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March 2, 2020

6 pm to 9 pm


8:00 pm
NKC Board Meeting

7:00 pm
NKC Presentation (slide show)

7:30 pm
Band Drum Solo


8:30 pm
Native Book Reading

To be held at the Elko Band - Shoshone Welcome Center 1543 Silver Eagle Dr. Elko, NV



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Mission: Educate, preserve and protect Noowuh and Ohshobatch (other tribes) culture, history (past, present and future), and stories in an easily accessible knowledge center.

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ELKO INDIAN COLONY COMMUNITY READS BOOK CLUB

"There There" by Tommy Orange

March 2, 2020
7:00 p.m. @
Elko Band
Shoshone Welcome Center
1543 Silver Eagle Drive
Elko, NV



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Mary Gibson:
Please join the board of directors of the newly

created Noowuh Knowledge Center (community library) for an evening of cultural sharing of Shoshone circle dance songs and various other forms of traditional (or not) music (maybe someone's got some goot 49 songs out there ennit?) learn about the Noowuh Knowledge Center, and organizing a book club starting with and featuring the book There There by Tommy Orange, Cheyenne and Arapaho author. Please feel free to share the flyers far and wide and get your singing voice prepped for a night of song and dance.

Myron Dewey

All the tribal members being affected by the Fallon air and bombing range expansion, it's time to come together and gather a consensus, collectively.

Our ancestors are speaking, we need to listen...

“Protect the Sacred”

Not another Yucca flip flop

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The conversation about American torture is 400 years old (Aeon)

Cemetery planned for desecrated grave site

Work could start this fall on spot where Indigenous graves were disturbed by a MnDOT road project 3 years ago. By BROOKS JOHNSON brooks.johnson@startribune.com



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KORMANN • alex.kormann@startribune.com MnDOT apologized for the oversight that led to the burial ground's disturbance, saying it was “a horrible, horrible thing.”

FOND DU LAC RESERVATION – Three years after a state road project desecrated Native American graves on the western edge of Duluth, a new cemetery will provide a natural “blanket and pillow for our ancestors,” one of the designers told a crowd of Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa members Wednesday night.

“It’s not to make it a tourist site, but to make it for band members,” said John Koepke, principal landscape designer with Urban Ecosystems. “And also so the general public knows this space is sacred and should not be disturbed.”

Human remains were unearthed near Mission Creek not long after work began in spring 2017. The Minnesota Department of Transportation stopped the project when Fond du Lac band members alerted the state that the area was likely a burial site.

That stretch of the St. Louis River was home to the region’s Indigenous residents for centuries before the Fond du Lac Reservation was established west of the area.

Originally a \$2.9 million project, it will now cost more than \$21 million through 2024, according to internal MnDOT budget estimates. That includes all burial recovery and cemetery restoration efforts as well as the redesign and construction of a new bridge over Mission Creek.

Band member Ricky DeFoe said Wednesday night that the restored cemetery is an opportunity to “do the right things.”

“The reason we come together is because of policies that have been in effect for a long time that have been disrespectful to Indigenous people,” he said.

The cemetery design that the band’s council will be asked to approve includes forest and wetland restoration, a wall and path around the edge of the burial ground and space for reflection. Koepke said the place would have a private feel, and construction would have a “light touch.”

In its pitch to MnDOT to handle the project, Urban Ecosystems said the process “must respect the cultural traditions of the Ojibwe people. ... This landscape is imbued with cultural meaning that transcends the legal boundaries of the site.”

Of those who spoke at Wednesday’s meeting at the Black Bear Casino Resort event center, some thought more should be done to honor the buried and share the story of the place, while others said the priority needed to be on keeping the area secure.

“I just want to know it’s protected,” said band member Robert Kesner.

All seemed to agree with Thomas Howe, the band’s natural resources program manager: “We don’t want this happening again because this site has been trampled on repeatedly over the years.”

Urban Ecosystems is seeking the band’s approval to move forward with cemetery construction plans. If that happens soon, construction could start this fall.

The Fond du Lac band took over work at the site in the fall of 2017 and has a \$2.9 million state contract that runs through Sept. 30.

The Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and Office of the State Archaeologist have been studying and documenting the area. Hamline University has been handling burial recovery.

MnDOT apologized for the oversight that led to the burial ground's disturbance and in 2017 said it's "a horrible, horrible thing, and it's MnDOT's responsibility."

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Lecturer's Book Gives Native American Tribes' Untold Stories Their Due

Telecommunications lecturer Chris Flook mines scholarly research at Ball State and elsewhere to produce "Native Americans of East-Central Indiana."

Students Unearth Insights During, After Historic U.S. Battles of the Late 1700s

An immersive learning experience continues Ball State research that began five years ago at the site of the Army installation Fort Recovery.

"collaboration between American Indian tribes and Ball State faculty"

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Water Shorts

This tiny but mighty California bureau is taking on polluters

For two years, California's Bureau of Environmental Justice has pursued a singular focus: protecting vulnerable communities from pollution and contamination.

Hey Jeff Bezos, we have ideas for how to spend \$10 billion fighting climate change

There are a host of promising climate technologies that lack the resources to scale fast enough to be effective in meeting the U.N.'s climate goals.

The power plant of the future could run on nuclear waste

One lab's nuclear waste is this California start-up's fuel.

Phoebe Bender

The Americas are home to some pretty epic urban legends, abandoned ghost towns, haunted southern cities, and the like, but the tales that surround Nevada's Pyramid Lake is one that ...



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I want to thank Dean Barlese and everyone that participated with the community meetings that made it possible for the proclamation to be written and presented to our Tribal Council. The official signed proclamation should be available this week. Thoughts and ideas are welcome and appreciated.

**PROCLAMATION by the PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE
STAND AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND OPIOID ADDICTION AND ITS
DISTRIBUTION ON THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, for thousands of years, Numu lived throughout the western Great Basin free from unnatural materials, and Numu traditional customs and a cultural life-way maintained and secured the cultural continuity from time immemorial to present day; and

WHEREAS, Numu lifestyles and customary practices changed over time, especially with the settlement of western civilization throughout Numu territory that forced widespread trauma with non-traditional intentions; and

WHEREAS, the lands surrounding Pyramid Lake were set aside on November 29, 1859 for the purpose as the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation where the Numu conformed a new way of life as a means of survival by adjusting to the mainstream dominant society and government authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is federally recognized and organized pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (25 U.S.C. § 476) affirmed by the Secretary of Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe knows that the addiction to alcohol, illegal drug use, and opioid abuse each collectively and separately destroys the lives of people, it destroys families, it traumatizes youth, and it forever alters the lifeway of our native community; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes the detrimental impact for the distribution of illegal drugs to members of our tribal community with no regard or remorse for the impact it has upon our native families; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that education services for youth and

adults about illegal drug use, alcohol and opioid addiction is an important fact of life to instruct our community members about the health risks and dangers associated with the short-term and long-term effects; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that new born babies that are addicted to illegal drugs, opiates (prescriptive drugs), and with fetal alcohol syndrome and that there has to be restitution and persons held responsible; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe knows that the methamphetamine production waste products are deadly toxic to the physical surroundings where it is discarded and the contamination causes toxic exposure to residential households; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that residents, neighbors, and relatives are fearful of retaliation by illegal drug users and illegal drug distributors for reporting drug use and drug distribution activities in our Tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognizes that professional treatment includes building personal skills, counseling services and treatment for drug induced psychosis and other drug induced mental disorders to reduce and eliminate potential dependency on prescribed medication; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is reliant on the Bureau of Indian Affairs contract funding for law enforcement detention facility services and for juvenile detention facility services, from which is not suitable to meeting the needs with adequately protecting our tribal communities and tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe desires to have jurisdiction over with the criminal investigative responsibility and for the complete criminal jurisdiction over matters involving illegal drugs, opioids, and alcohol addiction because the Bureau of Indian Affairs lack any ability to effectively support the stand against criminal activity on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe acknowledges that its judiciary structure and its administrative organization requires a sufficient means for effective enforcement and implementation of its judicial services, including but not limited to sentencing, criminal reporting, and criminal adjudication; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe recognize that the following professional services and Tribal programming is needed:

- o Professional facilities in each Tribal community
- o Intervention with short-term and long-term recovery services
- o Psychological professionals
- o Traditional and cultural programming for adults and youth
- o Family wellness
- o Suicide prevention for adults and youth with support statistics and analysis
- o Adult and juvenile detention facilities with statistics and support analysis
- o Detoxification centers
- o Mental wellness and treatment
- o Traditional and cultural practice and treatment
- o Toxic and hazardous waste identification and cleanup

- o Secret witness and reporting priority to protect Tribal members
 - o Statistical data and analysis of methamphetamine usage, outpatient statistics, distribution sources in our communities from within the reservation and from outside of the reservation
- NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe hereby declares it shall use its authority and resources to eliminate the use of and abuse of alcohol and opioids, the use of and abuse of illegal drugs and its distribution on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe shall develop its governmental and administrative resources to establish zero tolerance with the use and abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs and opioids along with the distribution of the same on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that this Proclamation of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, composed often members, of whom _____ constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly held on the 21st day of February, 2020 was adopted by the affirmative vote of for and _____ against, with _____ abstention; pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

GrantStation **National Opportunities**
[Support for Bereavement Programs Serving Children and Youth](#)

The goal of Grief Reach, administered by the National Alliance for Grieving Children with funding from the New York Life Foundation, is to provide support for bereavement programs in order to expand their reach to underserved youth under the age of 25.

[Efforts to Help Senior Dogs Funded](#)

The Grey Muzzle Organization provides grants throughout the United States to nonprofit organizations for programs designed to improve the lives of at-risk senior dogs.

[Grants Strengthen Landscape Conservation Partnerships](#)

The Landscape Conservation Catalyst Fund, an initiative of the Network for Landscape Conservation, is intended to help accelerate the pace of landscape conservation across the United States.

[Projects to Implement SEL Initiatives in Schools Supported](#)

The SEL in Action Awards, a partnership of the NoVo Foundation with Education First and Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, aims to seed projects that foster social and emotional competencies in students in grades pre-K-12.

Regional Opportunities

[Funds for Watershed and Source Water Protection in Company Communities](#)

The American Water Environmental Grant Program supports nonprofit organizations that address a watershed or source water protection need in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

[Grants Enhance Broadband Access and Use in Rural Minnesota](#)

The Blandin Foundation partners with community-focused organizations throughout rural Minnesota to foster resilient, vibrant rural communities.

[Support for Breast Cancer Education Programs in Florida](#)

The Florida Breast Cancer Foundation is working to better the lives of those facing breast cancer in the state of Florida.

[Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry Promotion Projects in the Northeast Funded](#)

The Northeast Farm Credit AgEnhancement Program supports nonprofit organizations that promote and strengthen agriculture, commercial fishing, and forest products in the six New England states, as well as New Jersey and New York.

Federal Opportunities

[Arts Research Funded](#)

The Research Grants in the Arts program supports research that investigates the value or impact of the arts, either as individual components of the U.S. arts ecology or as they interact with each other or with other domains of American life.

[Program Supports Training For Rural EMS Personnel](#)

The Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant provides support to recruit and train emergency medical services (EMS) personnel in rural areas.

[LISC/ESPN Pilot Home Court Program](#)

The LISC/ESPN Pilot Home Court Program provides nonprofit organizations, middle schools, and high schools with financing and technical assistance to improve the quality of local basketball courts. For the 2020 funding round, grants will be provided for capital improvement projects to basketball courts in the following markets: Sacramento, CA; Denver, CO; Boston, MA; and Dallas, TX. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

PlanH, implemented by BC Healthy Communities Society, facilitates local government learning, partnership development, and planning for healthier communities where British Columbians live, learn, work, and play. In 2020, PlanH will provide support through Social Connectedness Grants and Healthy Community Engagement Grants. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Our biggest grant, the **IDA Enterprise Documentary Fund** supports feature-length documentary films taking on in-depth explorations of contemporary stories and integrating journalistic practice into the filmmaking process with funding up to \$100,000. **Deadline to apply for production support is March 1, 2020 at 11:59 PST**



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[The census goes digital – 3 things to know](#) [Anjana Susarla, Michigan State University](#)

Collecting census data online creates new risks to the accuracy and integrity of the information. Here's what to be aware of.

In the United States, a federal judge in Texas has thrown out a lawsuit accusing the Army Corps of Engineers of mismanagement. The Texas Tribune reported that that the suit was filed in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, by flooded property owners in Houston who live downstream of two reservoirs that are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The suit alleged that the flooding was caused by the Army Corps' decision to make "controlled releases" to lessen the pressure of all the water in the dams after Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains. The judge disagreed, arguing that because of the storm's record-breaking size, the properties would have flooded regardless of how the dams were operated. Lawyers for the property owners said this ruling contradicts the decision in a case filed earlier by upstream landowners. Both cases highlight the tradeoffs between urban development and water management and the risks of building in close proximity to waterways in an era of stronger storms.

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Extract: [https://www.circleofblue.org/2020/wef/whats-up-with-water-february-24-2020/?mc\\_cid=e778659e44&mc\\_eid=b10eb26a48](https://www.circleofblue.org/2020/wef/whats-up-with-water-february-24-2020/?mc_cid=e778659e44&mc_eid=b10eb26a48)

The balancing act between groundwater use and growth is playing out in state legislatures and county councils across the United States. Groundwater is often unregulated, and is being exploited in many rural areas, either for farming or for residential developments.

In Nevada last December, state officials put a moratorium on new residential wells in a community north of Reno, concerned that too much water was being pumped from the aquifer.

In Arizona, where wells in rural counties are going dry because of high-capacity farm irrigation, lawmakers are considering new groundwater monitoring requirements that would allow them a better understanding of the problem.

Officials in Michigan's Allendale Township are familiar with dry wells. Allendale is about 15 miles west of Grand Rapids, the state's second-largest city. Allendale has been a center of growth in Ottawa County. The town of almost 27,000 people has seen its population climb by 30 percent since 2010. Along with growth came water problems. More than a decade ago, long-time residents began to complain about wells going dry. Groundwater levels were found to be declining. Water use for proposed subdivisions attracted greater scrutiny.

Township leaders knew they had to act. In 2018 they placed a six-month moratorium on new housing developments that were not connected to public water and sewer. Public utilities generally draw from Lake Michigan, which is a more abundant source for the county than groundwater. Sachs estimates that a quarter of the county's residents, mostly in rural areas, use private wells.

Adam Elenbaas is the supervisor for Allendale Township. He said that the moratorium allowed his town to study the issue and enact a long-term policy. The Michigan State study showed that the aquifer in the central part of the county had been drawn down by 35 to 50 feet since the 1970s. Elenbaas told Circle of Blue "We know that we're pulling water out of the ground faster than it's being replenished. We don't want to put more straws into the ground and draw it down even faster." The Township Board of Trustees approved an ordinance that requires new housing developments to connect to public water. That policy went into effect last April.

Elenbaas said that the groundwater commission, as a facilitator, will be a valuable addition to the county's sustainability tool box. The county has the resources to bring parties together, but the townships are generally the entities that set land-use rules. The commission, said Elenbaas, will "allow us to see a larger view, instead of our small piece of the puzzle."

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**How to spend several hours!** *(BTW, for the rest of the week, I will be posting some of the results via different search terms. Stay tuned. sdc)*

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**Martha Redbone – Bone Hill : The Concert : Official Music Video**

Martha Redbone talks (and sings) about Bone Hill: The Concert. This is a must see performance. Thursday, 27th at Nightingale Concert Hall (7:30P). Tickets online or at box office one hour before the show follow links from video for more information.

<https://www.unr.edu/.../video-01-the-event-martha-redbonehtml>



It's very disheartening to have witnessed President Trump rolling back all of the protections for air, water quality, all the environmental concerns, opening up our cultural significant areas for mining. And that's something that's been protected for decades.

Norman Harry  
Former Chariman,  
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

*In loving memory of*  
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Services will be held at 11:00AM on February 29, 2020 at the  
Schurz Gymnasium.

Following the service there will be a potluck at the gymnasium.  
Food donations are greatly appreciated.