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COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting older tribal members throughout Indian Country. The deaths of these elders means the loss of ceremonies, stories, language and cultural wisdom.



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Triple Crisis of Pipelines, Pesticides and Pandemic Is an Existential Threat to Ecuador's Indigenous Peoples

Mitch Anderson, Mongabay

Anderson writes: "Ten days after showing his first symptoms, Dannes Piaguaje struggled to breathe as he leaned over a traditional steam remedy in his leaf-thatch jungle home in the Ecuadorian Amazon."

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Trump to Open Atlantic Marine National Monument to Commercial Fishing Laura Parker, National Geographic

Parker writes: "The decision will trigger another court battle over whether he has the power as president to essentially erase a national monument."

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On Tribal Lands, Time to Make Art for Solace and Survival

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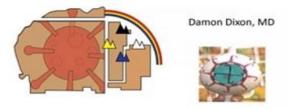
Damon Dixon

As the coronavirus cases increase in Arizona, not to forget the impact our Native communities are still facing. There is an urgency to protect our elderly as, they are the gatekeepers of cultural traditions. #Hopi, #UofASchoolMedicine



SARS-COV-2 & Coronavirus Disease Impact on Indigenous Communities

"Dikos Ntsaa'gii-19"







Damon B. Dixon, MD, Pediatric Cardiologist with Phoenix Children's Hospital, created a well-researched and comprehensive pre-recorded presentation on the impact of the current pandemic to the Indigenous communities. He examines why the disease has taken a disproportionate toll on Indigenous communities, barriers and complications to the response and what can be done. Go here to view.

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Quarantine

We are outlaws now, Hiding out, Cannot be found, Behind our masks.

Masks self imposed, In the stillness, Loss of normal, Creates anger.

Things not right, Soul examination, Tough to handle, Someone has to pay.

Find that enemy, Raise some hell, Payback might come, Careful now.

Remember, Elders counsel, Patience, Love, Balance!

We will lower our masks, Eventually seeing each other, There are no sides, Only imperfect human beings.

John D Berry, Oklahoma, 2020

The Opossum is able to withstand up to 80 Rattlesnake or Coral Snake bites. Thanks to him, there is an Antidote to poisonous snake venom. Please don't kill them!

They don't get Rabies and they eat Ticks.. They're your friend ♥



Pandemic and Digital Divide Threaten Accurate Census Count of Native Populations

JEN DEERINWATER, TRUTHOUT

An inaccurate census count could wreak havoc on tribal nations and people for generations to come.

Read the Article →

HUD AWARDS NEARLY \$120 MILLION TO TRIBES ACROSS THE NATION

111 projects will support economic and housing development for Native American Families

This week, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Ben Carson announced nearly \$120 million in Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) awards to Tribes across the Nation. The ICDBG program provides funding to use in developing American Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income persons. "President Trump made it clear from the moment he became President, the forgotten men and women of our Nation will be forgotten no more," said Secretary Carson. "Today's announcement of nearly \$120 million in funding to American Indian tribes will provide these communities with safe and affordable housing and advance economic development."

"HUD is committed to helping Native Americans thrive and the funding announced today will have a positive impact on building sustainable communities," said R. Hunter Kurtz, Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

These funds, through the ICDBG program, will be used to support 107 projects on Tribal lands across the United States such as:

- A new drive-thru pharmacy,
- A new building for the local Boys & Girls Club of America,
- Repairs to a wastewater lagoon,
- The infrastructure necessary for a new housing development.

For a complete list of allocations and project descriptions, please click here.

FREE TRAINING! Contract Administration and Procurement (June 23-25, 2020)

Training Delivery: **Online** Registration: **Click Here**

AAHA is hosting a three (3) day online training on Contract Administration and Procurement. This training will provide attendees with information and guidance under the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) for housing authority staff and tribal members to understand and meet the program requirements for procurement and contract administration. This training has been broken into modules to accommodate your schedule and interests in the different aspects of Contract Admiration & Procurement.

America's healthcare system is neither healthy, caring, nor a system." — Walter Cronkite

"There are more than 9,000 billing codes for individual procedures and units of care. But there is not a single billing code for patient adherence or improvement, or for helping patients stay well." — Clayton M. Christense



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Breaking news: U.S. will allow cruel trophy hunting practices to kill hibernating bears and wolf pups on Alaska's federal...

The Trump administration has just delivered a one-two punch to Alaska's wildlife: it has announced that it will release a final National Park Service rule allowing some of the cruelest practices for killing black bears, wolves and other wildlife on national preserve lands in Alaska; . . .

The following is out of print but several libraries wish to have a copy. If you have one that you don't need/want, please consider a donation. "Coyote Tales and other Paiute Stories You Have Never heard Before" by Helen Stone 1991 Great Basin Press

University Of Warcraft: Should I Spend My COVID-19 Time On MMOGs or MOOC

Online education websites like Coursera, edX and Udacity have struggled for years. But in the last two months, millions of adults have signed up to learn online during the coronavirus crisis. The new signup jolt could mean a renaissance for big internet learning networks known as MOOCs — massive open online courses. These high-profile university experiments sprang up almost a decade ago, with a proclaimed mission to "democratize education."

Udacity and Coursera were founded at Stanford University by professors in the hot field of artificial intelligence. Their creations were portrayed as tech-fueled insurgents destined to disrupt the antiquated ways of traditional higher education. Early courses attracted hundreds of thousands of students from around the world. However screen fatigue eventually set in, attention would stray, and few people wound up completing their distance learning courses. The sites even became a punchline among academics: "Remember the MOOCs?"

But the online ventures adapted over time through trial and error, gathering lessons that could provide a road map for school districts and universities pushed online. EdX, created by MIT and Harvard University in 2012, is a non-profit. "Active learning works, and social learning works,"

said edX's founder and CEO. "And you have to understand that teaching online and learning online are skills of their own." (NYT)

Massively multiplayer online game (MMOGs)

Opinion | The Future of College Is Online, and It's Cheaper (NYT, \$) Hurray, not only is the rent too damn high but so is college tuition. The best thing Daily Pnut's Tim got out of going to West Point and Stanford was definitely NOT the education (grades don't even matter at Stanford's business and law schools and rightfully so because grades don't predict success whether on the fields of unfriendly strife in Iraq or Silicon Valley) but the relationships-friendships. "Elite" schools are "elite" because they are just a way for capitalists to cavort in the most anti-capitalist way and that is to fraternize and create informal unions. As Peter Thiel notes, the most strident capitalists are secretly anti-capitalist monopolists: "If you're the founder... entrepreneur starting a company, you always want to aim for monopoly and you always want to avoid competition.

Throughout her life, Maude Kegg worked to preserve Ojibwe traditional culture — and interpret it for others.

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https://www.minnpost.com/mnopedia/2020/06/throughout-her-life-maude-kegg-worked-to-preserve-ojibwe-traditional-culture-and-interpret-it-for-others/

FYI - just interesting history article for Ojibwe woman who died 24 years ago-but her legacy lives on.

GrantStation

COVID-19 Related Funding

Mosaic: COVID-19 Rapid Response Infrastructure RFP

Mosaic has launched an open RFP to make rapid response grants to nonprofit grassroots organizations focused primarily on environmental protection or environmental justice.

The Red Backpack Fund

The Red Backpack Fund will make at least 1,000 grants of \$5,000 each to female entrepreneurs in the U.S. to help alleviate the immediate needs and support the long-term recovery of those impacted by this crisis.

PFund Foundation: COVID-19 Response Fund

The COVID-19 Response Fund provides support to the LGBTQIA community affected by the coronavirus crisis in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

For more grant opportunities, visit our COVID-19 Related Funding page.

National Opportunities

Support for Efforts to Promote Positive Relationships in the U.S. and Abroad

The Healthy Relationships Community Grants, an initiative of Major League Baseball (MLB) and the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), seeks to address positive relationship health, with self and others.

Mentoring Programs for Gynecologic Cancer Patients Funded

Woman to Woman, a program of the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA), seeks to improve the quality of care for gynecologic cancer patients by strengthening coping capacities through a patient-to-patient support model.

Grants Enhance Healthy Food Retail Efforts

The Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI), a public-private partnership administered by Reinvestment Fund on behalf of USDA Rural Development, seeks to improve access to healthy foods in underserved area.

Music Education Programs Supported

The Mockingbird Foundation offers grants to schools and nonprofit organizations in the United States that focus on music education for children, an area of importance to the Phish fan community.

Regional Opportunities

Funds for Local Nonprofits in Bank Communities

The BBVA Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that are making a positive impact in the communities the bank serves in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, New Mexico, and Texas.

Grants Enhance Health Care Access for Virginians

The Virginia Health Care Foundation is a public-private partnership committed to increasing access to primary health care services for medically underserved and uninsured Virginians.

Support for Affordable Housing and Economic Development Initiatives in Ohio

Finance Fund is a statewide nonprofit community development organization that enables the revitalization of economically distressed communities across Ohio.

Programs Benefiting Disadvantaged New Jersey Residents Funded

The mission of the Robert and Joan Dircks Foundation is to support nonprofit organizations that enrich and improve the quality of life for individuals living in New Jersey.

Federal Opportunities

Grants Available for Tribal Wildlife Protection

The Tribal Wildlife Grants Program supports the development and implementation of initiatives that protect wildlife and their habitats, with a focus on species of Tribal cultural or traditional importance, including species that are not hunted or fished.

Telemedicine and Distance Learning Supported

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.



State Justice Institute

The State Justice Institute awards grants to improve the quality of justice in state courts throughout the U.S. and to foster innovative, efficient solutions to common issues faced by all courts. Several types of grants are provided to state and local courts, judges, and other groups involved in state court issues. <u>Learn more</u> about the funding guidelines and application process.



McCune Foundation

The McCune Foundation supports projects and community-based nonprofit organizations that are addressing critical issues utilizing community organizing strategies in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties in California. <u>Learn more</u> about the funding guidelines and application process.

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LEAP | Pecaut Centre for Social Impact envisions a society where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Healthy Futures is a social venture accelerator that will enable game-changing social ventures that prevent chronic disease and improve health outcomes for all people in Canada, to increase the breadth and depth of their impact. <u>Learn more</u> about the funding guidelines and application process.



One Ocean Hub: Deep Emotional Engagement Programme Fund

The mission of One Ocean Hub is to transform the approach to ocean governance and research, and work towards integrated and inclusive ocean governance. The Deep Emotional Engagement Programme (DEEP) Fund supports creative projects that communicate individual or communal emotional bonds with the sea to a wide audience including policy makers and research institutions, as well as beneficiary communities in partner countries. <u>Learn more</u> about the funding guidelines and application process.



A close-up of a giant larvacean. Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute

The scientists at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute are using a new kind of laser to illuminate the bizarre body structures of creatures in the depths of Monterey Bay. They operate like a CT scanner, revealing, in the words of one report, "mazes of translucent parts and gooey structures, including long filaments, mucus housings, and fine-mesh filters for gathering food." N.Y. Times I Popular Science

Water Shorts

EPA Constrains State Permitting Authority

Seeking to corral what he called "abuses" of power by states, Andrew Wheeler, the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, announced changes to the Clean Water Act permitting process. The changes will affect state and tribal regulation of pipeline, energy, and transportation projects.

States are allowed to weigh in on major infrastructure projects through Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. The section gives states and tribes the power to add conditions or veto projects if they will pollute waterways.

Wheeler said the abuses occur when states reject projects using Section 401 authority for reasons that do not involve water quality. He mentioned energy infrastructure projects in the Pacific Northwest and New York state as examples of abuse. A liquefied natural gas export terminal at Jordan Cove, in Oregon, was vetoed this way, as was the Constitution natural gas pipeline, in New York.

The new rule "prevents states from using the Clean Water Act in ways that hold our nation's energy infrastructure hostage," Wheeler said. Decisions must be restricted to water pollution, not expanded to wetlands damage or climate change considerations.

The new rule also set a one-year time limit on state reviews. If a state fails to complete its review within a year, the requirement is waived.

What is the effect of the rule? Lawyers with Beveridge and Diamond <u>say</u> that, as for many EPA decisions, this ruling could be challenged in court. They also speculate that the time limits could result in more vetoes if states and tribes cannot produce sufficient evidence in one year to certify the project.

Faster Environmental Review

President Trump signed an <u>executive order</u> to ease the burden of environmental review for federal projects, in order to boost economic growth during the coronavirus pandemic.

The head of federal agencies are to use "emergency procedures, statutory exemptions, categorical exclusions, analyses that have already been completed, and concise and focused analyses" to speed the completion of transportation, public works, and energy projects.

The order follows a <u>directive</u> that Trump issued in May to federal agencies to relax regulations that could "inhibit economic recovery," as long as the actions were within the scope of the law.

Senate Passes Indian Water Rights Bill

The Senate approved legislation that deals with a number of Indian water rights claims.

The bill approves a water rights agreement between the Navajo Nation and the state of Utah. It extends the authorization for a federal fund dedicated to Indian water rights settlements.

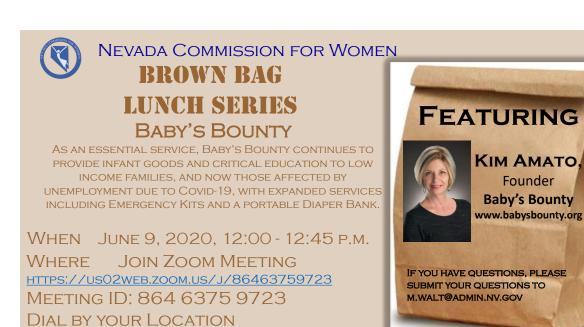
The bill increases authorized federal funding for a regional water system in the Pojoaque basin of New Mexico by \$137 million. It also orders a federal study of a multipurpose dam that would be used to satisfy water rights claims by the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas

House Hearing

On June 9, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce will discuss the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus pandemic on poor and minority communities. https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?

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