bannock Tribes and the festival committees are not responsible for shorthanded travelers, thefts and accident.*

*Welcome to Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Enterprises - Arbor Store, north side Fri., Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.*

**SHOBANFESTIVAL.COM OR FACEBOOK.COM/FORTHALLFESTIVAL** 

**From NATHPO:**

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you the passing of another Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Larry Balber.

From the family's notice of his passing:

Larry "Bezhigogaabow" Eugene Balber began his journey to the spirit world on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, at his home in Red Cliff, Wisconsin.

Larry was born on Oct. 20, 1948, in Detroit. First son of Harriet Theresa (LaFernier) Balber. Larry was the first of four sons and six daughters born to Harriet. On Aug. 29, 1981, Larry was joined in marriage to Linda L. LaGrew in Ann Arbor, Mich.



Larry was employed by the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa for many years. Most recently, he was employed as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for Red Cliff and was a highly active on a number of state and regional boards and advisory and committees. Larry was often called upon to provide consultant services, training and support to the many tribes and communities throughout the Midwest region and nation.

Larry joined the United States Army in 1967 and served four years with the Army Airborne Division during the Vietnam era. Larry was a highly respected Anishinaabe Ogichidaa amongst his peers and colleagues throughout Indian Country. Larry was humbled and honored to carry the Eagle Staff and represent the Red Cliff Nation at numerous pow-wows, community conferences and events throughout the region. Larry was a singer and traditional dancer at heart; and was happiest and most content when spending time doing so. He loved camping and attending pow-wows with his family and spending time reading and visiting with his friends, extended family members and colleagues.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 35 years Linda Balber; two children, son Joseph (Joe) Balber of Minneapolis; and daughter Christine (John) Montgomery of Red Cliff; siblings Jane Bowser of Waterford Mich., Midge (Gene) Wade of Thackerville Okla., Norbert (Janice) Balber of Red Cliff, Susie (Norman) Crazy Thunder of Minocqua, Mary Al Balber of St. Paul, Minn., Katherine Morriseau of Washburn and Michael Balber of Red Cliff; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by mother Harriet (LaFernier) Balber, brother Karl (Marty) Balber, sister Norine Young and in-laws Speed and Madeline Shreyer, Julie Warner and James LaGrew.

Larry was the patriarch of the family and always relied upon greatly for his leadership, wisdom, humility, and the tremendous love and comfort he gave so freely. He will be greatly missed by all of us and all that knew him. A traditional wake and funeral was held at the Red Cliff Youth Center in Red Cliff. Officiant; Ed Bressette III. Interment and Military Honors at the new "Ishpimiing Akiin" Red Cliff Cemetery. A feast in his honor followed at the Red Cliff Youth Center.

If you would like to send any cards or condolences, they may be sent to:  
Red Cliff Tribal Administration Office  
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Bayfield, WI 54814