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Thanks to all of you who have "checked in". I also forgot to ask those of you for the email of others you think should receive the Journal.

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We are always interested in the history and current events of Indigenous People. I print the journals and have them in a binder for my children and grandchildren to read. That b word is an abomination in our vocabulary (bored). I've always told my crew there is no such thing and used to give my daughters the dictionary and they had to read as many pages as their age.. LOL Now I will give them journals to read.

TESLA ANNOUNCES FIRST \$1.5M INVESTMENT IN NEVADA EDUCATION

Tesla will fund new employees in both the Clark and Washoe county school districts and help bolster half a dozen science-focused nonprofits in an effort to bring new technology skills to Nevada students.

<http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz37658019>

**More writing from Tony Katenay
The Man with the Owl Spirit #1**

My childhood friend asks a favor from me. He's a police detective working on this case that has gone cold. Him and his partner can't identify the victim. No leads on who did it or any motive. Only that she female around 10 years old.

He knows I was the weird kid in school. Maybe he took pity on me but he befriended me. Treated me like "normal". I eventually told him that my spirit helper is the owl and I know it scares people. I dream of death, hear voices in the dark, see orbs, stuff that strikes fear in others are not so scary to me.

Well, maybe when I was little it scared me. Only cuz I didn't know what was happening at the time. One gets used to paralyzing sleep episodes after awhile. He knows I'm able to sense a presence or flat out, although rare, see a ghost.

Taking me to lunch he worked this into our conversation.

"So Tony, you still have those weird things happen to you?"

"Yeah, if anything it seems to have grown."

"Grown?" he asks.

"Remember when we went to the Sweat and I asked if they could take this away?" I said.

"Yes, I remember and they said they could but when you get older it will come back with a vengeance"

"It did and I can't turn it off. It's almost consuming my everyday thoughts. Like a radio playing in the background all day. It's driving me crazy."

He asks, "Like a radio?"

"Yeah, like dialing in a radio station. The closer I get to a ghost the clearer I see or hear it. Either an orb or just voices. I can feel a change when I'm around one. Like a feeling of sorts."

"Interesting" he adds. "Do me this favor" and he proceeds to tell me about his cold case.

After much prodding I agree. If only to test the owl helper in me. Seems I'm always being tested. Let's let him feel what it's like.

A few days later he takes me to the site where the little girls body was found. Instantly I feel that "change". I hear him talking but he sounds far away. She was found in a ditch a few yards from the road. Tall weeds hampered the discovery. The autopsy revealed the cause of death but failed to ID her. It showed she was sexually assaulted with her hands cut off and teeth removed.

All sound dissipates from my ears, as if I'm in a trance. Finally, I see the orb. A small light dimly lit. I kneel to the level of the floating light.

"Hi. I'm Tony. I came to help you go home"

A tiny voice asks, "You can see me?"

"Yes, in a way. I can hear you although you sound like you're far away." I didn't tell her I can feel the air moving past my ears as if the owl is right behind me flapping its wings.

What's your name?", I ask.

"Tamara" she replied.

I reach my hand out and say, "Let's go home" then stand up.

I can't see her reaching for my outstretched hand but I feel the electric jolt. Instantly I see images of her death. I'm connected emotionally as I feel her fear. Her pain. Her dad assaulting her ... Killing her. It drops me to my knees.

I wake up in my friends car. I told him I'm sorry I couldn't help but I don't remember anything.

He said, "What? I videoed everything on my phone"

Playing it back I'm shocked to see myself rambling everything. Her name, her dad's name, her brutal rape and finally her death.

"Take me home" my voice exhausted from the whole experience. Being emotionally connected to this has me numb inside. But I know it will fade as my body protects itself. And then I'll remember it all.

A week later my friends phoned me to tell me they made an arrest. Seems the father didn't report his daughter missing and her mother died during Tamara's birth. She was only seven years old. It was all over the news.

Getting ready for bed I wash my face when it hits me. The memories relived. Every detail bubbles up from its hiding place in my soul.

Holding my face in both hands I break down.

"She was only seven years old. How could a father even think of doing that to his own daughter. His own little girl. He's suppose to protect her, nourish her with love. She was only seven years old"

I cry, repeating over and over,

"She was only seven years old ... She was only seven years old"

[Janet Davis](#)

The old White Building as everyone fondly calls it may be demolished in the near future depending on the brownfield assessment. Many of us have fond memories of that building which started out as a school in where the orchard is today. The JOM program has had Summer Day Camp there, tribal offices, Christmas Programs, weddings, dinners, PL Boxing practices and of course dances and probably more than I listed. The siren used to sit on top and when it went off firefighters assembled in the parking lot to go and fight fires during the summer. Many memories. So yesterday when they were cleaning I took pics to share. Enjoy and cherish those memories!



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National Funding

Support for Coalition Building to Encourage Youth Volunteer Activities

[Youth Service America: Lead Agency Program](#)

Youth Service America (YSA) supports a global culture of engaged children and youth committed to a lifetime of meaningful service, learning, and leadership. YSA's Lead Agency Program is intended to activate youth volunteers on September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance, MLK Day of Service weekend, and Global Youth Service Day. The program provides grants of up to \$6,000 to nonprofit organizations who bring together coalitions of youth development and community-based organizations, K-12 schools, colleges and universities, government agencies, national service programs, and faith-based organizations. Through their partner coalitions, Lead Agency grantees will be required to activate a minimum of 1,000 youth for each of the three days of service. Applicants should focus on engaging middle and high

school aged youth, especially those from underserved communities. Applications will be reviewed and grantees selected on a rolling basis through August 10, 2018. Visit the YSA website to learn more about the program.

Initiatives to Assist Low-Income Seniors Funded

AARP Foundation

The AARP Foundation works to end senior poverty by helping vulnerable older adults build economic opportunity and social connectedness. The Foundation has issued the following Requests for Applications (RFAs): The Increasing Social Connectedness for Older Adults RFA will support nonprofit organizations with innovative solutions to bring to scale proven approaches that increase social support and connectedness among low-income older adults. The Tackling Senior Food Insecurity RFA will support nonprofit organizations with innovative solutions to bring to scale proven approaches that increase food security for low-income older adults. The application deadline for both RFAs is September 28, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about each grant opportunity.

Grants Promote No-Kill Animal Shelters

Maddie's Fund: Innovation Grants

The mission of Maddie's Fund is to revolutionize the status and well-being of companion animals. Maddie's Fund grants help build and sustain a no-kill nation so shelter dogs and cats can be guaranteed a loving home. The Fund's Innovation Grants of up to \$5,000 are intended to help implement new programs or expand existing programs at local shelters and rescue organizations that will address specific lifesaving categories. U.S. nonprofit organizations and government animal welfare organizations focused on dogs and/or cats are eligible to apply. Based on the lifesaving category, applications will be accepted from July 30 through August 6, or October 22 through 29, 2018. Visit the Fund's website to learn more about the Innovation Grants program.

Efforts to Address Punitive Immigration Policies Supported

Borealis Philanthropy: Immigration Litigation Fund

The goal of the Immigration Litigation Fund, administered by Borealis Philanthropy, is to ensure that the nation's immigration enforcement system is fair, humane, and prioritizes the civil and human rights of those vulnerable to deportation. The Fund supports impact litigation efforts that challenge discriminatory, unlawful, and overly punitive immigration enforcement policies and practices at any stage of the enforcement trajectory from identification and apprehension, to detention and removal, as well as efforts to exclude certain immigrants from entering the country. Project support is provided for impact litigation costs and strategic convenings meant to advance coordination on an issue related to enforcement and impact litigation efforts. Public interest legal groups, advocates, and community-based organizations are eligible to apply. The Fund will be accepting applications through December 1, 2018. Visit the Borealis Philanthropy website to learn more about the Immigration Litigation Fund.

Regional Funding

Funds for Cancer Prevention and Treatment Projects in Oregon

OHSU Knight Cancer Institute: Community Partnership Program

The Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) Knight Cancer Institute is an international leader in research and cancer treatment. The Institute's Community Partnership Program supports

the development of sustainable collaborations with Oregon communities to address community-identified cancer needs. Grants ranging up to \$50,000 fund projects anywhere along the cancer continuum from prevention through survivorship. Projects can be community-based, and are not required to have a clinical focus. Proposals that focus on addressing cancer-related health disparities are highly encouraged. Online intent to apply forms must be submitted by August 1, 2018; proposals are due September 4, 2018. Visit the OHSU website to download the request for proposals.

Grants Strengthen Grassroots Social Change in Georgia and the Carolinas **Fund for Southern Communities**

The Fund for Southern Communities supports nonprofit organizations working to create just and sustainable communities that are free of oppression and that embrace and celebrate all people. The Fund provides grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to progressive grassroots groups in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina that address social change issues, such as workers' rights, environmental justice, economic justice, non-traditional arts and media, etc. The Fund provides seed grants to new projects, and general or project support to small organizations (with a total organizational budget of \$150,000 or less). The application deadline is September 7, 2018. Visit the Fund's website to review the grant application information.

Computer and Internet Access Donations for Students in Company Communities **Mobile Beacon: Connect for Success Student Access Donation Program**

Mobile Beacon's Connect for Success Student Access Donation Program was created to offer schools in [50 cities](#) across the United States the laptops and mobile Internet access they need to help students struggling to keep up. The program makes it possible for K-12 schools and higher education institutions in Sprint's 4G LTE service area to provide students without Internet access at home with the tools, connectivity, and hardware they need to complete homework assignments, access educational resources at home, and keep up with their peers. Schools can request up to 25 laptops and 4G LTE hotspots with free 4G LTE high-speed Internet service for 12 months. Requests are accepted throughout the year and grants are awarded quarterly. Visit the Mobile Beacon website to submit an online application.

Support for Habitat Conservation Projects in Eleven States **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation**

The ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation program, a partnership between ConocoPhillips, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provides matching grants to improve habitat quality and landscape connectivity in ways that facilitate migrations of avian and terrestrial species. The program will award grants to help reduce barriers to migration, restore priority habitats, and improve conservation practices on working lands in Alaska, Colorado, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. Approximately \$910,000 will be available in 2018, with grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000. Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, government agencies, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply. The proposal deadline is August 23, 2018. Visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation website to review the 2018 Request for Proposals.

Federal Funding

Program Supports Pollution Prevention

Environmental Protection Agency

The Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program supports pollution prevention approaches that reduce or eliminate pollutants from entering any waste stream or being otherwise released into the environment. The application deadline is August 23, 2018.

Funding Available to Address Gangs

Department of Justice

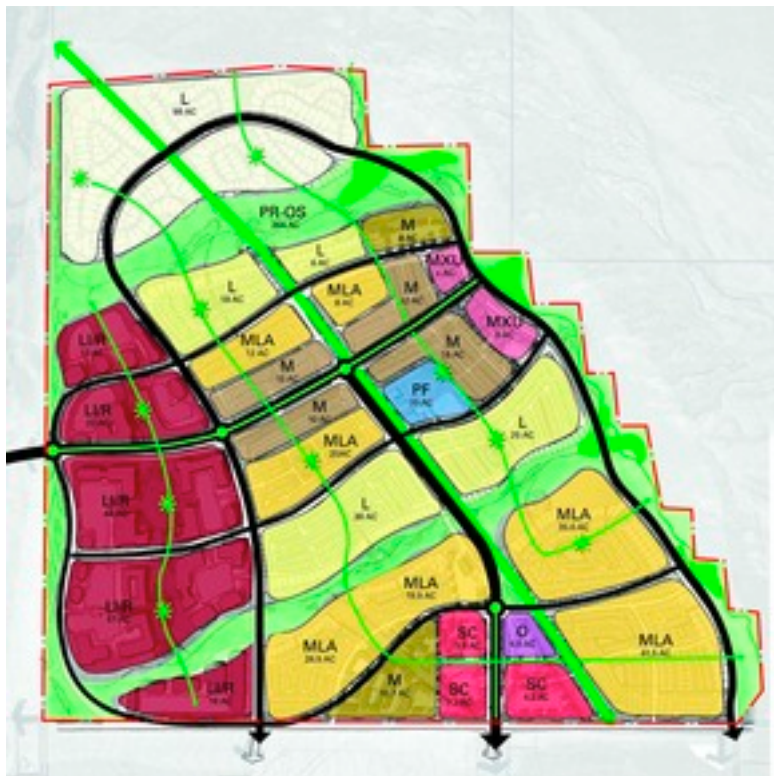
The Gang Suppression Planning Grants Program is designed to reduce violent crime, gangs, and victimization and promote public safety in communities. Funding supports strategic planning and capacity building work through multidisciplinary and community partnerships. The application deadline is August 27, 2018.

Las Vegas business leaders mount lobbying campaign against Yucca

WASHINGTON -- A congressional tour of Yucca Mountain last weekend spurred Las Vegas business leaders to fan out across the nation's capital Wednesday and lobby lawmakers and the Trump administration against storing nuclear waste in Nevada.

**Upper Las Vegas Wash
Vision Plan (Reminder)**

Sept. 6, 2017, Las Vegas City Council approved the Upper Las Vegas Wash Vision Plan. This plan for developing 1,100 acres next to Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument was put together by the city of Las Vegas, environmentalists, developers, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, our congressional delegation, and the Paiute Indian Tribe. All these groups came together to put forward a plan to develop the land in a sensible and environmentally sensitive way. Everyone who worked on this project deserves our thanks and our help on making sure we comply with this plan.



“The water looked like the desert surrounding the house. The same color.” –Lori Paup, a resident of the Sulphur Springs Valley of Arizona, in reference to the water quality when she moved into

her four years ago. Since then, the water quality continued to decline, before her home's 300-foot ran dry altogether. Other residents of the valley are grappling with similar issues as industrial agriculture depletes the area's aquifer. [The New York Times](#)

Of interest from Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Second Tribal Housing Excellence Academy cohort graduates

Not long ago, the Hualapai Tribe in northwest Arizona was faced with a waiting list of 84 families that needed homes. The list had been in the making for five years and due to a reduction in Indian Housing Block Grant funds, housing development on the Hualapai Reservation had stalled. [Read more](#)

Looking for a new and exciting career path?

Join our passionate team and make a difference in rural communities throughout the West! We work in diverse and low-income communities to increase access to affordable housing and safe drinking water, promote economic opportunity and job creation, and provide financing for community and economic development projects. We have several positions currently open in the western United States. [Read about our job opportunities here](#)

Rural Community Assistance Corporation's Loan Fund celebrates 30 years of lending

RCAC created the Loan Fund in 1988 with an initial \$1 million investment from the Ford Foundation. An additional \$1 million loan (later converted to a grant) from Bank of America boosted lending capital. The Loan Fund was later certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), and currently has an [Aeris rating of 4 Stars AA plus Policy Plus](#). [Read more](#)

Conference and Workshop Calendar

502 Packaging Certification Training August 28 – 30 | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Embassy Suites , 100 Capitol Mall Sacramento, California 95814

Call (916) 326-5000 and ask for the RCAC 502 Training discount rate.

Early Bird registration discount ends Aug. 3.

This three-day advanced course will cover USDA Rural Development's (RD) Section 502 direct loan program and provide invaluable insight as to how this homeownership financing resource can be used in your communities.

Participants who attend this three-day training and pass the online exam will be better equipped to package 502 loan applications on behalf of parties seeking USDA RD assistance. The course is also excellent for Mutual Self-Help Housing grantees who want to build their skills in packaging loans for participating households. [More information and registration.](#)

Trump Administration Takes 'Wrecking Ball' to Endangered Species Act

Truthdig
If the Interior Department's proposals are approved, they will open the door for corporate attacks on vulnerable wildlife. [Read the full story](#)

[Interior Department Proposes a Vast Reworking of the Endangered Species Act](#) By LISA FRIEDMAN, KENDRA PIERRE-LOUIS and LIVIA ALBECK-RIPKA

The revisions have wide-reaching implications, including for how the federal government would protect species from climate change.

Why Do Tumbleweeds Tumble?

[Deep Look • PBS](#)

The silent star of classic Westerns is a plant on a mission. It starts out green and full of life. It even grows flowers. But to reproduce effectively, it needs to turn into a rolling brown skeleton.

Dutch start-up is training crows to clean cities by picking up cigarette buds

[In The Know Innovation](#)

This company hopes training crows could be one way to help big cities battle pollution. What do you think? 🐦 🗑️

