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(KOLO) - The Alpine County Sheriff's Office says the Hung A Lel Ti

community has been evacuated because of the Dutch Fire east of Woodfords. ... Resources are on

scene from Eastern Alpine *Fire*, East Fork *Fire*, Tahoe Douglas *Fire*, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. *Ed note: Evacuation order rescinded at 7 pm. All Well.*

Supreme Court Rules Trump Administration Can't Stop Youth Climate Case *Our Children's Trust*

In a glimmer of hope for <u>climate change</u> litigation, the Supreme Court ruled against the <u>Trump</u> administration's attempt to block a ground-breaking lawsuit brought by 21 young people against the U.S. government for crafting policies that support climate-changing <u>fossil fuels</u>, <u>The Huffington Post reported</u>.

The high court ruled that the administration's motion to dismiss the case was "premature."

"This decision should give young people courage and hope that their third branch of government, all the way up to the Supreme Court, has given them the greenlight to go to trial in this critical case on their inalienable rights," <u>Our Children's Trust</u> Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel Julia Olsen said in a statement reported by The Huffington Post.

Our Children's Trust is the non-profit that helped the young people behind the case file the suit.

The ruling comes as historic cases around the country are determining what role the courts can play in responding to the climate crisis.

In the <u>past two months</u>, federal judges in New York and San Francisco have dismissed cases brought by cities suing oil companies for the cost of adapting to climate change.

In dismissing the cities' cases, the judges argued that the executive and legislative branches should determine climate policy, not the courts.

The children's lawsuit, *Juliana v. United States*, is different from the cities' suits in that it targets the government, not oil companies, for creating policies that encouraged climate change.

However, the government's lawyers have argued that it goes beyond the scope of the courts.

The administration argued that the trial judge who had permitted the case to proceed had acknowledged "a never-before-recognized fundamental right to a particular climate system that lacks any support in the Constitution, this court's precedents, or this nation's history and tradition," <u>Bloomberg reported</u>.

The young people's lawyers, in contrast, say the changes to the climate violate rights that are enshrined in the Constitution, since those changes "threaten the very foundation of life, including the personal security, liberties, and property," according to The Huffington Post.

The Supreme Court did caution in its ruling that the breadth of the lawsuit was "striking" and that the question of whether the matters it raised belonged in the courts "presents substantial"

grounds for difference of opinion," Bloomberg reported. The court also urged the trial judge to respond promptly to other government attempts to halt the case's progress.

As of now, though, the Supreme Court's ruling means the trial will still begin in U.S. District Court on October 29, 2018, something for which the young plaintiffs are grateful.

"The constitutional rights of my fellow plaintiffs and I are at stake in this case, and I am glad that the Supreme Court of the United States agrees that those rights should be evaluated at trial," 19-year-old plaintiff Victoria B. said in an Our Children's Trust press release. "This lawsuit becomes more urgent every day as climate change increasingly harms us. I have reaffirmed confidence now that all levels of the federal judiciary have ruled in our favor that there should be no more delay in getting to our trial."

The case was first filed in Oregon in 2015. The Obama administration moved to dismiss it in 2016, and the decision of an Oregon U.S. District Court judge to deny that motion is one the Trump administration continued to challenge, leading to Monday's Supreme Court ruling, <u>Pacific Standard reported</u>

- "Think everyone died young in ancient societies? Think again: The maximum human lifespan (approximately 125 years) has barely changed since we arrived ... And some things about the past, such as men being valued for their power and women for their beauty, have changed little." (Aeon)

2017 Was Deadliest Year for Environmental Activists

Global Witness, an international human rights and natural resources group, tallied 207 killings of activists in 2017, the most since the group began compiling data in 2002. Killings occurred in 22 countries, primarily in Latin America.

"I've begun to realize that you can listen to silence and learn from it. It has a quality and a dimension all its own." – Chaim Potok

"Silence is a source of Great Strength." - Lao Tzu

Rising Seas Could Knock Out the Internet - and Sooner Than Scientists Thought

Sarah Cahlan, NBC News

Cahlan writes: "New research says 4,000 miles of internet cable could be underwater by 2030." READ MORE

Electric Car Meet Up!

WHO: Electric Auto Association of Northern Nevada WHAT: EVs and Espressos: Electric Tailgate Party WHEN: Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 9:00am - Noon

WHERE: Glory Cloud Coffee, 10 Greg St Suite 122, Sparks, NV

This event will feature a public display of electric vehicles (EVs).

Owners will discuss the benefits of electric transportation and new advances in the technology. Local car dealerships can offer EVs for test drives and ride-alongs with other EV owners.

Good planning is the key to a successful event, please inform us if you'd like to put your EV on display. If you would like display a car or help plan this and other events please send a message to tmartin[AT]seeautonomy[DOT]com. We also invite you to join the planning committee for this year's <u>National Drive Drive Electric Week event in Reno</u>. Other opportunities to help will also be available and posted regularly on Facebook.

Famous Travel Blogger Features Entire Series Written By Natives Called "Traveling While Native."

Posted By Corinne Oestreich July 30th, 2018 Blog

How many times have you traveled to a State Park, and heard the local Ranger giving some tour or speech to the tourists visiting about how some European Settler "Discovered" this, or "Saved" that... and left out the conversation about the land's original people?

Well Travel Blogger, and PH.D holding Dr. Kiona has used her platform of "How not to travel like a basic bitch" to uplift the Native voice! She has started a series called Traveling While Native and features native writers from all over the US, talking about what they want tourists to know when traveling on Indigenous Land, which is the ENTIRE UNITED STATES, as well as First Nations Canada, and other countries where the first peoples have been colonized.

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FROM YOUR FARM TO YOUR TABLE (SPONSORED): The fourth Annual Nevada Economic Development Conference set for Aug. 20-22, 2018 at the Atlantis Casino & Resort in Reno will feature a presentation entitled Agrihoods 2.0 as part of its popular Agribusiness sessions. It will highlight the Farmstead at Corley Ranch in Douglas County as well as other agrihood developments that have sprung up around the United States. More.

- "I like the silent church before the service begins, better than any preaching."
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me." – Ibid

Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET For more information, click here!

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is hosting a FREE Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series for Tribes, Tribal Organizations,

Indian Health, Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs. Learn about the federal grant application process, how to write better grant proposals and evaluation plans for your projects, strategies for successful grant management, and more. Participants will also have the opportunity to connect with HRSA subject matter experts, grant reviewers, as well as peers to discuss best practices and barriers to successful grants application and management.

Webinars are held the **second Wednesday of every month from 1:00pm to 2:30pm ET** - view the list of topics below:

- August 8: Preparing a Budget for your Grant Proposal
- September 12: Effective Grants Managmeent/Administration & Reporting
- October 10: Successful HRSA Tribal Grantees

You must register to access the recording. Register here: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/federal_grant_application_recording/event/registration.html

Murder mysteries, scavenger hunts, Victorian cosplay and food, food, food. The average museum experience has changed a lot if you haven't been in a while. Here are a few of the best exhibits to check out

- "I'm a librarian. The last thing we need is Silicon Valley "disruption .:

A Forbes column arguing that Amazon should replace libraries grossly underestimates how many services libraries offer." (Vox)

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Languages Summit; Honoring the Gift of Native American Languages Hey Shayne,
If there are any Native American possibilities for entries, please pass along.

(National IMLS Board)

From: Institute of Museum and Library Services <imlsnews@imls.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 10:06 AM

To: Jacquelyn K Sundstrand <isund@unr.edu>

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IMLS News

Nominate Your Museum or Library for a National Medal

IMLS is now accepting applications for the National Medals program, which recognizes libraries and museums that contribute demonstrably to the wellbeing of their communities. Read more

Five Teens Selected for Country's Most Prestigious Youth Poetry Honor

Five teens from across the country have been chosen from among thousands of award-winning poets to serve as National Student Poets. Read more

People Visited Public Libraries More Than a Billion Times in 2015

The IMLS Public Libraries Survey report provides a snapshot of public library use, financial health, staffing, and resources in FY 2015. Read more

New Deadline for NLG and LB21 Grants Is Nearly Here

Applicants have through **September 17, 2018**, to submit their two-page preliminary proposals for National Leadership Grants for Libraries (NLG-L) and Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21). IMLS is offering one application deadline for the two programs, which have previously each had two cycles per year. <u>Read more</u>

Reports Describe Shared Digital Library Infrastructures and Formal Education in Library and Information Science

Developed with input from a wide variety of community stakeholders, two new IMLS reports provide useful information for library and archives professionals and library and information science educators. Read more

New Associate Deputy Director for Discretionary Programs

Kelcy Shepherd has joined the Office of Library Services. She brings with her nineteen years of experience in libraries and digital archives and is well known as a community builder and connector. As network manager at DPLA, she helped support and grow the DPLA network of hubs (organizations that contribute digital content). Prior to that, she headed digital programs at the Amherst College Library, providing leadership for the creation, curation, delivery, and preservation of digital collections. At the Five Colleges she worked on the Archivists' Toolkit™ project, and at the University of California, Berkeley, she worked at the Environmental Design Archives. We welcome Kelcy to the team. Read More

8 Tips on Applying for Museum Collections Care Funding

Do you ever wonder, "How do I create a proposal that transforms a good idea into a full-blown IMLS-funded collections care project?" Peer reviewers share some insights. Read more

Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting: Emily Reynolds, Senior Library Program Officer; Washington, DC, August 12-18

Calendar

Aug. 5-8 Tribal Planning & Western Planner Conference Writing Fort Hall, ID At the 2018 Tribal Planning and Western Planner Conference, "Building Partnerships through Understanding, Cooperation and Consultation," we anticipate a dialogue that provides much needed alternative to urban/big city planning, including the legal, political and social frameworks of planning on and off Indian Reservations. Agenda includes tracks on: Collaboration and Planning Best Practices, Self-Reliance and Economic Resiliency, Culturally Relevant and Sustainable Infrastructure Development, and Understanding and Leveraging "the Federal": Indian Law, Lands, and Data. Register at: HYPERLINK "https://www.westernplanner.org/2018-conference/" https://www.westernplanner.org/2018-conference/

Aug. 13-16 8th Annual 2018 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum (TLEF) Spokane, WA

TLEF features special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on National Conversation on Tribal Land & Water Resources. Topics include solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, & emergency response. Tribal water program topics – water quality, drinking water, & habitat restoration (incl. wetlands, streams & fisheries) are included with breakout sessions, trainings & field trips. More at HYPERLINK "http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/Index" http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/Index

Aug. 22 4th Annual Tribal Economic Outlook Conference Flagstaff, AZ For details about the 4th Annual Tribal Economic Outlook Conference visit HYPERLINK "https://nau.edu/economic-policy-institute/4th-annual-tribal-economic-outlook-conference/" https://nau.edu/economic-policy-institute/4th-annual-tribal-economic-outlook-conference/.

Aug. 27-30 National Tribal Water & Wastewater Operation & Maintenance Summit (ITCA) Temecula, CA

The National Tribal Water & Wastewater Operation & Maintenance HYPERLINK "https://wateroperator.us10.list-manage.com/track/click? u=8d16ba5b97dc0fd4e661dd11e&id=f03717543e&e=153dd75d0f" \t "_blank" Summit, organized by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and hosted by Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, features operation & maintenance training seminars, a water loss management workshop, & an exam session for operator certification. HYPERLINK "https://wateroperator.us10.list-manage.com/track/click? u=8d16ba5b97dc0fd4e661dd11e&id=4c9e43bbef&e=153dd75d0f" \t "_blank" Learn more about this water & wastewater Summit for Indian Country.

Aug 28-29 Native American Languages Summit Midwest City, OK

Oct. 2-5 Conference on Native American Nutrition Prior Lake, MN
Seeds of Native Health is holding its annual conference that brings together tribal officials, researchers, practitioners, and others to discuss the current state of Indigenous and academic scientific knowledge about Native nutrition and food science, and identify new areas of work.

Sept. 30 Land Buy Back Program For Tribal Nations (DOI)

Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that exercises jurisdiction. Effort will strengthen tribal sovereignty and put decision-making in the hands of the tribal government, freeing up resources that have been locked-up as land interests that have fractionated over time. Program will fund indirect costs equal to no more than 15% of the modified total direct costs. \$1.9 billion is available for this 10-year program, which ends in Nov. 2022. Eligibility: Tribes with jurisdiction over locations with purchasable fractional land interests. More at: "http://report.newsletters.email/t.is

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Open Indian Land Tenure Foundation - Land Recovery Efforts

The Foundation provides funding to Indian nations to support various aspects of land recovery with a focus on reacquiring alienated federal lands. Returning lands to Indian ownership and control is important to ensure that Indian people have access to the financial and natural resources within their own reservations. The Foundation supports a variety of initiatives to assist tribes in the development of plans to reacquire reservation lands. More info. at: HYPERLINK "http://report.mynewsletterbuilder.com/t.is?

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CherylnRoy Hicks and 3 others shared a video.



Washoe County Sheriff's Office

There are some moments at the Sheriff's Office that we just have to share...

Surrounded by Oil Fields, an Alaska Village Fears for Its Health

Sabrina Shankman, Inside Climate News

Shankman writes: "For many in this largely Inupiaq community, the Repsol disaster underscored their worst fears of a link between the oil drilling boom surrounding them

town and respiratory illness." READ MORE

Popular Mechanics While still just a prototype, the **new material promises to be more efficient and better for the environment**. Read the full story

The Extreme Cyclists of the Navajo Nation

For some Navajo, cycling offers a way to connect with their landscape and heritage.

Rodeo is a common passion on the Navajo Nation—a reservation the size of West Virginia that stretches across New Mexico, Utah, and Arizona—and a couple of years ago, when he was thirteen, Nigel James was an up-and-coming calf roper. But then his horse got pregnant and he

couldn't ride her, so he turned to his bike and started building downhill trails and ramps around his parents' place. Soon he was riding his bike the way a roper rides a horse: in brief bursts of speed that give way to daredevil maneuvers. This school of cycling is called enduro, and Nigel had a gift for it.

The summer before, Nigel joined a long bike ride on the reservation called the Tour de Sih Hasin—three hundred miles over seven days, much of it on rough dirt roads and hills, in the punishing July heat. On the second-to-last day, he wanted to quit. His mother said that was O.K. But the next day he pressed on, becoming the youngest rider ever to finish the tour.

Before Nigel took up cycling, his sport was rodeo, and he rides his bike with the daredevil elegance that calf ropers exhibit on horseback.

Nigel wasn't the only rider for whom the long days pushing over the severe landscape served as an inspiring test of endurance. Claudia Jackson, who leads the annual ride, organized the Tour de Sih Hasin as a suicide-awareness event. There was only one psychiatrist on the reservation, she told me, and, "In our five communities we had seven suicides in three months." "Sih Hasin" means "hope" in Navajo, and several riders have told Jackson that overcoming the arduous physical challenge of the tour made them feel they had a reason to live.

"If we did a bike ride, that sort of brings us together. We talk about things, we might not talk about that issue, but we get people to talk."

Claudia Jackson

On the Rez, people live far-flung, in isolation, with limited opportunities, and many succumb to alcoholism and drug abuse.

Canyon de Chelly cuts through the heart of the Rez—spectacular to behold and heavy with history. The Navajo made their last stand against the U.S. Army there, in 1864, before they were driven out on a three-hundred-mile forced march known as the Long Walk. Many died along the way and on the return trek, after Navajo leaders signed the treaty that established the reservation. Even so, "This is not our land," Vincent Salabye, another cyclist on the Rez, said. The treaty only gave the Navajo the right to live on the surface, while Washington kept the soil and the riches that lay beneath. And, for more than a century, reservation children, including Salabye, were taken from their families and sent to boarding schools to be Anglicized, Christianized, and otherwise deracinated—perhaps above all by being forbidden to speak their language. This was the original trauma of the modern Navajo experience, and a century and a half later it haunts collective memory on the Rez, where existence is defined as much by the stark and stony magnificence of the landscape as by the struggle to overcome the contradictions of being both a sovereign and a subjugated people.

Canyon de Chelly carves through the heart of the Navajo Nation, on the high desert plateau of northeastern Arizona. "My backyard," Vincent Salabye, a rider on the Rez, says. "The purpose of our prayer is to remind us of all that is around us."

Vincent Salabye

Nigel likes to be airborne, and has built ramps to practice jumps all around his parents' house.

As a teen-ager, Salabye yearned for escape, so he joined a bunch of kids on a bike trip to Texas and back—three thousand miles at a clip of nearly a hundred miles a day. Riding a bike that hard hurts, but Salabye said he'd never felt better. As he approached middle age, he bought a mountain bike and came out to ride on the rim of Canyon de Chelly, pedalling hard from rock to rock, spinning through sand and gravel traps, and leaping over deep crevices—flying. Last year, Salabye came across Nigel on a trail ride and invited the kid to train with him. Before long, Nigel began taking home prizes at enduro races. "I see myself a lot in him because at that age I wish I had somebody to lead the way," Salabye said.

Nigel, riding on one of the enduro training trails he built on the Black Mesa, where his family lives.

"We're able to build a lot of things 'cause there's so much land here. But we also don't wanna do too much 'cause we could be causing erosion, ruining the land."

Nigel James

Nigel's grandmother herding sheep on the family homestead.

Nigel's grandmother and cousin slaughter a kid goat for dinner. Like a lot of families on the Rez, Nigel's lives without running water, and they only got an electric line a few years ago.

Working right by his grandmother's side, Nigel skins the goat. His parents spoke of their self-sufficiency as a choice more than a burden.

"According to our story of creation," Nigel's uncle says, "some higher being taught us how to utilize these foods and taught us how to use the right combination of what not to eat and what to eat."

Bread prepared on a grill. There were four generations of Nigel's family on hand for dinner. Nigel's great aunt, wearing yarn made from the wool of her sheep in a traditional Navajo style. Donated bikes are fixed up to be given to Navajo kids who want to ride on the Rez.

"Our ancestors, they roamed this place, so we don't want to go any other place but here. And our kids, grandkids... some live out in towns and cities, but for us old folks we don't want to be out there. I don't. I like to roam."

Nigel's great aunt

Terence Yazzie. The Yazzies live in Leupp, near the southern edge of the Rez, in a rocky hollow behind red-rock outcroppings.

Jerrod and Terence Yazzie—the Rezneck Riders, as they call themselves—had been riding for more than twenty years, but they hadn't heard of enduro when they started doing it. After his father died, Jerrod said, he quit school, drank hard, rode rodeo bulls, picked fights, and wrecked trucks. He served time in prison and sobered up, but he came out still angry, and went looking for his fix on his bike, charging straight at the red-rock heaps that had loomed over him his whole life, lurching up and over them and hurling himself off them. Nigel called the Yazzies crazy. He loved riding with them: "Big drops. Big jumps."

Petroglyphs, etched into a rock formation around the Yazzies' home. Enduro calls for a different kind of grit than long-distance pedalling.

"I want to see more kids, but they're too lazy," Jerrod said. "They're trying to act white." He wasn't just talking about riding the Rez, he was talking about being true to oneself and where one came from as a Navajo. To him they were one and the same. "Remember your fucking

language and speak it. Don't be shy of that," he said. Otherwise, he warned, "We're not going to be Navajos here in the near future. It's just going to be a color of skin, that's it." Jerrod sounded stern, but when he and Nigel were back on their bikes on the rocks, launching themselves airborne, ponytails flying, their faces were lit with wild joy.

Canyon de Chelly, as seen from the rim of the tableland, where Salabye rides.

"Holding on to our tradition," Salabye said, means "there's always a clash." And that's how he understood the bike: "My representation of that is, you know, it's my horse ... That's my horse that takes me places."

Nigel, training on the Yazzies' land. "Their place is crazy," Nigel said. "They just have, like, big boulders everywhere, and then they have like woodwork connecting them. Technical features. Crazy stuff I don't even want to try."

"The Rezneck Riders" on The New Yorker Radio Hour. Listen now »

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