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[Lucky Number One – 90 Year Old Alaskan Native First To Be Counted in 2020 Census](#)



Lizzie Chimiugak, Alaskan Native, who is 90 years old and still going strong, was the very first person in the United States to be counted for the census, which is taken every 10 years.

Alaska is always the first state to be counted and Chimiugak's small town of Toksook

Bay, located on the edge of the Bering Sea, was the bureau's first stop this year.
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100 years ago, Congress threw out results of the census

Census 2020 is far from the first census to set off bitter political fights. One hundred years ago, results from Census 1920 initiated a decadelong struggle about how to allocate a state's seats in Congress.

Pine Ridge approved for \$100M solar project

[The Pine Ridge Reservation in southwestern South Dakota will be the site of a \\$100 million solar electricity generation project.](#) capjournal.com

Risk of Nuclear War Rises as US Deploys a New Nuclear Weapon for the First Time Since the Cold War *Democracy Now!*

Excerpt: "The Federation of American Scientists revealed in late January that the U.S. Navy had deployed for the first time a submarine armed with a low-yield Trident nuclear warhead."

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Thunberg: 'Indigenous Peoples Lead the Fight Against Crisis' *teleSUR*

Excerpt: "The Fridays For Future movement activist Greta Thunberg praised the role of Indigenous peoples in the fight against global climate change during a demonstration in Jokkmokk, Sweden, on Friday." [READ MORE](#)

VIDEO: Now Is the Time By CHRISTOPHER AUCHTER

In the next film from our Sundance 2020 series, two brothers carve their community's first totem.....

A new home - Wa-Pai-Shone Gallery

By [Kris Vagner](#)

The Wa-Pai-Shone Gallery opened on Jan. 20 at the new Stewart Indian School Cultural Center in Carson City, featuring artworks by the Great Basin Native Artists, a collective that researches, archives and exhibits works by Native artists from Nevada and neighboring states. The group, which includes approximately 150 artists and counting, has been showing artwork together since 2014 at venues including powwows, cultural centers and museums. This marks the first time GBNA has had its own dedicated gallery space. But this is not the first time artwork has been showcased at Stewart.

The Stewart Indian School opened in 1890 as part of a national effort to assimilate Native Americans into Anglo culture. Facilities like this were called “Indian boarding schools.” An 1891 law mandating “compulsory attendance” led to children being routinely kidnapped and taken to the school. Once they arrived, they were forbidden their native languages, customs and dress.

By 1934, the kidnappings had subsided. The U.S. Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act (a.k.a. the “Indian New Deal,”) which eased up assimilation efforts and allowed for a woman named Alida Bowler to be appointed superintendent. A civil rights go-getter who also played a role in desegregating schools in Elko, Yerington and a handful of other Nevada towns, she ushered in an era of progressivism, encouraging students to embrace their own tribes' traditions.

In 1936, a group of 12th graders started the Wa-Pai-Shone Craftsmen Co-op, named after three Nevada tribes—Washoe, Paiute and Shoshone. Paiute girls made crafts from buckskin and beads. Washoe and Shoshone girls made baskets. A few years later, a new program taught wood and stone carving to boys.

The new Wa-Pai-Shone Gallery is named in tribute to the co-op. It's a small, sunny room inside Stewart's 1923 administration building, newly converted—using \$4.6 million in state funding—into a small museum.

The gallery is overseen by Melissa Melero-Moose, a contemporary painter, Northern Paiute, and Great Basin Native Artists co-founder. The current exhibition is a sampler that includes paintings, drawings and small 3-D works by GBNA members, some of whom are Stewart graduates. (The school remained open through 1980.) Melero-Moose plans to rotate in some additional work that's been on display recently at the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

Subject matter includes several styles of portraits, beadwork that runs from traditional to contemporary, and some of Melero-Moose's abstract acrylic work. Artists include GBNA co-founder Ben Aleck; Burton Pete, a well known beadworker who passed away last year; and Linda Eben Jones, a beadworker who is also Melero-Moose's mother. There are also two photorealistic, black-and-white drawings of young women in traditional Native dress by Paiute/Navajo artist Dorothy Nez—a student at Stewart from 1964-68.

According to Museum Director Bobbi Rahder, Nez designed a Stewart yearbook cover in high school and later worked as an artist for Hallmark. A quote from Nez is printed on the wall of the museum: “Art helped make boarding school better.”

A beaded “painting” by Burton Pete, a well known artist who passed away in 2019, is one of several works in the new Wa-Pai-Shone Gallery. Several of Pete's works are in the Stewart



Indian School Cultural Center's permanent collection. stewartindianschool.com



[Arizona crews start blasting hills at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument to clear space for new border wall system](#)

[Construction crews in southern Arizona have started blasting hills at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument to clear space for a new border wall system.](#)

[Crews are bulldozing through Monument Hill to construct a 30-foot \(9-meter\) steel wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, the Arizona Daily Star report... sfgate.com](#)

"A nation, as a society, forms a moral person, and every member of it is personally responsible for his society."

--Thomas Jefferson to George Hammond, 1792.



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[Raul M. Grijalva](#)

Three weeks ago I visited sacred Native American lands along the border at risk for destruction under Trump's racist border wall.

Since then, DHS bulldozed an ... [See More](#)

Watch Funding Q&A Part 1

IDA Enterprise Documentary Fund Production Grant Deadline: March 1, 2020

Earlier today, IDA Enterprise Documentary Fund Director, **Carrie Lozano**, and Program Officer, **Dana Merwin** detail the criteria and guidelines for the Enterprise production grant through Facebook Live.

If you weren't able to make it, we highly recommend [watching the video](#) on our Facebook before submitting your application. If you have more questions regarding your eligibility, please reach out to us at grants@documentary.org

Also announced! **Pare Lorentz Documentary Fund application dates: February 16 - April 19, 2020 with a focus on Criminal Justice.**

separate webinar in March

[WATCH THE Q&A](#)

[APPLY FOR ENTERPRISE PRODUCTION GRANT UP TO \\$100,000](#)

GrantStation National Opportunities

[Support for Programs Promoting the Human-Animal Bond in the U.S. and Canada](#)

PetSmart Charities supports nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and animal welfare organizations in the U.S. and Canada whose companion animal programs help enrich lives through the human-animal bond.

[Nursing-Driven Healthcare Approaches Funded](#)

The goal of the Hillman Innovations in Care Program, an initiative of the Rita & Alex Hillman Foundation, is to advance leading-edge, nursing-driven models of care that will improve the health and healthcare of vulnerable populations.

[Grants Strengthen Services for People With Autism](#)

Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

[Projects to Enhance Climbing Opportunities Supported](#)

The Access Fund's Climbing Conservation Grant Program supports projects that preserve or enhance climbing opportunities and conserve the climbing environment throughout the United States.

Regional Opportunities

[Funds for Theatrical Productions in California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska](#)

The mission of the Sheri and Les Biller Family Foundation is to invest in bold ideas that inspire collective action in order to achieve powerful results.

[Grants Expand Legal Services and the Administration of Justice in Massachusetts](#)

The Massachusetts Bar Foundation is committed to improving the administration of justice, to promoting an understanding of the law, and to ensuring equal access to the legal system for all residents of the Commonwealth, particularly those most vulnerable.

[Mississippi Communities Striving for Health and Wellness Honored](#)

The Healthy Hometown Awards Program, an initiative of the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation, rewards exemplary community health and wellness in Mississippi.

[Support for Environmental and Economic Efforts in Targeted Communities](#)

The Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation's Sustainable Forests and Communities Initiative works to promote the creation of environmentally and economically sustainable forest communities in Northern California, Idaho, Minnesota, Western Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Federal Opportunities

[Program Supports Mental Health Initiatives in Native Communities](#)

The Planning and Developing Infrastructure to Promote the Mental Health of Children, Youth, and Families in American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Communities program supports a coordinated system of mental health care.

[Funds Available for Firefighters](#)

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program offers support to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.

['Something Big Is Shifting': As Georgetown Announces Fossil Fuel Divestment, Students Across US Demand Their Schools Follow Suit](#)

[Calls for law firm to #DropExxon go national with law student boycott](#)

Student-led "#DropExxon pledge" asks law students around the country to refuse to work for Paul, Weiss until it drops ExxonMobil.

https://grist.org/climate/calls-for-law-firm-to-dropexxon-go-national-with-law-student-boycott/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily

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exquisite textiles from around the world, participate in an interactive weaving installation, and learn about the integral role that clothes and fabric play in our lives. Then, join us this Spring for lectures, workshops, and more exploring clothing, cultural identity and sustainability. [Learn more](#)

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From [New Spain to the Dutch East Indies: Global Histories of Indian Cotton](#)
Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, Berkeley

Tickets

Changes to Special Collections and University Archives hours

<https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2020/scua-bookable-hours>

[What's Up With Water – February 10, 2020](#)

February 10, 2020/in [WEF](#) /by [Eileen Wray-McCann](#)

Canada's federal court of appeal dismissed four legal challenges to a controversial oil pipeline. The challenges were brought by First Nations groups in British Columbia opposing the expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline. The expansion would nearly triple the amount of oil flowing from Alberta to the Pacific coast. The groups are concerned about environmental damage to their lands, and they worry about oil spills from a massive increase in tanker traffic in the waters along the British Columbia coast.

The pipeline began as a private development and was bought by the Trudeau government in 2018. It transports oil and other petroleum liquids from Alberta's tar sands to an export terminal outside of Vancouver. A government representative called the court's decision an endorsement for the federal process of consulting with the First Nations before approving the project. Indigenous leaders have vowed to do their utmost to stop the additional 620 miles of new pipeline.

First Nations leaders have 60 days to appeal the dismissal of their complaints for a hearing by Canada's Supreme Court. The chief of the Coldwater Indian Band, one of the groups that brought the challenge, said that option is being considered. In the meantime, expansion of the pipeline can proceed.

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### **Federal Water Tap:**

**2021:** Year by which renewable electricity generation in the United States is expected to surpass that of coal-fired power. Renewable energy is defined as solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal, and biomass. Growth in the renewable sector, by and large, is forecasted to be in solar and wind. ([Energy Information Administration](#))

### **Investigating the Defense Department's PFAS Response**

The Defense Department's internal watchdog announced that it will [begin an investigation](#) this month into the department's response to contamination from toxic PFAS chemicals.

The Office of the Inspector General will assess the extent to which the department has worked to identify contamination sources at its installations and clean them up.

The investigation will also look at the department's public relations: whether it made an effort to identify people who were exposed and notify them of potential health risks.

The chemicals were widely used on military bases in firefighting foams.

### **House Passes Water Bills**

Lakes and estuaries were in the spotlight last week in the House chamber. Representatives voted in favor of several such bills.

- Reauthorizing the [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#), and increasing authorized funding from \$300 million to \$375 million in 2022. Thereafter there are annual increases until authorized funding reaches \$475 million in 2026.
- Reauthorizing the [National Estuary Program](#), and increasing authorized funding from \$26.5 million to \$50 million in 2022.
- Establishing the [San Francisco Bay Restoration Program](#), with \$25 million a year in authorized funding. The program would be housed within the EPA Region 9 office.
- Passing the [Puget SOS Act](#), which would establish a Puget Sound recovery program within the EPA Region 10 office and requires a federal action plan. The program is authorized at \$50 million a year.
- Reauthorizing the [Lake Pontchartrain Basin Program](#).
- Reauthorizing the [Chesapeake Bay Program](#), and increasing authorized funding from \$40 million to \$91 million in 2022

### **Wetlands Tradeoff in Alaska**

The Army Corps of Engineers' Alaska office allowed an oil company to [clear 288 acres of wetlands](#) so that the company could build drilling pads and access roads, *E&E News* reports.

As compensation for the environmental damage, Oil Search was allowed to upgrade the boat ramp and sewage system in a nearby Alaska Native village.

A former Army Corps wetlands supervisor said that this sort of tradeoff is a worrying precedent at a time when mining companies have their sights on large copper and gold prospects in Alaska, *E&E News* reports.

### **Drinking Water Needs Survey To Ask About Lead Service Lines**

Every few years the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency surveys drinking water utilities to gauge the amount of funding they will need over the next two decades to maintain service.

The survey asks about transmission lines, storage, and treatment. For the first time, the 2020 edition will ask utilities specifically about the cost of replacing lead service lines. Congress required the change in a law that was passed two years ago.

The continued use of lead pipes in the country became a politically hot topic following the lead scandal in Flint, Michigan.

The [last needs survey](#), published in 2018 but based on 2015 data, estimated that utilities needed to spend \$472 billion over twenty years on capital costs. The survey is the basis for allocating federal infrastructure funding to the states, in accordance with their relative needs.



### Lead Hearing

On February 11, the House Energy and Commerce Committee [discusses the EPA's proposed changes to the Lead and Copper Rule](#). Witnesses include state regulators, drinking water utilities, and health advocates.

### Water Legislation Markup

On February 12, the House Natural Resources Committee [will vote on several water-related bills](#). Two involve tribal water rights settlements and two emphasize investment in water infrastructure.

### U.S. Diplomats Highlight Central Asia Work

To facilitate economic growth in the region, the State Department is supporting a Central Asian electric grid. Critical to this initiative is the CASA-1000 project, a transmission line that will send hydroelectric power from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to Afghanistan.

U.S. diplomats discussed the role of hydropower in their Central Asia strategy at an [event last week hosted by the Heritage Foundation](#).

"We're hoping to build a Central Asia regional electricity market," said Alice Wells, acting assistant secretary for South and Central Asia.

### Budget Season Kicks Off

President Trump will reveal the White House's fiscal year 2021 budget proposal. Administration officials then begin their defense of the spending plan in front of Congress.

The Senate Finance Committee [hosts Steve Mnuchin](#), the Treasury secretary, on February 12.

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workshops, and more exploring clothing, cultural identity and sustainability.

*In Loving Memory*

**Florentino "George" Moose**



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**Traditional Cry Dance: Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

Time: 5:30 pm @ Nathan Whistler residence, 2714 Red Earth Way, Schurz, NV. 89427

**Funeral Service: Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

Time: 11:00 am @ Schurz Tribal Gym

Burial: Schurz Cemetery, Vista Drive, Schurz, NV.

Dinner & Stick-games to follow services @ tribal gym

Food Donations are welcomed and appreciated.

