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They say to dance like nobody is watching.

I think that implies that we are afraid or ashamed to dance in front of the people. I say dance like everybody is watching.

Dance like your children are watching, your ancestors, your family.

Dance for those who are hurting, those who can't dance, those who lost loved ones and those who suffer injustices throughout the world.

Let every step be a prayer for humanity.

Most of all, dance for the Creator, who breathed into your soul so you may celebrate this gift of life ~

Supaman; <https://www.supamanhiphop.net/>

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# Tahoe is the center of Washoe Tribe's homelands

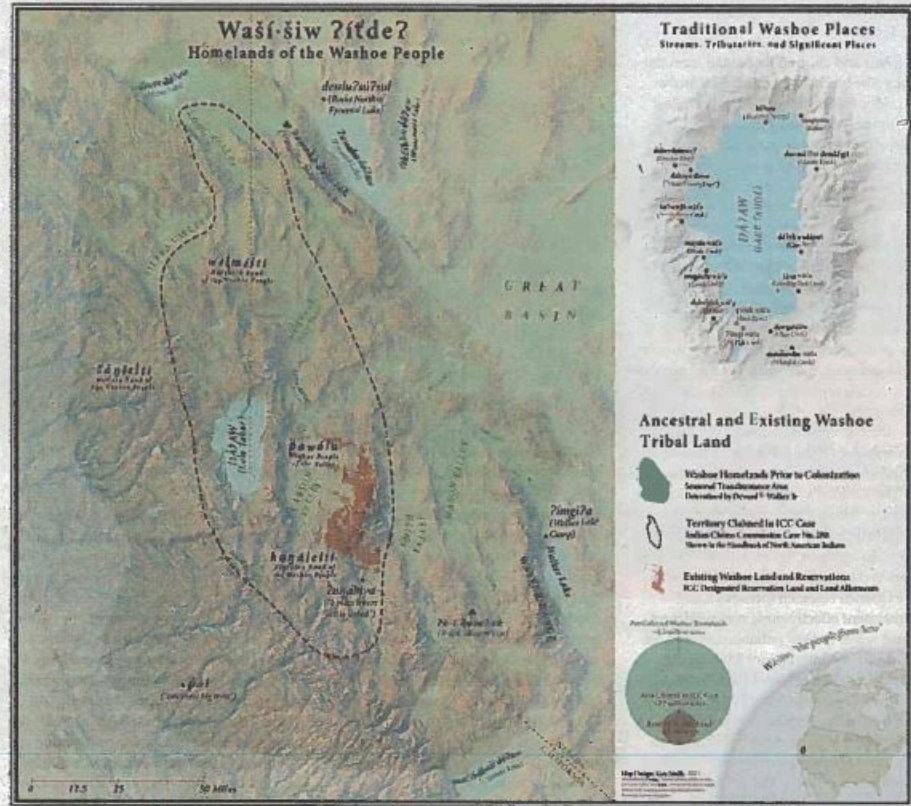
*Indigenous Peoples were pushed out as lands were privatized and developed*

By Herman Fillmore, WASHOE TRIBE and Kira Smith, TRPA

Almost all visitors to Lake Tahoe can identify their favorite beach, tell stories of the pristine, untouched wilderness along their favorite trail, and recommend great restaurants. But few can identify the Indigenous Peoples endemic to the Tahoe Basin. Attend a guided hike or presentation, and you may be subject to the romanticized retelling of a time before settlers arrived.

The Wašī-šiw (Washoe people) have always lived here. From the onset of creation to now, dá7aw — “Tahoe”—has always been the center of Wašī-šiw ʔitde7 (the homelands of the Washoe people). While it is renowned worldwide for its crystal-clear waters, ski resorts, and scenic views, it was not so long ago that the forests were clear cut to support mining efforts, the cutthroat trout were decimated to feed a rising population, and the aboriginal stewards of this place, the Wá-šiw, were pushed out from the center of their ancestral home as lands were privatized and developed. The devastating impact of colonization is not unique to the Wá-šiw, and like many Indigenous Nations, their story is tied to the lands they have stewarded since the beginning.

Maps are often designed to present information visually, and in this case, show the expanse of Washoe's presence at Lake Tahoe before contact with colonizers. Most modern maps in some way depict land ownership and borders fraught with political delineations of place. But for Indigenous Peoples, the concept of “land ownership” did not exist until settlers created boundaries on a map and claimed property for themselves. For Wá-šiw People, the knowledge of place is passed down orally, and the most significant places are the streams surrounding the lakes, the meadows where families camped, and the areas where traditional stories and modern events took place; simply put, these places are where the people cared for the land and the land provided for the people. For most modern-day visitors, significant places are popular beaches and scenic viewpoints. Still, Wá-šiw People have always held a reciprocal, as opposed to a possessive, relationship with land, a view that has only recently



taken root in the Tahoe Region.

The Wá-šiw People have always called dá7aw and the surrounding land home, but the Tribe was forcibly removed when the Gold Rush brought settlers to the West. On August 10th, 1951, a little over a decade after undergoing the process of Indian Reorganization to gain federal tribal recognition, the Washoe Tribe filed a petition with the Indian Claims Commission (ICC) regarding the illegal taking of Wašī-šiw ʔitde7. Nearly 20 years later, the Tribe reached a settlement that effectively reduced the homelands of the Washoe people to land within artificial boundaries amounting to a fraction of the Tribe's ancestral land. Additionally, the settlement included no

additional land returned to the Washoe Tribe outside of the allotments and reservations created decades earlier. To read more, go to the Online Nevada Encyclopedia ([onlinenevada.org/articles/washoe-tribe-indian-claims-commission](http://onlinenevada.org/articles/washoe-tribe-indian-claims-commission)).

The removal of Indigenous Peoples from their lands has contributed to further degradation of wilderness as settlers wrongfully viewed land as untouched. This failure to recognize that Indigenous Peoples and cultures shaped the vast landscapes across the United States, cultivating not only resources but entire ecosystems, has shaped policy around land management for the better part of the 20th century. And by breaking

up the land into fictional boundaries, new governments were not only removing Indigenous tribes from the conversation, but also creating bureaucratic red tape for themselves. Collaboration at Lake Tahoe across multiple jurisdictions is complicated primarily because the land was pieced apart decades ago. As we look toward the future, we must understand the history of the land we call home and acknowledge that there is still much to learn from Indigenous Peoples as it relates to the world around us. ♦

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### [Our Generation BlackHills- He Sapa Wicouncage Okolakiciye](#)

“Crow Butte.” Near Ft. Robinson, Neb. and F.E. & M.V. R.R. -- In battle, the Lakota drove the "Crows" up on the mountain and camped on the only approach, intending to kill or starve their enemy. The "Crows" killed and skinned one of their ponies. The hide was made into ropes and used in lowering their ponies and people from opposite side of mountain. The oldest of their number was left to keep up camp fires to deceive their enemy; after three days the old man came down and surrendered and informed them of his tribe's escape. They gave him his liberty for bravery and loyalty to his tribe.

[Source- Library of Congress](#)

Palm Beach Daily News



[Native American Ray Quan Feels Right At Home Playing for Florida State](#)



**Native American tribe, New Mexico ink water leasing deal**

**Anthony Lange:**

Any body recognize this, saw it at a thrift store up in Tahoe. He said he would donate it back to the person it belongs to.



**Demonstrators march during a 'Stop Line 3' rally outside the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul, Minn., on Aug. 25, 2021. (photo: Bloomberg/Getty Images)**

**FOCUS: Enbridge Uses Scoring System to Track Indigenous Opposition**

*Alleen Brown, The Intercept*

Brown writes: "On a color-coded map, land belonging to Native tribes that opposed the Line 3 pipeline were marked in red - areas of 'threat' to the bottom line."

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## GrantStation

### **National Opportunities**

*Opportunities throughout the U.S.*

#### **[Support for Efforts to Boost SEL in K-12 Students](#)**

The SEL in Action Awards program, 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.

#### **[New Dance Works Funded Nationwide](#)**

The National Dance Project, a program of the New England Foundation for the Arts, is widely recognized as one of the country's major sources of funding for dance.

#### **[Grants Advance a Vibrant Jewish Community](#)**

The Righteous Persons Foundation is dedicated to supporting efforts that build a vibrant Jewish community in the United States.

#### **[Fellowships Address Criminal Justice Reform](#)**

Soros Justice Fellowships, an initiative of the Open Society Foundations, fund outstanding individuals to undertake projects that advance reform, spur debate, and catalyze change on a range of issues facing the U.S. criminal justice system.

### **Regional Opportunities**

*Opportunities for specific geographic areas*

#### **[Literacy Programs in Company Communities Supported](#)**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation supports nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and libraries that offer literacy programs in communities served by Dollar General.

#### **[Funds for Health Initiatives in Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma](#)**

The mission of the Telligen Community Initiative is to support innovative and forward-looking health-related projects aimed at improving health, social well-being, and educational attainment.

#### **[Grants Address Systemic Racism in Ohio](#)**

The Ohio State Bar Foundation is committed to promoting public understanding of the law and improvements in the justice system throughout Ohio.

#### **[Projects Focused on Cancer Issues in Oregon Supported](#)**

The Oregon Health and Science University Knight Cancer Institute is an international leader in research and cancer treatment.

### **Federal Opportunities**

*Opportunities from the U.S. government*

#### **[Rural Broadband Expansion Funded](#)**

The Rural eConnectivity (ReConnect) Program provides loans and grants for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in rural areas.

#### **[Program Preserves Native Languages](#)**

The Living Languages Grant Program focuses on small or startup programs whose objective is to document or build the capacity to preserve Native languages that are losing users, but which still have active users at the grandparent generation.



### [Center for Community Progress: Community Revitalization Fellowship](#)

The Community Revitalization Fellowship, a program of the Center for Community Progress, is a learning opportunity to help cohorts of grassroots community leaders revitalize neighborhoods nationwide that are struggling with serious challenges related to vacancy, abandonment, and disinvestment. [Learn more](#) about the Fellowship guidelines and application process.

### [The Alexia](#)

The Alexia, formerly known as the Alexia Foundation for World Peace, promotes the power of visual storytelling to shed light on significant issues around the world and to enhance understanding of cultural differences as a strength. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Support for Innovations That Advance Human Agency

### [The Agency Fund](#)

The Agency Fund invests in ideas and organizations that leverage data, science, and technology to support people in poverty in the navigation of economic and life choices. Funding is provided for projects that pilot, experimentally test, scale, or improve specific innovations that advance human agency. The Fund's Open Window supports research and innovation projects. Funding is phased by round. Pilot rounds are suitable for untested proofs-of-concept. Advanced funding rounds are suitable for ideas with a degree of existing evidence or scale, with the intended outcomes of greater evidence and greater scale. Strong applications will demonstrate the following: 1) direct relevance to the planning and decision challenges of individuals, households, or communities in poverty; 2) a compelling hypothesis about specific informational or psychosocial barriers that can keep people from realizing their full potential; 3) a team that works at the cutting edge of social or technological innovation, follows an evidence-based approach, and has a deep understanding of the context it operates in; and 4) a path to scale, a framework for measuring cost and benefits at scale, and ambitious timelines. Applications for the Open Window are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed quarterly; the next review date cut-off is February 14, 2022. Visit the Fund's website to learn more about the Open Window and other calls for proposals.

Award Honors Documentary Filmmakers Worldwide

### [The Whickers: Film and TV Funding Award](#)

The Whickers seek to fund and recognize original and innovative documentary. The Film and TV Funding Award is presented annually to an emerging filmmaker from anywhere in the world with the most promising pitch for a director-led documentary. The documentary must be the filmmaker's first 50+ minute documentary film where they own the director or co-director credit. Projects must be at the late development to early production stage at the time of applying. In 2022, a main award worth £100,000 and a runner-up contribution of £20,000 will be granted. (Award money cannot be paid to an individual. See the website for details.) The deadline to apply is January 31, 2022. Visit The Whickers website to review the guidelines and register an account to start the online application process.

## Grants to help US Adopt.

Help Us Adopt Org is offering grant \$\$\$ to families ( not organizations ). Families needing financing assistance to proceed with approved adoptions. Again, the \$\$\$ is for families and not for organizations. NOTE: families must have approval from Social Services.

Visit the Website for more information:  
<https://www.helpusadopt.org/apply>

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*The age difference between myself (29) and the oldest House members is ~60 years. For better or worse, young people will live in the world Congress leaves behind. That's why I focus on our future: addressing climate change and runaway income inequality, ending school-to-prison pipelines, etc. -Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the youngest woman to serve in the US Congress (b. Oct 13, 1989)*  
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### [Bureau of Reclamation offers water-efficiency grants](#)

By the Daily Republic, 1/23/22

Federally funded grants totaling \$2 million are being offered to improve agricultural water use efficiency through California. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, in conjunction with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is heading the program to “help communities build drought resiliency through modernizing water infrastructure and maximizing water use.”

Wonderful interview of Peterson Zah by [Jaynie Parrish](#)



[indiancountrytoday.com](http://indiancountrytoday.com)

[Peterson Zah's life full of achievement](#)

[Coming up, we catch up with Former Navajo President Peterson Zah in Window Rock. Plus the latest on Native athletes with NDNsports.com.](#)



**Ici'lowan ( to sing away pain)** In a recent post “returning to tradition doesn’t mean returning to the past, it means reconnecting to the wisdom and teachings of those who went before us and bringing it back to learn again and move it forward”. Then a few weeks past Leksi Rick Two Dog posted how his Unci would sing about a time and people and cry as she remembered. This brought me back to a time when I was still a girl about five or six, it was a summer day and we were outside (Inkpata) south of the village of Kyle where we lived in a log house built by Mi A'te, Leksi's and A'te's Ko'las and just down a bit where Mi Unci and Mi Gaka lived in a log house. Soon we stopped and listened as the quiet of a summer day enhanced the sound of singing echoing from somewhere, Mi Unci Wicajipa Win called us and we stood and listened it became very clear for it was the voice of a Winyan and could hear the pain in her voice as she sang, Unci said “ he winyan ki wo'akipa tanka wan ki'yus'ka kta ca icilowan” she further went to say in her song she said micinksi/my son and she will walk, sing, cry for up to four days and ask the spirits to take this deep pain of loss from her for losing a son she cherished was very painful. As we stood and listened and soon the echo of her pain in her song moved away Unci said we will send her our wocekiye to give her strength as she finishes this letting go, so she can live. Over the past 70 years of my life in many places and times in my life bringing me to this day, I remembered this moment and in my own way would sing in my heart or my mind to let things go.

Today, as I write this article how many of us remember these moments that were put somewhere in our memory and came to us when we needed it and this is just one powerful memory of a gift given to us to let go of emotional pain, yes, emotional pain which can be so strong if not released can stop us from moving on and living. Imagine our ancestors knew this and created ways for us to let these feelings called emotions which can be strong as a concrete wall preventing you from moving on. Thus, the gift of song, as many of us can remember something when we hear a song, especially for those who grew up over 50 years ago when many songs were sung in our homes by our family members in Lakota and were told what it was and meant. And today as we relearn and reclaim teachings, are reminded that our ancestors in spirits are around us, feed them, talk to them, and make offerings in ties, or going outside in the full moon for Winyans and offer tobacco, cansasa and talk to Unci Hanwin for the full moon is a Winyan and ask her to take away feelings/emotions you no longer want to carry and sing this if you can.

I also remind us to just go and thank her for taking care of your pain/ feelings and let her know you appreciate it as you no longer carry it. We ask her to watch over our sisters, the many women in our family, community and nations who are having a hard time and take away the feelings and take them far away. Then there is Unci Maka who is very powerful and she can hear you and Unci Pte San Win and never forget the many Unci's whose blood runs in your veins for they are with you as well. I encourage you to write a song of what you no longer want to carry deep inside of you, and as you sing to Unci Hanwin, Unci Pte San Win, Unci Maka, name all your Unci's, ask what their names were, write it down and soon you can say them without looking at your notes, As you sing, you will cry as the feelings will start coming, out, over and over you will do this, and one day you will feel and know that it is gone.

Nistanla sni, ni owe imahel woicage etan yahe. You are not alone, in your blood are strengths of many generations who have gone on. And always remember, they are in the stars those who left



us to walk across Canku Wakan ( Milky Way)and one day you will walk this road and they will be there to welcome you. The gift of Ici'lowan of expressing deep pain of loss and deep emotions can be released so you can walk lightly.

LeMiy, Mato Can'ali Winyan



### **15 Reminders from the Elders :**

1- Get up with the sun to pray.Pray alone .

2 - Be tolerant of those who have los their way .

Ignorance , presumption , anger , jealousy and greed come from a lost soul .Pray for them to find guidance .

3 - Find yourself , by your own means .Do not let others make your path , for you .

It is your path and only yours .Others may walk with you , but no one can make your way ( or walk your path ) for you .

4 - Treat guests in your home with great consideration.

Serve them the best food , give them the best bed and treat them with respect and honor .

5 - Do not take what is not yours whether from a person , a comunity from the jungle of from a culture .

It was not given or won .

It is not yours .

6 - Respect all the things that are on this earth , by they people , plants and animals .

7 - Honor the thoughts , desired and words of all people .Never break them in , on make fun of them , or imitate them rudley .

It gives each person the right to their personal expression .

8 - Never talk about others in a bad way .

The negative energy you put into the universe will multiply when it returns to you .

9 - All people make mistakes

And all mistakes can be forgiven .

10 - Bad thoughts cause illness to the mind , body and spirit .Practice optimism .

11 - Nature is not FOR us .

It is PART of us .She's part of your family in the world .

12 - Children are the seeds of our future .Show love in your hearts and water them with wisdom and life lessons .

When they grow up , just give them space to grow up .

13 - Avoid hurting the hearts of others.The poison of their suffering will return to you .

14 - Be true ( transparent ) all the time .Honesty is the test of one 's will in this universe .

15 - Keep yourself balanced .

Your Mental person , your Spiritual person , your Emotional person and your Physical person :  
they all have the need to be strong , pure and healthy .

Ohana

Sparrow White Elk Raven

Angella Piercy

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### **Miscellaneous Resources**

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## Walker River Paiute Tribe

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January 20, 2022

Dear Walker River Paiute Tribal Members,

I am excited to announce that the Walker River Paiute Tribe has been awarded a **\$1,035,000 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to construct our Nutritional Wellness and Food Sovereignty Center**. These one-time ARPA grant funds will allow the tribe to construct a facility that will result in increased tribal capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, while improving short- and long-term health outcomes, expand long-term food security programs, and support cultural knowledge preservation.

The Nutritional Wellness and Food Sovereignty Center will provide space for the Food Pantry, nutritionist services, commodities, food storage, food sovereignty, a teaching kitchen, health and wellness clinics and cultural programs. The site will encompass 100,000 square feet. This includes a planned 19,200 square foot building dedicated to Food Sovereignty and Distribution program staff offices, nutritionist office, health and wellness clinics, private consultation space, food pantry, commodities storage, community meeting space, a teaching kitchen, reception area, breakroom, and bathrooms. The Center site also includes approximately 40,555 square feet of green space to be used for the food sovereignty and distribution programs' growing space. This green space will include solar greenhouses, orchards, fruit and vegetable gardens, compost and mulch production, and equipment storage.

We expect design to begin this year and will start construction as soon as possible, with completion expected in 2024. I look forward to sharing more exciting news with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Amber Torre Digitally signed by Amber Torre  
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Amber Torres, Chairman  
Walker River Paiute Tribe

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