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"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." ~Dalai Lama

Native Lights: Where Indigenous Voices Shine | In Native Lights, people in Native communities around Mni Sota Mkoce – a.k.a. Minnesota – tell their stories about finding their gifts and sharing them with the community. These are stories of joy, strength, history, and change from Native people who are shaping the future and honoring those who came before them.

Native Lights podcast is hosted by Leah Lemm and Cole Premo. Cole and Leah are siblings and members of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and both are contributors to Minnesota Native News.

Native Lights podcast is a production of Minnesota Native News and Ampers, Diverse Radio for Minnesota's Communities, and made possible by funding from the Minnesota Arts and Culture Heritage Fund, and the Citizens of Minnesota.

Let us know what you think: <u>nativelights@ampers.org</u>

EPA Selects 12 Community Organizations for Additional Environmental Justice Small Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that \$360,000 in competitive grants will be awarded to 12 local, community-based organizations working to address environmental justice (EJ) issues in their communities. These organizations were selected from the large pool of environmental justice applicants in 2019. This funding is in addition to 50 organizations awarded \$1.5 million in EJ small grants nationwide in November 2019.

EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program provides critical support to organizations that otherwise lack the funding and resources to address environmental challenges in underserved and overburdened communities. The 2020 awards will provide \$30,000 per project for a one-year project period. The funding will help organizations in 8 states to carry out projects that will: 1) educate residents about environmental issues that may impact their health, 2) collect data about local environmental conditions, 3) conduct research and trainings to shed light on those conditions, and 4) work collaboratively to address environmental justice challenges in their communities.

The following organizations will receive grants:

- Groundwork Lawrence, Lawrence, MA
- Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, PA
- Metro Community Ministries, College Park, GA
- Sustain Charlotte, Charlotte, NC
- Heartland Communities, Inc., Fort Wayne, IN
- The IPM Institute of North America, Milwaukee, WI
- Friends of Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge, Albuquerque, NM
- Taos Valley Acequia Association, Taos, NM
- Environmental Health Coalition, San Diego, CA
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Yurok Indian Reservation, CA
- One Step A La Vez, Santa Clara River Valley, CA

This month, as part of its <u>50th anniversary commemoration</u>, EPA is highlighting some of the key state, tribal, international, non-profit, and private sector

partnerships that have helped our nation further its progress toward cleaner air, water, and land. As one example, EPA's Office of Environmental Justice coordinates with multiple partners that include federal and local government, business and industry, and academia to help improve environmental and public health conditions of low-income and minority communities.

For descriptions of each of the 2020 Environmental Justice Small Grant projects, visit https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program-project-descriptions-2020.

Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Native Political ParticipationIn 2017 and 2018, the NARF-founded Native American Voting Rights Coalition held nine public hearings to better understand how Native Americans are systemically and culturally kept from fully exercising their franchise. More than 120 witnesses testified from dozens of tribes across the country. We released the final report, *Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Political Participation Faced by Native American Voters*, on June 4. It provides detailed evidence that Native people face obstacles at every turn in the electoral process: from registering to vote, to casting votes, to having votes counted. narf.com

Sacred Badger-Two Medicine Area Protected

In some good news, on June 16, the United States Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit issued a ruling in *Solenex v. Bernhardt*, a case about the protection of the Badger-Two Medicine Area, which is an area sacred to the Blackfeet Nation and where the Tribe possesses treaty-reserved rights. NARF represented the Blackfeet Nation as an amicus party at the federal district court and again at the DC Circuit. Find out more about the Blackfeet Nation's fight to protect its sacred places \rightarrow

IDA Documentary Awards 2020

New Call for Entries Regular Deadline: Tues. 7/28/20 11:59 PDT New Call for Entries Extended Deadline: Tues. 8/04/20 11:59 PDT New Shortlists Announcement Date: Wed. 10/28/20

In response to the entire awards season shifting back two months and the ongoing uncertainties around distributions and project premieres, IDA is extending the Call for Entries window for our 36th Annual IDA Documentary Awards as well as the subsequent announcement timeline:

- the shortlists will be announced October 28,
- nominees late November,
- IDA member voting December through first week of January, and
- all winners revealed during third week of January.

If your project's awards campaign plan changes and you would like to withdraw from the competition: the submitter must contact us prior to the official shortlist announcement of October 28. Projects that withdraw are deferred to the following year's competition at no additional fee.

Please contact us at awards@documentary.org for any questions not covered in the updated FAQ page. Don't forget that IDA individual-level and up members receive discounted submission fees for all deadlines. Join the IDA family today to take advantage of this benefit!

IFF Announces Filmmaker Solidarity Fund & New Grant Partnership CIFF and Points North Forum are going virtual! October 1-12

In these unprecedented times, CIFF is committed to directly supporting filmmakers and creating collaborative online spaces for community-building, healing, and collective imagination. Half of all **virtual pass and ticket sales** will be directed to the Filmmaker Solidarity Fund, providing honoraria for participating filmmakers.

In a new partnership, we're offering \$30k to filmmakers from the Northeast with shorts in postproduction. Other fellowship deadlines are extended to July 15.

Research Shows Virus Undetectable on Five Highly Circulated Library Materials After Three Days

The findings are part of a research project by IMLS, OCLC, and Battelle to provide libraries, archives, and museums with information to help them mitigate exposure to COVID-19.

IMLS Invests \$719K in Small and Rural Libraries

The new projects will address digital inclusion, community memory, and school library practice.



Return of the Kentucky elk

Read about how the state rebuilt its elk population, using old coal mines

In 1997, on the grassy slope of a reclaimed mine, an elk stepped onto Kentucky soil for the first time in more than 150 years. Though the area was once full of wildlife, land development and hunting eliminated many buffalo, river otters, bald eagles and elk.



"Drink water from the spring where horses drink. The horse will never drink bad water. Lay your bed where the cat sleeps.

Eat the fruit that has been touched by a worm.

Boldly pick the mushroom on which the insects sit.

Plant the tree where the mole digs.

Build your house where the snake sits to warm itself.

Dig your fountain where the birds hide from heat.

Go to sleep and wake up at the same time with the birds – you will reap all of the days golden grains.

Eat more green – you will have strong legs and a resistant heart, like the beings of the forest. Swim often and you will feel on earth like the fish in the water.

Look at the sky as often as possible and your thoughts will become light and clear.

Be quiet a lot, speak little – and silence will come in your heart, and your spirit will be calm and full of peace." Saint Seraphim of Sarov





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It was a Cheyenne Woman named Buffalo Calf Road Woman who killed George Armstrong Custer with his own saber at the Battle of Little Bighorn on June 25, 1876. Ch...<u>See</u> <u>More</u>



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Hawaiian Group Breaks World Record with Biggest Ocean Plastic Cleanup Ever

The Ocean Voyages Institute just removed over 100 tons of plastic waste from the Great Pacific Garbage Patch The Hawaiian non-profit Ocean Voyages Institute just broke the world record for the largest open-ocean clean-up in history. The crew removed over 100 tons (200,000 pounds) of plastic on a 48-...

South Dakota tribal leader joins call to remove Mount Rushmore ahead of Trump visit msn.com



CosmosUp · An Indian Bull Frog

A Two Thousand Year Old Warning about TRUMP

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. For the traitor appears not a traitor -He speaks in the accents familiar to his victims, and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation-he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city--he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to be feared."



Cicero, Roman Statesman, 42 BC

HEY CAME WITH A BIBLE AND THEIR RELIGION STOLE OUR LAND, CRUSHED OUR SPIRIT, AND NOW THEY TELL US WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL TO THE LORD FOR BEING SAVED.

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AKA-EAF Financial Need Graduate Scholarship	Varies	08/15/2020
ARC of Washington Trust Fund Research Grants	Varies	08/03/2020
BBB Student Ethics Scholarship Award - Connecticut	\$2,500	08/01/2020
Beta Sigma Psi Martin Luther Scholarship	\$2,000	08/15/2020
Brian Bolton Essay Contest for Graduate/"Older" Students	\$3,500	08/01/2020
Calvin L. Carrithers Aviation Scholarship	\$1,000	08/15/2020
CWGCS Fellowship on Women & Public Policy	\$10,000	08/15/2020
Felbry College of Nursing \$7,500 Scholarship	\$7,500	08/01/2020
Florida Stormwater Association Scholarship Award	\$2,000	08/07/2020
Graduate Information Security Scholarship	\$1,000	08/01/2020
Joyce Komperda Athlete Support Fund	Varies	08/31/2020
Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley Scholarship	\$2,500	08/01/2020
Matrix Health Group Memorial Scholarship Program	\$2,000	08/01/2020
National Federation of the Blind Scholarship - Texas	\$3,000	08/15/2020
Pedestrian Education Video Scholarship Competition	\$2,000	08/31/2020
PTAC Crew Scholarship for HVAC Students	\$1,500	08/01/2020
The Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA) Energy Education for Michigan Scholarships	Varies	08/03/2020
Turco Muñoz Domestic Violence Survivor Scholarship	\$1,000	08/15/2020
Undergraduate Information Security Scholarship	\$1,000	08/01/2020
Zonta Club of Madison Young Women in Public Affairs Award	\$40,000	08/01/2020

Reminder: these scholarships are posted to provide examples of the breadth and scope of the many scholarships available. It is not a finite list. Community and school specific scholarships should be researched in your own area.

The archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordileone, **held an exorcism rite with a group of worshippers at the site where protesters tore down a statue of Junipero Serra** in Golden Gate Park. "An act of sacrilege occurred here," he said. "That is an act of the evil one. Evil has made itself present here." CBS SF | National Catholic Register

Members of the Kumeyaay tribe blocked work on the U.S.-Mexico border wall by standing in the way of a construction site on Monday, saying planned detonations would disturb ancestral burial grounds. Tribal members said they would continue to resist the blasting. "It would be just about as disrespectful as us going into Arlington cemetery and setting off explosions," one said. S.D. Union-Tribune

So how exactly do you catch Covid-19? A consensus is now emerging around an answer: The virus is rarely transmitted via fleeting encounters with people outdoors. "Instead, the major culprit is close-up, person-to-person interactions for extended periods. Crowded events, poorly ventilated areas and places where people are talking loudly — or singing, in one famous case — maximize the risk." Wall Street Journal (no paywall)

In a June 20 message on Facebook, Thomas Macias shared his regrets about having attended a party in Lake Elsinore and catching the coronavirus. "Because of my stupidity I put my mom and sisters and my family's health in jeopardy," he wrote. "Hopefully with God's help," he added, "I'll be able to survive this." He died the next day. NBC News

Two big boulders along the Sonoma coast have smooth spots that scientists believe were buffed by back-scratching Columbian mammoths.

California was once a Serengeti of prehistoric mammals: mammoths, ground sloths, sabertoothed cats, and more. Scientists determined that the boulders served as scratching posts by examining the texture and location of the polished areas, and comparing them with the sorts of marks modern elephants make. Located in Sonoma Coast State Park, the rocks nowadays attract another sort of wild creature: rock climbers. One told the Sonoma County Gazette that when climbing there, "You can literally feel a tactile connection to the past as you grip the stone." Atlas Obscura

Special Session of Nevada Legislature set for July 6: Be Prepared! Nevada Legislature to convene special session July 8

Legislators' tones darken as they feel purse strings tighten

Summer session should make itself useful, get a jump on constitutional amendments

"The secret of happiness, you see, is not found in seeking more, but in developing the capacity to enjoy less." —Socrates



Ocean & Reef Affairs added a new photo to the album: Why do YOU love the Ocean? Here's why we do... ·

This is Jonathan. June 25 was his birthday. He is 188 years young. (Born circa 1832). He has lived through both the World Wars, the Russian Revolution, and changing of 39 US presidents as

well as seven British monarchs... Happy Birthday ! 🤎 🗽



Jonathan has appeared in these pages before,]...and hopefully in the future. Although he seems to have ignored politics for two centuries, he does have humans looking out for his ability to adapt to climate change. He is a reminder that there are many realities that simultaneously exist on this planet. sdc