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Mary Gibson

"We have to come back to the Native way of life. The Native way is to pray for everything. Our Mother Earth is very important. Everything survives on our Mother, the only Mother we've got. We can't just misuse her and think she's going to continue. Let's not destroy the Mother Earth. Let's take care of her and she will take care of us."

Words from Corbin Harney. Truly a man of wisdom, Newe knowledge and worked towards efforts of peace.

One Water One Air
One Mother Earth
Corbin Harney, Shoshone
Shundahai - Peace





The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals recently published its decision in *Brackeen v. Bernhardt*, the federal court challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The court's decision affirmed the constitutionality of ICWA, recognizing the unique political status of tribal nations and upholding the federal law that is so critical to safeguarding Indian child welfare. It is a resounding victory for the law and those who fought to protect it. [Find out more about this important case.](#)

Push for Ethnic Studies in Schools Faces a Dilemma: Whose Stories to Tell
By DANA GOLDSTEIN

A struggle in California, one of three states creating K-12 ethnic studies materials, highlights some of the fraught questions around the discipline.

10 Native women you should have learned about in history class hellogiggles.com

White Earth votes to create dedicated fund for families' funeral expenses
<https://www.minnpost.com/community-sketchbook/2019/08/white-earth-votes-to-create-dedicated-fund-for-families-funeral-expenses/>

35 vintage photos taken by the EPA reveal what American cities looked like before pollution was regulated

“When we look at it up close and we see that it’s all very, very visibly contaminated when you look at it with the right tools — it felt a little bit like a punch in the gut.” —Jacob Strock, a researcher at the University of Rhode Island, in reference to **microplastics found in ice cores from the Arctic**. Scientists say an “abundance” of plastic has reached the most remote water on earth. According to UN estimates, up to 100 million tonnes of plastic have been dumped into the ocean. [Reuters](#)

Bear River invited back into Potter Valley discussions [By Eureka Times-Standard, 8/16/19](#)

The Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria is being included in discussions surrounding the future of the Potter Valley Project after its chair was asked to leave the most recent committee meeting in June. Ted Hernandez, chair of the Wiyot Tribe, and Michelle Vassel, tribal administrator of the Wiyot Tribe, told radio station KMUD that the leadership of the Wiyot Tribe and Round Valley Indian Reservation walked out of the meeting in solidarity with Edwin Smith, chair of the Bear River Rancheria, when he was asked to leave by Congressman Jared Huffman’s staff. Since then, the three tribes had a phone conference with Huffman, after which it was agreed Bear River would share a seat at the table with the Wiyot Tribe.

Presidential Candidates in Indian Country

Quite a day — first panel with Marianne Williams. Full coverage in [#Nativevote20](https://www.IndianCountryToday.com) [#nativeforum](https://www.IndianCountryToday.com)

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National Opportunities

U.S. Communities Committed to Health Recognized

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize elevates the compelling stories of community members throughout the country who are working together in new ways so that everyone can live their healthiest life possible.

Support for Public Education Initiatives

The mission of NewSchools Venture Fund is to reimagine public education through powerful ideas and passionate entrepreneurs so that all children—especially those in underserved communities—have the opportunity to succeed.

Community Organizing for Social Justice in the U.S. and Canada Funded

The Fund for a Just Society, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Association, provides grants to nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and Canada that address issues of social and economic justice.

Grants Provide Sports Uniforms and Equipment for Middle School Programs

The Justin J. Watt Foundation is dedicated to providing after-school opportunities for middle school-aged children throughout the U.S. to become involved in athletics.

Regional Opportunities

Initiatives to Address Autism in New England and Central Florida Supported

The mission of the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism is to help people and families affected by autism live life to the fullest.

Funds for Efforts to Meet the Needs of Arizona's Women and Girls

The Arizona Foundation for Women is dedicated to promoting innovative solutions to fulfill the unmet needs of Arizona's women and their children.

Grants Promote the Health of Children in DC

The Alexander and Margaret Stewart Trust is dedicated to supporting research, treatment, and prevention of cancer and pediatric illnesses.

Support for Energy Education Programs in the Midwest and Eastern U.S.

The Constellation E² Energy to Educate initiative provides grants for educational projects in company communities in the Midwest and Eastern U.S. that help foster energy conservation and progress.

Federal Opportunities

Program Funds Habitat Conservation on Private Land

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife program is an incentive-based program that provides direct

technical and financial assistance to private landowners to restore and conserve fish and wildlife habitat.

Employment Initiatives for Public Housing Residents Supported

The Jobs Plus Initiative provides support to develop approaches that increase earnings and advance employment outcomes through work readiness, employer linkages, job placement, educational advancement, technology skills, and financial literacy for residents of public housing.

American Hospital Association: Quest for Quality Prize

The Quest for Quality Prize, presented annually by the American Hospital Association, recognizes healthcare leadership and innovation in providing and improving quality and advancing health in communities in the United States. Hospitals and health systems throughout the country are eligible to apply for the Prize. [Learn more](#) about the Prize guidelines and application process.

Three Corners Women's Giving Circle

Three Corners Women's Giving Circle is dedicated to effecting change for women and girls in the "three corners" region of northwest Arizona; Mesquite, NV; and southern Utah. Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations for projects that empower women and girls. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.



United Nations Alliance of Civilizations: Youth Solidarity Fund

The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) works towards a more socially inclusive world by building mutual respect among peoples of different cultural and religious identities, and highlighting the will of the world's majority to reject violent extremism and embrace diversity. The UNAOC's Youth Solidarity Fund supports youth-led organizations in selected countries that foster peaceful and inclusive societies by providing seed funding to projects promoting intercultural and interfaith dialogue. [Learn more](#) about

the funding guidelines and application process.

Miss Tiny Tot Crow Nation Camiela Marie Old Elk. — in [Crow Fair, Crow Agency Mt.](#)

NCET Expo Educational Sessions Friday, September 20

A day full of free information, seminars and ideas - all designed to help you grow your business - waits for you at the The 14th annual NCET Small Business Expo on Friday, Sept 20 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

The NCET Expo offers a wide variety of free educational sessions, each facilitated by industry experts!.

Check out these experts - and the hot business topics they'll be covering:

Presented by Holland & Hart LLC

10:30 – 11:30 am: [Employment Law Matters](#) – Dora Lane & Jordan Walsh

Presented by SCORE Northern Nevada

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: [Branding and Marketing Your Business](#) – Judy Haar

12:30 – 1:30 pm: [How to Value Your Business](#) – Buzz Harris

1:30 – 2:30 pm: [Digital Marketing](#) – Judy Haar

2:30 – 4:00 pm: [Small Business Basics](#) – Irene DeHuff

More info and speaker bios [here](#).

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Additional program listing - \$75

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[Norm Harry](#) is with [Autumn Harry](#) and [Jolie Varela](#)

So proud of our strong indigenous women for completing the numu poyo from Red's Meadow to Toulumne Meadows last Monday! Reclaiming this indigenous trade route used by our people thousands of years before John Muir!

*"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest." – Benjamin Franklin*

## **2018-2019 ConnectHomeUSA - Lifeline Lowers Internet Costs for Low-Income Residents**

ShareThis Date: **August 27, 2019 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT**

Location: Online

Join us to learn how Lifeline, a federal program administered by Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), is helping to lower the monthly cost of phone and internet for low-income consumers. Find out how your residents may qualify for a monthly benefit of \$9.25, up to \$34.25 for those living on Tribal lands, to reduce or eliminate the cost of phone/internet connectivity. Households that participate in the public housing program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, certain other federal/Tribal assistance programs, or earn 135% or below the federal poverty line are eligible for a Lifeline benefit.

**Jessica Zufolo**, the Senior Advisor for Strategic Partnerships to USAC, will discuss how Lifeline works, program rules, eligibility requirements and how to apply. Jessica Zufolo has over 24 years of broadband financing, regulatory strategy and legislative expertise.

### **Training Objectives      Participants will:**

- Understand concepts to help meet ConnectHomeUSA program goals
- Learn ConnectHomeUSA community best practices

### **Who Should Attend?**

Public Housing Authority (PHA) staff and community members responsible for ConnectHomeUSA program implementation should attend. Community members from non-

ConnectHomeUSA communities interested in bridging the digital divide for PHA or other HUD-assisted housing programs are welcome to attend.

### **Registration Information**

**You must have a HUD Exchange account to register.** Follow these [instructions for registering](#).

**Other ConnectHome and ConnectHomeUSA Training Deliveries**

[View all other ConnectHome and ConnectHomeUSA webinar deliveries.](#)

**Hosted By:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**For more information, please contact:** Janelle Beverly | 202-649-3909 |

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**[After Standing Rock, protesting pipelines can get you a decade in prison and \\$100K in fines](#)** [grist.org](#)

### **['A New Hawaiian Renaissance': How a Telescope Protest Became a Movement](#)**

*Michelle Broder Van Dyke, Guardian UK*

Van Dyke writes: "On Hawaii's Big Island, a protest against a \$1.4bn observatory on Mauna Kea, a mountain considered sacred by many Native Hawaiians, is entering a second month."

[READ MORE](#)

### **Indigenous and Green Groups Fighting Pipeline Urge 2020 Democrats to Take**

**'NoKXL Pledge' - EcoWatch**

<https://www.ecowatch.com/kxl-pipeline-pledge-democrats-2639817824.html>

### **[Intergenerational Trauma Is a Biological Reality](#)**

A. ABBAS NAQVI, TRUTHOUT

New research in the fast-evolving field of epigenetics is producing groundbreaking information on the impacts of social trauma, such as experienced by colonization, slavery, war and famine, on populations and their descendants. Can timely intervention in epigenetic changes stop the endless cycle of trauma?

[Read the Review →](#)

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Below is information about interactive online courses: **Tribal Strategic Planning/ETEP and Partnership & Community Outreach** available Sept. 3 - Oct. 11, 2019.

**[Register for Partnerships & Outreach!](#)**

The next offering of the *Tribal Strategic Planning* and *Outreach* courses will be February 3 – March 13, 2020. Stay tuned!

Contact [professional@nau.edu](mailto:professional@nau.edu) with questions.

Feel free to share this information with your colleagues throughout Indian Country.

Regards, HUD/SWONAP

***Interested in Strategic Planning? Community Outreach? Enroll in ITEP's online courses!***

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) are pleased to offer professional development training to new and seasoned tribal professionals through interactive online courses. The *Tribal Strategic Planning/ETEP* and *Partnerships & Community Outreach* courses will be available **September 3, 2019 – October 11, 2019**. The two online courses listed here are for-fee and have instructors to ensure your individual questions are answered in a timely manner.

Instructors:

- Sharon Hausam, Ph.D., AICP, Pueblo of Laguna, Planning Program Manager



- Ondrea Barber, former Director for the Gila River Indian Community's Department of Environmental Quality and Manager for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Division

These online courses contain assignments, quizzes, videos, examples, and other resources. You will have access to all course materials after the course is completed.

**Register using the links below.**

*Already a participant?* Join us September 3rd and engage with everyone!

**[Register for TSP & ETEPs!](#)**

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**Ojibwe roiled by DHS turmoil**

**JENNIFER BROOKS**

There are two ways to get through a storm, a Lakota friend told the lieutenant governor.

Cattle huddle together and try to ride it out.

Buffalo run into the storm to get through it faster.

Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan is the first American Indian woman elected to statewide office in Minnesota. And this state just hit two bands where they were hurting most.

In Minnesota — where Indians are five times more likely than their white neighbors to die from a drug overdose — an apparent billing error by the state could cost two bands \$25 million and gut reservation drug treatment programs.

When the news broke, Flanagan, an enrolled member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe, got a call from a close friend.

“ ‘I’m alive because of that program,’ ” she remembers her friend telling her. It was true, Flanagan said. Her friend “has struggled and she has overcome, and she’s a badass native woman who’s doing incredibly important work.”

Now that friend was telling her, “ ‘I’m worried about what happens if this sort of programming goes away.’ ”

There’s a clinic at White Earth. The walls are sunny yellow, there are playrooms strewn with toys, and the clients are pregnant women trying to kick heroin and other opioids before their babies arrive.

The MOMS program is more than a place where they can get their daily dose of Suboxone to stave off withdrawal. It’s a place where they can bring their babies, their partners and their families along to counseling sessions; a place to recover and reconnect to their Ojibwe roots and culture.

“It’s been blessings ever since I started the program,” a young man named Lucas explained on a video the state Department of Human Services produced a few years ago to celebrate the MOMS program. “It saved my life.”

More than 400 people have gone through medication-assisted treatment programs at White Earth. People got help, got sober, found work and kept custody of their children.

Now, Minnesota’s largest and poorest band is facing an \$11.9 million bill for what seems to be the state’s error, and it could lose a treatment program that has saved lives and families.

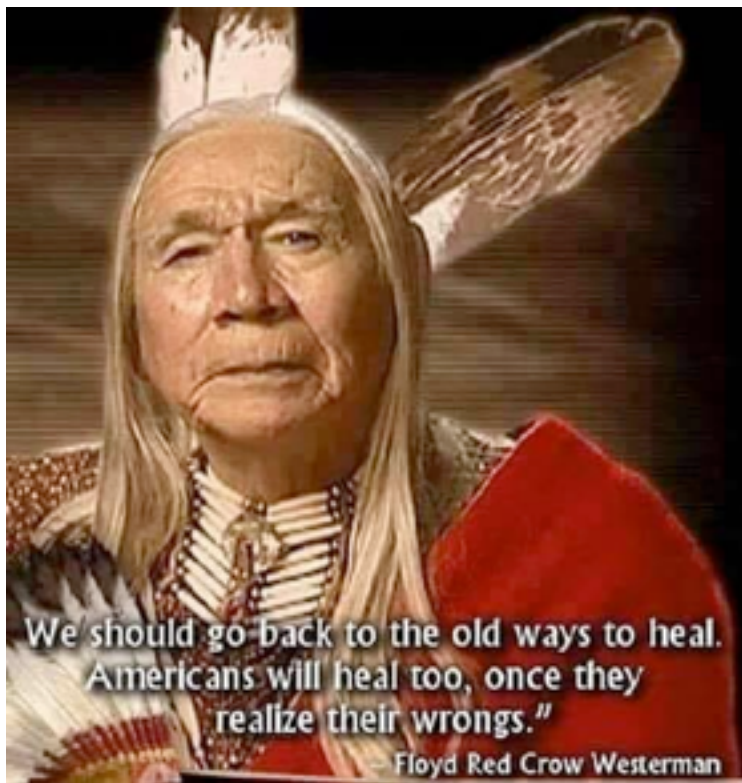
State lawmakers are slow-roasting the DHS in an attempt to understand why the agency set up a system for the White Earth and Leech Lake bands that billed Medicaid \$455 for each \$22 dose of Suboxone. And why, years later, it reversed course and hit the bands with a \$25.3 million reimbursement bill.

Tribal representatives testified last week, stung that the DHS seemed to be treating them more like shady vendors than sovereign nations with their own health care and fiscal oversight systems.

Leech Lake Tribal Chairman Faron Jackson lost a daughter to a drug overdose and faces the loss of \$13 million and the budget the band thought it had for this year's opioid treatment programs.

Leech Lake scrambled to pare back its budget this summer, reducing funding for youth programs, a homeless shelter and other programs that had been supported by the Medicaid payments the bands said the state had approved.

White Earth officials are bracing for cuts to programs that have just started to help people heal.



"Everything they fought so hard for and continue to fight so hard for every day will be jeopardized," Danielle Stevens, quality assurance coordinator for White Earth, told lawmakers scrutinizing the DHS mess last week. "Paying back \$11.9 million will not only negatively impact the programs and staff, but the White Earth Nation as a whole."

Maybe the state will find some other way to reimburse Medicaid without gutting tribal treatment programs.

Maybe the bands can get on a \$1-per-year repayment plan. Washington waited decades to replace the leaky pole barn that used to serve as Leech Lake's high school, so the feds should be understanding about that timeline.

This incident, she said, is a blow to the work that Gov. Tim Walz's administration has put in to build trust and ties with tribal governments.

"It is our responsibility to work in partnership with the tribes to have productive, respectful, collaborative relationships," she said. "If there's any community that is used to decisions being made about us, without us being at the table, it is the native community."

For now, she's telling worried native communities the same thing she told her worried friend.

"I see you sister. I see you," she said. "I told her it was my job to make sure our people got the services that they need."

The state and the bands will face what's coming. And they'll run through the storm together.  
[jennifer.brooks@startribune.com](mailto:jennifer.brooks@startribune.com)

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## **Vietnam Vet First Native American to Receive Lifetime Achievement Oscar**

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## **Water Shorts**

### **Internal Dissent in EPA's Pebble Mine Decision**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency scientists wanted the Army Corps of Engineers to revise its environmental review of a proposed gold and copper mine in Alaska, but they were [overruled by political appointees](#), *E&E News* reports.

The agency, in its [official comments](#), did object to the Army Corps' analysis, saying that the review "likely underestimates adverse impacts to groundwater and surface water flows, water quality, wetlands, fish resources, and air quality." But the language was less critical than in earlier drafts, according to an agency memo obtained by *E&E News* and interviews with unnamed EPA sources.

Last month the EPA [withdrew](#) an Obama administration veto of the mine, which would be located in the watershed above one of the world's largest salmon fisheries.

### **Colorado River Cutbacks**

Arizona, Nevada, and Mexico will make the first mandatory cutbacks in Colorado River water use next year following a [federal forecast](#) that shows Lake Mead just below the threshold that triggers the new requirements.

The Bureau of Reclamation's 24-month study projects the elevation of Lake Mead at 1,089.4 feet at the end of the year. Under rules that the basin states negotiated themselves and signed earlier this year, modest cutbacks begin at 1,090 feet, called Tier Zero.

The savings required next year from Arizona and Nevada are in line with conservation measures that the states were already undertaking voluntarily.

The greatest burden falls on the Central Arizona Project, which will shoulder the entirety of Arizona's 192,000 acre-foot cut. That represents 12 percent of the annual supply for CAP, which delivers Colorado River water to three counties in the state's metropolitan core. Not drawing that water means less will be available to recharge groundwater and for farmers.

The cuts are "largely equivalent" to the amount of water CAP has been leaving in Lake Mead since 2015, according to Chuck Cullom, Colorado River programs manager.

"In essence, CAP and its water users have been planning and preparing for Tier Zero reductions for the past five years," Cullom wrote in a [blog post](#).

Nevada will forego at least 8,000 acre-feet and Mexico, 41,000 acre-feet.

### **Clean Water Act Permitting Public Hearing**

The EPA [announced a public hearing](#) on its [proposal](#) to narrow state review of energy

infrastructure under the Clean Water Act. The hearing will be on September 5 and 6 in Salt Lake City. Registration to speak closes on August 30.

The proposed rules allow states to look only at water pollution and not at, say, effects related to climate change. They also limit reviews to no more than one year.

### **Columbia River Treaty Consultation**

The Interior Department [will meet with Indian tribes in the Columbia River basin](#) on August 28 and 29 to discuss modifications to the Columbia River Treaty, which Canadian and U.S. officials are renegotiating.

In effect since 1964, the treaty governs the operation of dams in the shared watershed. The treaty originally focused on hydropower and flood control, but negotiators, led in the U.S. by the State Department, are now looking at adding provisions for ecosystems and salmon.

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