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### **[Nevada's mule deer 'problem': It's not what they say | Nevada ...](#)**

<https://www.nevadacurrent.com > Commentary>

Mar 29, 2021 — Habitat, not predators, is the major factor determining *mule deer* numbers in Nevada. (Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). Are coyotes and ..

## **ICT's white board is blank      By Mark Trahant**

*Some great graphics would not copy, so [https://indiancountrytoday.com/news/icts-whiteboard-is-blank?utm\\_source=Indian+Country+Today&utm\\_campaign=094e102153-ANN\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2021\\_03\\_01\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_5e3432615c-094e102153-361267612](https://indiancountrytoday.com/news/icts-whiteboard-is-blank?utm_source=Indian+Country+Today&utm_campaign=094e102153-ANN_CAMPAIGN_2021_03_01_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_5e3432615c-094e102153-361267612)*

There is a new phrase I've added to ICT's about page: "An Independent news enterprise." It's kind of funny, though, because most of us still call this digital thing "a newspaper." A newspaper without ink, only pixels. And, of course, a daily broadcast.

ICT's journey began a [new path Friday](#). We have our whiteboard ready, it's blank and we are ready to scribble new ideas. ICT is no longer owned by an individual, a tribe, or the National Congress of American Indians. (All a part of our history.) Our enterprise is now operated by journalists and our cause is simple, report the news and make sure Indigenous voices are heard in the public square.

**(Previous: [Indian Country Today, NCAI split](#))**

This is a chapter in a long story. Cherokee Chief John Ross summed up the contradictions in one speech in 1828.

He called the Phoenix "a public press" that "should be cherished as an important vehicle in the diffusion of general information, and as no less powerful auxiliary in asserting and supporting our political rights." Then he warned "to guard against the admission of scurrilous productions of a personal character, and also against cherishing sectarian principles on religious subjects. The press being the public property of the Nation, it would ill become its character if such infringements upon the feelings of the people should be tolerated. In other respects, the liberty of the press should be as free as the breeze that glides upon the surface.

Free as the breeze is a high calling for press performance. This was the goal of ICT 40 years ago when Tim Giago founded it at Pine Ridge. It was a similar idea for Howard Rock and the Tundra Times in 1962 in Fairbanks when he wrote that the paper is "here to express your ideas, your thoughts and opinions on issues that vitally affect you. With this humble beginning we hope, not for any distinction, but to serve with dedication the truthful presentation of Native problems, issues and interests."

Same now. Our mission statement: "Indian Country Today is a spacious channel that serves Indigenous communities with news, entertainment, and opinion."

### **How to help**

There are three ways we carry out our mission. We produce the digital report at [IndianCountryToday.com](https://IndianCountryToday.com); the half-hour broadcast on public television stations; and now the management of the public media company, IndiJ Public Media, led by our company president Karen Michel, Ho-Chunk.

To make all of this work ICT needs the support of readers, foundations, and the larger community. Independence is not free, it requires funding support from readers and viewers.

There are lots of ways to help.

**First:** [Direct contributions](#). We have three membership categories ranging from a donation of a few dollars to the very special \$5,000 Phoenix 100 category.

**Second:** [Advertise on our site](#) or on our public television program. If you watch any show on public television you'll see a string of credits at the end about who's supporting the program and sometimes that will be followed by a 15 or 30 second spot that says good things about a company. (There are specific rules about advertising on public television.) If you think about what that could look like coming from our communities ... say a resort advertisement?

**Third:** Share Indigenous content (and not just ours) on social media. One metric for the media is eyeballs. There are rewards for stories that more people see, building advertising and for overall readership. So when news is breaking, it really helps us when our content is shared across social media. Plus, we have some great writers that deserve that kind of attention.

Then there is a good reason to do that. We cover stories that the rest of the media does not. Every single day.

The new company IndiJ Public Media has some challenges ahead. But the prospects are amazing. As the newspaper comic book possum, Pogo once said, "We are faced with insurmountable opportunities."

So now, let's make it work. Thank you.

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**Land grant status proposed to change for Nevada higher education institutions Senate Bill 287** is seeking to formally establish both UNLV and the Desert Research Institute as land grant institutions. [Read on »](#)

or: <https://thisisreno.com/2021/04/land-grant-status-proposed-to-change-for-nevada-higher-education-institutions/>

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### ***Important, Important Article***

#### **What's behind the Corps of Engineers' suspension of a PolyMet permit**

Start by understanding that a federally enrolled Indian tribe is entitled to apply to the EPA to be considered as a state for certain purposes under the Clean Water Act. By [Steve Timmer](#)

"You will have to make up your own minds, but I've concluded that our regulatory agencies, both state and federal, who are charged with protecting the public interest, have a lot of trouble finding it. Especially when it comes to our Indian friends and their reservation and treaty rights.

I have also concluded, after a survey of the cases on the subject, that the Indians are a lot better at protecting clean water for everybody than we are at protecting clean water for them."

<https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2021/04/whats-behind-the-corps-of-engineers-suspension-of-a-polymet-permit/>

## **Calendar**

**April 8** - Professional Development Seminar for teachers. Seminar provides understanding of hair and braids for American Indian young men, how teachers can support this cultural practice and eliminate bullying. For more information click [here](#). 3:30-4:30 pm.

**April 8** - Banner Alzheimer's Institute's Native American Circle Group. 10:00-10:30 a.m. Arizona time. Call (480) 378-7231, ID# 170212629 to join the meeting.

**April 9 and 16** - ITCA/BIA Climate Resilience Virtual Workshop: "Recognizing and Preventing Heat-Related Illness and Death" webinar series. April 9, 9:30 a.m.-noon, and April 16, 1:00-3:10 p.m. MST. For more information please contact Monique at Inter Tribal Council of Arizona via [email](#).

**April 9-10** - Association of American Indian Physicians Annual Cross Cultural Medicine Workshop. For more information click [here](#).

**April 9-11** - ASU Pow Wow. For more information click [here](#).

**April 10 - 2021 ASU Virtual RECHARGE**. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for grades 7-12. Zoom. To register click here [here](#).

**April 11-14** - 39th Annual Virtual Protecting Our Children Conference NICWA. For more information click [here](#).

### **DC tenure a gentle snow, 'fierce blizzard'**

[From Operation Lady Justice to Twitter attacks, Tara Sweeney reflects on her time as assistant secretary of Indian affairs during the Trump administration by Meghan Sullivan](https://indiancountrytoday.com/news/tara-sweeneys-tenure-was-a-gentle-snow-a-fierce-blizzard)

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*[AP Photo/Mark Thiessen]*

## Deadline Reminder

**April 16: Native American Library Services: Basic Grants** This program is designed to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities.

**April 19: Collections Assessment for Preservation Program** Please note that applications are currently only being accepted for an organization to administer this program through a new cooperative agreement with IMLS.

**May 11: Native Hawaiian Library Services** This program is designed to assist Native Hawaiian libraries in improving core library services for their communities.

**May 11: Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants** This program is designed to assist Native American tribes in improving core library services for their communities

### **FY 2021 Native American Library Services Basic Grants Applicant Webinar**

View the FY 2021 Native American Library Services: Basic Grants New Applicant recorded webinar to learn more about the program.

### **FY 2021 Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants Program Applicant Webinar**

View the FY 2021 Native Hawaiian Library Services Grants New Applicant recorded webinar to learn more about the program.

### **FY 2021 Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants Applicant Webinar**

View the FY 2021 Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants New Applicant recorded webinar to learn more about the program

**April 16: Hawaii Museums Association Virtual Annual Conference** - Museum Program Specialist Ashley Jones will present the session "Removing Financial Barriers with Museums for All"

**May 24: AAM Annual Meeting and Museum Expo 2021** - Director Crosby Kemper

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### **Walmart Foundation - Local Community Grant Program**      **\$250-\$5,000**

Open to certain types of public charities, recognized government entities, and K-12 schools meeting their criteria

2021 grant cycle begins 2/1/21 and applications are due by 12/31/2021

Walmart's local community grants are awarded through an open application process and provide funding directly from Walmart and Sam's Club facilities to local organizations in the U.S. For more details and requirements visit [HERE](#).

\*\*\*\*\*Tom

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March 30, 2021 California  
Coastal Commission, 45 Fremont Street #2000, San Francisco, CA 94105 415-904-5248

**RE: Proposed World's Largest Battery Storage Systems at the Morro Bay Power Plant**

Dear Tom,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and in healthy spirit. We are still listening to the Flor de Toloache mariachi band's music and some new stuff they have put out, hopefully they will come back to California for some concerts in the future.

Recently, Vestra Energy has been proposing to transform the Morro Bay Power Plant into the world's largest battery storage system, several meetings have taken place without notice to the most important stakeholder, the Northern Chumash Tribal Council and the Chumash Nation. NCTC has had many conversations with Vestra Energy and they know who we are, as we were attempting to purchase the property and transform the plant into a renewable energy and climate change university. We have had extensive conversation about the Sacred Nature of the land that is currently the retired Morro Bay power plant, so they know very well how important it is to NCTC and the Chumash Nation to protect and preserve our Sacred Sites on the power plants footprint.

In reading the article in the local paper Vestra Energy is planning to build there storage facility on Sacred Registered Chumash sites, this is not acceptable. They are also stating the they will break ground next year, attempting to steam roll the Chumash Nation. As you know Tom, protecting our Sacred Sites that have been so horribly disrespected in the building process is our last stand to protect the 1% of our 100% that we have left. Bechtel removed several hundred Chumash burials in the building of the plant and this is just the tip of the ice berg for cumulative racism, discrimination, and complete disrespect to the First Nations Peoples. NCTC will not stand for this continued bigotry, and we know that the Coastal Commission will not support any anti-environmental justice proposed project or anti-social justice stances by any agency or developer.

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Vestra Energy is attempting to move this project forward with disrespectful force neglecting to even care about the most important stakeholder. Has Vestra Energy engaged with the CCC on this proposed project? Has the City of Morro Bay been discussing this project? NCTC would like to be in the informational loop, and we want our comments on the record. This is the typical big company come to town and has the money to steam roll all the stakeholders and agencies to get their project approved; this approach is very upsetting, the Chumash Nation will not be played.

Thank you for listening to our comments and concerns.

Fred Collins, Chair, Northern Chumash Tribal Council

A Native American Corporation - Northern Chumash .org  
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*Including an extract of the original article because it so well describes the highs, the lows - the trepidation and the joy of tracking information and visiting archives.*

## **How the Research was done**

The research for the articles in the March and April, '21 Heirlooms about the ice industry on Donner Summit was an adventure. The adventure started with the question of who was the first settler at Ice Lakes? At the time we didn't even know why Serene Lakes had been called Ice Lakes. That was 1997 which was a time when, although there was an internet, there was not much on it. The adventure required using an old method of historical research, visiting institutions called libraries.

Prior to 1997 none of the history in these Heirloom issues had been written down and in order to put it all into a good set of stories required following a convoluted path. It was all pieced together one small clue at a time. One seemingly little thing would just be a chance lead to something else that would be really important. For example, I was looking for one person ignoring others who had the same common last name.

Surrounded by stacks of books in the State Library's California History Room, I was ready to give up. Records of normal every day things from the old days just aren't common. Nobody ever thought to write them down. Then, there it was in the last book I was going to pick up. It wasn't even really a book – just a binding of typewritten\* sheets by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The index contained a small reference to the name I wanted. I turned to the page and thought I had failed again because the page was about the Haley Family about whom I couldn't have cared less. After scanning the page twice, I saw one reference to the name I wanted, Fitz William Redding. That small reference opened up a family history and connected to another name and then another. I'd found the guy, B.B. Redding, who started the ice company at Ice Lakes and that was just a small part of his fascinating life. He was connected to the Haley family through an 1849 business venture.

Little things led me to the State Archives for ice company records. Down some rickety metal corkscrew stairs under the State Capitol I followed a wizened old man whose pale leathery skin looked like it hadn't seen daylight in generations. He moved with a remarkable speed that belied his age and an unerring sense of direction in the darkened corridors. The scent of old papers, of treasure to be explored was exciting. At the bottom of the stairs he chose one of many passage ways between stacks of records and took off even faster. I could see that some patrons might have trouble keeping up. Did he ever lose people by outpacing them? Were they still down there? He slowed to consult his memory once or twice and each time put out a gnarled index finger which



he followed like a water witch following a divining rod. The finger bent left and we went left; the finger went right and so did we.

We followed that finger to my total confusion and I was sure if the old fellow died down there so would I because my sense of direction had already died in the dimly lit passageways. I wanted to slow down and explore the many old boxes we were passing. What treasures do they contain? Suddenly the old man put his hand in my chest stopping me abruptly. He thought a second, consulted his memory, his eyes widened and he nodded. He smiled slightly and turned left down an even smaller corridor. Midway down the finger found a box and then paging through the documents he extracted the incorporation papers of the Summit Ice Co. (see last month's Heirloom).

That's not quite how the research was done. When you show up at the Bancroft Library, the State Library's California History Room, the Sutro Library in San Francisco, the State Archives, the California Department of State, or many of the other repositories of what we can call deep history, you turn in a request and someone goes off and fills it. There's no browsing allowed and you're not even allowed to see what you might like to browse. The "pickers" in the libraries only bring back what you request and that's maybe a good thing. Were it not the case, people would live in the archives and become pale for lack of sunshine. On the other hand is it fair for these denizens of the archives to have exclusive browsing rights?

### **Enough digressions.**

Research started, as I remember, with The History of Nevada County. That turned up some names involved with Summit Ice. The Bureau of Land Management came soon after to find out who bought land from the Federal Government on Donner Summit. With those names the U.S. Government Archives were next because there they have interviews done with applicants wanting to patent land (buy land from the Federal Government). There we begin to get personal. These were actual people who were just like us. They had moved to California to better their lives and each had a story to tell.

You can imagine my excitement when part of the historical research bore some specific fruit. Sitting in the State library's California History Room, I'd opened a booklet published by the Union Ice Co. in 1943. They boasted of their contributions to help the war effort, talked of all their activities and partners, and then, describing their history, they remarked that the company had first been called the Sierra Lakes Ice Company. The Sierra Lakes they were talking about were the Ice Lakes on Donner Summit. It was a small error on their part though, because the literature misnamed the company. That brought up Benjamin Bernard Redding which led to Fitz William Redding and then Fitz William Redding Jr. That took me, via mail, to the Yarmouth Co. Museum in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and the story began to tell itself.



\*mechanical device for transcribing thought to paper by means of pressing keys attached to letters.

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### **THE BLACK HILLS AND THE SEVEN SPIRITS**

"The Black Hills are the center of Lakota people. There, ages ago, before Columbus came over the sea, seven spirits came to the Black Hills. They selected that area, the beginning of a sacredness to the Lakota people. Each spirit brought a gift, a bundle, a color to the Lakota people. The first spirit whose voice was like a giant wind, gave the Lakota people the whole of the Black Hills forever and ever, from this life until the great hereafter life."

"The next spirit that came wearing the red paint, told the Lakota people there is a great eternal fire deep within the bowels of the earth, which we know as volcanoes- the fire, the everlasting fire- so the Black Hills belong to the Lakota people, and from it, that eternal fire in the bowels of the Black Hills is the life giving heat."

"The next spirit that came wearing the blue paint, brought water, commonly what we know of as the 'hot springs.' We went there to these hot springs to get healing, the healing waters of life."

"The third spirit who moved swiftly unseen by the naked eye, brought the air that we breathe. You'll see that- you go to Wind Cave and the Earth breathes air in and out. There is a secret about this here only known to us medicine men, we cannot share openly, it is very sacred. This air is needed for all life for without it nothing can live, nothing. The plants need air all creation needs air."

"The fourth spirit who glittered in the sun, brought the rock people, including all the gold and as I mentioned before the minerals. The Black Hills were stolen and are being exploited because of these."

"The fifth spirit from the root people, brought the sacred medicines. There is a medicine for every sickness here, if we medicine men spend enough time alone here we can find a cure for any sickness such as AIDS because the Black Hills are very sacred, they are life itself. We will have these medicines till the end of time."

"The next spirit who was like a four legged, brought animals, the buffalo, the deer, all the animals from which we get body parts from, food, and medicine. We transform these into our way of life because all life is one, they are us and we are them. This is creation, we are connected by the sacred vein of life - Wakan."

"The seventh spirit that came from above like a winged, presented and dedicated the Black Hills to the Lakota as a whole, gave it to the Lakota forever, for all eternity, not only in this life but in the life hereafter; the two are connected, they are forever tied together. Our people that have passed on, their spirits are contained in the Black Hills. Every spirit we know comes from the Black Hills, this is why it is the center of the universe. This is why it is sacred to us. In this life and the life hereafter the two are together."

"We will never part with the Black Hills, by the power of the holy ones and all creation the Black Hills are not for sale, it is set in stone and nothing will ever change that."

"We cannot sell the spirit, generation after generation our people have looked upon the Black Hills as the heart of everything that is, the center of the world. It is a circle, we began from there and we make a complete circle of life, and we go there after our demise from this world. This is why the Black Hills are sacred to us."

**As told by Pete Catches Sr. in 1992.**



*"Just because some days you need to see a Sloth and her babies."*

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[At the Legislature, tribes focused on environmental protections, tuition waiver bill](#)

[Now, tribal leaders and advocates are focusing their energies on priority issues at the Legislature, such as securing tuition-free higher education for Native students and protections for culturally sacred and environmentally sensitive areas.](#)

**[Industry advocates highlight infrastructure needs](#)**

**[By AgWeb, 4/1/21](#)**

Details of President Biden's \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan are beginning to surface, even as produce advocates stress industry priorities in any infrastructure legislation. Funding for water projects for growers in California and other Western states is critical for any bill, said Dennis Nuxoll, vice president of federal government affairs for Western Growers

## [Push To Vaccinate Indigenous Americans Leaves Some Urban Indians 'Out Of The Loop'](#)

Apr 02, 2021 06:58 am

This is the second in a two-part series about the vaccine rollout in Indian Country. Part one looks at the success of the rollout on rural reservations. Listen to an audio version of this story. The Indian Health Service has delivered coronavirus vaccine doses to the most far-flung corners of the country. From remote villages in Alaska to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, Indigenous Americans as young as 16 have had access to the shot for weeks. But some urban Native people haven't been so lucky. Count 55-year-old Jonathan Concha of Albuquerque among them. "For the most part, everybody else in my family has been vaccinated already. So, I'm the last one," he said just after receiving his first shot in mid-March. Concha scored a spot at a mass-vaccination event co-hosted by New Mexico's Indian Affairs Department, Albuquerque's urban Indian health clinic, and several other partners. But this came after two months of "roadblocks." Concha's search started when vaccines became available at

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[truthout.org](https://truthout.org)

## [Appalachian Pipeline Blockade Ends With Arrests After 932 Days](#)

[The multiyear direct action ended last week after two protesters were arrested and jailed without bond.](#)

*"Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot un-educate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore." -#CesarChavez*



**During the Great Depression, there was a group of horse-riding librarians who delivered books to people in remote areas. They were called the "book women," and were part of a government program.**

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Two mobile COVID 19 vaccination unit are making their way through our state with 25 stops, including 5 at Tribal Nations and in 6 rural towns that include one of our Tribal Nations.

Specific to the stops on Tribal lands, the opportunity to get a J&J, one-time shot, are open to all Native Americans, regardless of Tribal affiliation. Further, many of these locations (Washoe event at Stewart Community) are open to non-Natives, too.

In addition to considering getting your family vaccinated, please help us spread the word about these opportunities.

Late breaking immunization news:

Reno-Sparks

Indian Colony Las Vegas Paiute Nation clinics held 4.6

**Washoe Nation** Thursday, April 8 9am - 4 pm Stewart  
Community Center, 465 Clear Creek Ave

**City of Pahrump** Thursday, April 8 11 am - 8 pm Bob

Ruud Community Center

City of Pahrump Friday, April 9 7 am - 7 pm Bob

Ruud Community Center

City of Pahrump Saturday, April 10 7 am - 3 pm Bob

Ruud Community Center

**City of Lovelock** Friday, April 16 9am - 4 pm

Lovelock Community Center, 630 Western Ave

**City of Winnemucca** Sunday, April 18 9am - 5 pm

Winnemucca Events Complex 1000 Fairgrounds Road

Monday, April 19 Noon - 8 pm

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**City of Battle Mountain** Wednesday April 21 details to come details to come

**Sho-Pai of Duck Valley** Sunday, April 25 10 am – 6 pm

Owyhee; 1245 OPD Road

**City of Austin** Sunday, April 25 details to come details to come

**Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Nation** Tuesday, April 27 Noon - 8 pm 1001 Rio Vista Drive

**City of Wells** Tuesday, April 27 details to come 525 6<sup>th</sup> Street

What questions may I answer?

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*Forever In Our Hearts*



# *Elmira Copeland*

*Sunrise: 10/28/31*

*Sunset: 3/29/21*

**Funeral Service | Saturday, April 10, 2021**

**11:00 a.m. | Ross, Burke & Knobel | 2155 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV**

**(75 people maximum | If needed, second service at 12:00 p.m.)**

***Covid-19 Restrictions apply***

***Mandatory Masks | Follow all social distancing guidelines***

***Burial Service following Service(s)***

***510 Hill Ranch Road | Wadsworth, NV***

***Dinner to follow burial | Food donations more than welcome***