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Marilynn "Lynn" Malerba is the lifetime chief of the Mohegan Indian Tribe on the Thames River in Uncasville, Conn.
By FATIMA HUSSEIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON – A Native American is being appointed U.S. treasurer, a historic first.

The White House on Tuesday announced President Joe Biden’s intent to appoint Marilynn “Lynn” Malerba as his administration establishes an Office of Tribal and Native Affairs at the Treasury Department, which will be overseen by the U.S. treasurer.

The treasurer’s duties include oversight of the U.S.Mint, serving as a liaison with the Federal Reserve and overseeing Treasury’s Office of Consumer Policy. The treasurer’s signature appears on U.S. currency.

“It is especially important that our Native voices are respected,” Malerba said in a statement. “This appointment underscores this Administration’s commitment to doing just that. I am excited to serve our communities as Treasurer and for the work ahead.”

Malerba, who is the lifetime chief of the Mohegan Indian Tribe, previously worked as a registered nurse, according to the tribe’s website, and has served in various tribal government roles. The tribe’s reservation is located on the Thames River in Uncasville, Conn.

“For the first time in history, a Tribal leader and Native woman’s name will be the signature on our currency,” Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said in remarks prepared ahead of the announcement.

“Chief Malerba will expand our unique relationship with Tribal nations, continuing our joint efforts to support the development of Tribal economies and economic opportunities for Tribal citizens,” Yellen said.

Yellen was set to visit the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota on Tuesday, the first time a Treasury secretary has visited a tribal nation. She is expected to focus on how the American Rescue Plan has affected tribal communities.

The relief package allotted more than \$30 billion to tribal governments, some of which oversee the poorest communities in the nation.

There are about 9.7 million people in the U.S. who identify as American Indian and Alaska Native, according to the Census Bureau.

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White Buffalo Born to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe | Currents



(Photo/Courtesy Chairman Jamie Azure) By Jenna Kunze June 20, 2022

In an auspicious sign of good things to come, a rare white buffalo was born to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Tribe in Belcourt, North Dakota, on June 16.

“The white buffalo calf that we were gifted by the Creator is a sure sign that our prayers have been heard,” Tribal Chairman, Jamie Azure, told Native News Online. “It was told in prophecy, generation after generation that this sacred white buffalo would again return to our people in a time where we would be resilient in our way of life through our teachings and ceremonies.”

The calf was born at the center of the reservation, at the Turtle Mountain Tribal Buffalo Park belonging to the tribe, and will be named in an upcoming ceremony, Azure said.

Many Native American tribes believe that white buffalo are the most sacred creature on earth based on their spiritual teachings, according to the American Indian College Fund. They cite the species' rarity at one in every 10 million buffalo, but the National Bison Association executive director Jim Matheson said an exact statistic is hard to pin down.

“The bottom line is: we just don’t know,” how many are born white, Matheson told Native News Online. “Those records were never kept, so it’s kind of hard to put a number on it.”

Azure said that the tribe was leant a white buffalo bull a few years ago that they’ve since purchased, but this is the first—and likely the only— white calf the bull has produced.

The prophecy foretold that one day, a sacred white buffalo would return to the tribe and instill strength within tribal members.

“It's truly a beautiful thing for our people to live in a time of great spiritual awakening,” Azure said.

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7 Tips in Evaluating Your Tribal Insurance Program

There is a lot to consider when it comes to protecting tribal property and employees and covering liability exposures. We have outlined seven key points to consider when evaluating your insurance coverages. 1. PAY ATTENTION TO OVER INFLATING...

A Powerful Novel Featuring a Métis Teen Girl

The Summer of Bitter and Sweet is a complex and emotionally resonant novel about a Métis girl living on the Canadian prairies. In her debut novel, author Jen Ferguson serves up a powerful story about rage, secrets, and all the spectrums that make...



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Experiences Make Better Docents

Betsy Burgess and Linda Miller, Docents, Nevada Museum of Art, Reno NV (Spring 2022)

The Nevada Museum of Art currently has an exhibition of works by Jean LaMarr, a native American artist. Museum docents and staff felt it was important when presenting her art to learn the story of the local Stewart Indian residential school, one of over 500 Indian residential schools operational in the US from 1890 to about 1980.

“Experiences Make Better Docents” is a Nevada Museum of Art program to develop empathy and understanding of the lives and cultural backgrounds of diverse populations, to be better guides for our visitors. Lack of knowledge about the recent history and culture of Native American people presented challenges to the docents presenting the art. Museum staff arranged an opportunity to learn more.

The museum has a long and cordial relationship with [Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum](#) which assisted with the planning of the visit. Small groups ensured plenty of time for discussion around the candid stories told by their guides. Their stories directly informed multiple works in the Jean LaMarr exhibition and provided docents with more background to share with visitors.

Following the visit to the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum our museum staff and docents followed up with discussions about how the experience assisted them to better understand contemporary issues in Native American art.

Docents felt a better understanding of LaMarr’s painting, *Just Wanna Dance*, in which a young Native American woman is "conflicted by daily choices, caught between identifying with the contemporary culture, or her historical heritage.”



Jean LaMarr, *Just Wanna Dance*

Another series of Jean LaMarr works', called "Reversing the Gaze," calls out the stereotyping, typical of past representations of young Native American women as Pocahontas figures. A photograph of a topless young Native American woman (taken by an army photographer to sell to soldiers) is shown alongside a work by Jean LaMarr of a fully clothed Native American women in the same pose. LaMarr's works give docents the opportunity to discuss the demeaning of Native American women, the concept of "the gaze," and how artists can demean or restore dignity to women.



Our museum also created several multimedia experiences, symposiums, documentaries, and events open to docents and the public, with key speakers from the Native American community.

These experiences are recorded and posted for anyone to review at their convenience. For more information, [visit the museum's website.](#)

Included in the Jean LaMarr exhibition is a sculpture work commissioned by our museum, of a healing lodge, “sweat.” It is dedicated to healing the traumas resulting from the residential boarding school experience. The images on “sweat” portray experiences, meant to westernize the native children by cutting off the children’s braids and dressing them in western clothes. Our docents can now relate these images to the stories they were told.



The field trip contributed to the creation of lasting personal memories and provided a path to deeper understanding. Docents should be encouraged to research, read and where possible visit local sites pertaining to the culture and histories of the peoples whose art they are introducing to their museum visitors. The docents at the Nevada Museum of Art are fortunate to have museum staff interested in providing us with these opportunities.



The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center is pleased to announce the publication of its [2021 Annual Report](#). The report highlights how the WRRC has continued to fulfill its mission, finding opportunities for greater engagement, outreach, research, and connection. It focuses on our efforts to foster understanding of and solutions for real-world water resource issues. As Arizona and the region face unprecedented water challenges, our programs, publications, and events are a trusted source for water information. Report appendices contain details on specific activities and progress toward strategic goals. Our two-page [2021 Highlights](#) summarizes the nature and reach of our projects and programs and includes the WRRC 2021 financial summary.

The [2021 Annual Report](#) and [2021 Highlights](#) are available on our website along with past reports.

[2021 Annual Report](#)

DeeNuma



A group on the steps of the Southern Pacific Freight Depot early in the Walker River Indian Agency Period. Top Row (l-r) Mose Conway, Willie Quartz, James Whistler,, Ed Tom; Middle Row, Billie Brown Dock; Bottom Row, Adolph Mencacci, agency irrigator, Mrs. Louis Gridley, Schurz townsite hotel operator, Sullivan Williams. (courtesy Annie Morres Collection)

EPA Announce \$375 Million in Funding from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for New Recycling, Reuse and Waste Prevention Grant Programs and Initiatives

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$375 million in funding through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for new recycling, reuse and waste prevention programs. The Agency published three Requests for Information seeking input on the design of these new materials management initiatives, the first step in the process to implement the largest EPA investment in recycling in 30 years.

"Too many communities are burdened by pollution and the negative environmental and health impacts that result from poorly managed waste," said **EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan**. "This unprecedented investment from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will transform recycling and solid waste management across the nation, create good-paying jobs and advance our bold environmental agenda as we work to build a better America."

The \$375 million in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding will develop several new initiatives, including a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program, a Recycling Education and Outreach grant program, a Model Recycling Program toolkit, as well as provide funding to compile best practices for battery collection, recycling, and labeling guidelines.

For example, through the education and outreach grants, EPA can fund projects such as public service announcements, advertising campaigns, and the development and dissemination of

recycling program toolkits. These activities will enable the Agency to improve consumer education and outreach on how to recycle right, reduce contamination in the recycling stream, produce higher quality recycled materials, and advance a circular economy. A circular economy reduces material use, redesigns materials to be less resource intensive, and recaptures “waste” as a resource to manufacture new materials and products.

These Requests for Information are the first steps in the process of developing these new grant programs and guidance. Through the Requests for Information, EPA is asking all interested individuals and organizations to share their perspectives on resources, opportunities, and barriers related to reducing, reusing, and recycling infrastructure, education and outreach programs and battery recycling and collection.

Specific environmental justice asks include:

- Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling grant program ([EPA-HQ-OLEM-2022-0342](#))
 - What are some examples of post-consumer materials management projects, studies or initiatives, and associated estimated costs, that would support disadvantaged communities, rural communities, communities with environmental justice concerns, and tribes and territories?
- Recycling Education and Outreach grant program and Model Recycling Program Toolkit ([EPA-HQ-OLEM-2022-0375](#))
 - Serving Specific Communities: What are examples of initiatives or efforts around source reduction, recovery, reuse, repair, refurbish, or recycling, that focus on supporting overburdened and underserved communities, rural communities, communities with environmental justice concerns, and/or Tribes and territories? How are those programs addressing overburdened and underserved communities? What additional actions or investment have overburdened and underserved communities expressed a need for?
- Development of Best Practices for Collection of Batteries to be Recycled and Voluntary Battery Labeling Guidelines ([EPA-HQ-OLEM-2022-0340](#))
 - Is battery recycling accessible for residents in communities with environmental justice concerns? Do collection practices differ between urban, suburban, or rural areas?
 - What resources are needed to provide access and capacity building for residents in communities with environmental justice concerns without battery collection programs?

To access the Requests for Information and learn how to comment, please visit [the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Transforming U.S. Recycling and Waste Management webpage](#).

Additionally, EPA is initiating [a national effort to engage stakeholders](#) across the country to inform the development of these new programs, hosting virtual meetings and feedback sessions in all 10 regions and nationally. EPA is targeting community groups and environmental justice organizations around the country as part of this outreach plan. To remain informed about these programs as they develop, [sign up to stay connected](#).

For more information about EPA’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure>

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**National Host Committee**

**Four Directions, Nevada Tribal Nations, Native American Rights Fund and National Congress of American Indians.**

Four Directions, the Native Voting Rights organization that brought you the “The Frank LaMere Presidential Forum” and the “Four Directions & Nevada Tribal Nations Presidential Forum are pleased to announce the Four Directions & The 28 Nevada Tribal Nations Candidate Forum, on June 27 & 28, 2022 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law.

Four Directions has sent over 50 candidate invites to individuals running for Governor, Attorney General, and Secretary of State in the State of Nevada as well as seats in the US Senate and House to the forum asking those candidates that move on to the General Election to participate in the forum.

As with the Native Presidential Forums, we feel this will be the spark that lights the fire that will excite Indian Country and will increase voter turnout not only for Indian Country but for all Nevada citizens, which was seen in 2020. Tribal Leaders from key battleground states Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, and Wisconsin will participate with Nevada Tribal Leaders, Native organizations, voting rights organizations, elders, and youth on the panels for the US Senate and House to discuss Native issues.

We are honored once again to be working with our National Host Committee partners, Native American Rights Fund, National Congress of American Indians and the 28 Nevada Tribal Nations.

Please register for the forum

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Sincerely,

Barb & OJ Semans  
Barb & Oliver J. Semans Sr.  
Co-Founders of Four Directions Native Vote

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I have been interested in the **Nevada Death Index** which has the Certificates, If you see your ancestors name and you want the certificate, just ask.

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| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Bertha Northrup            | 1 Jan 1921  | 28 May 1935 | Nixon, Washoe                       | Dewey, Clara               |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Frank Northrup             | 1851        | 31 Oct 1942 | Nixon, Washoe                       | Maggie                     |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Vera Moon Northrup         | abt 1903    | 24 Nov 1929 | 11 Mr Dennett, Humboldt             | Andy, Ivan                 |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Ira J Northrup             | 15 May 1858 | 26 Mar 1930 | Reno, Washoe                        |                            |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Jeanette Northrup          | 16 Oct 1948 | 27 Jan 1949 | Schurz, Mineral                     | Peter, Florence            |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Gertrude Davis             | 23 Jun 1917 | 7 Dec 1947  | Nixon, Washoe                       | Dewey, Clara, Welden       |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | James E. Northrup          | 24 Feb 1915 | 29 Nov 1963 | Las Vegas, Clark                    | James Ray, Cora            |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | John Tay Northrup          | 19 Feb 1941 | 27 Feb 1944 | Ft Mc Dermitt Reservation, Humboldt | Ivan, Ruth                 |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Chris Northrup             | 14 Aug 1962 | 30 Jan 1963 | Winnemucca, Humboldt                | Clifford, Reva             |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Sina Northrup              | 10 Nov 1872 | 7 Aug 1939  | Las Vegas, Clark                    | Calvin, Richard La Fayette |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Robert B. Northrup         | 25 Mar 1898 | 5 Jun 1960  | Reno, Washoe                        | Charles, Mary              |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Baby Boy Northrup Northrup | 8 Mar 1959  | 9 Mar 1959  | Winnemucca, Humboldt                | Clifford, Janice           |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Elva Jane Northrup         | 1 Jan 1961  | 22 Jun 1961 | Winnemucca, Humboldt                | Roger, Carmelita           |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Clara Northrup             | 1895        | 11 Apr 1964 | Schurz, Mineral                     | Frank, Clara               |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Harmon H Northrup          | 18 Mar 1896 | 19 Nov 1962 | Las Vegas, Clark                    | Frank M., Ida              |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Juanita Dodd               | 9 Oct 1930  | 17 Jul 1962 | Nixon, Washoe                       | Dewey, Clair               |  |
| <a href="#">View Record</a> | Lindsay Casey Northrup     | Mar         | 30 May 1954 | Humboldt                            | Clifford, Janice           |  |

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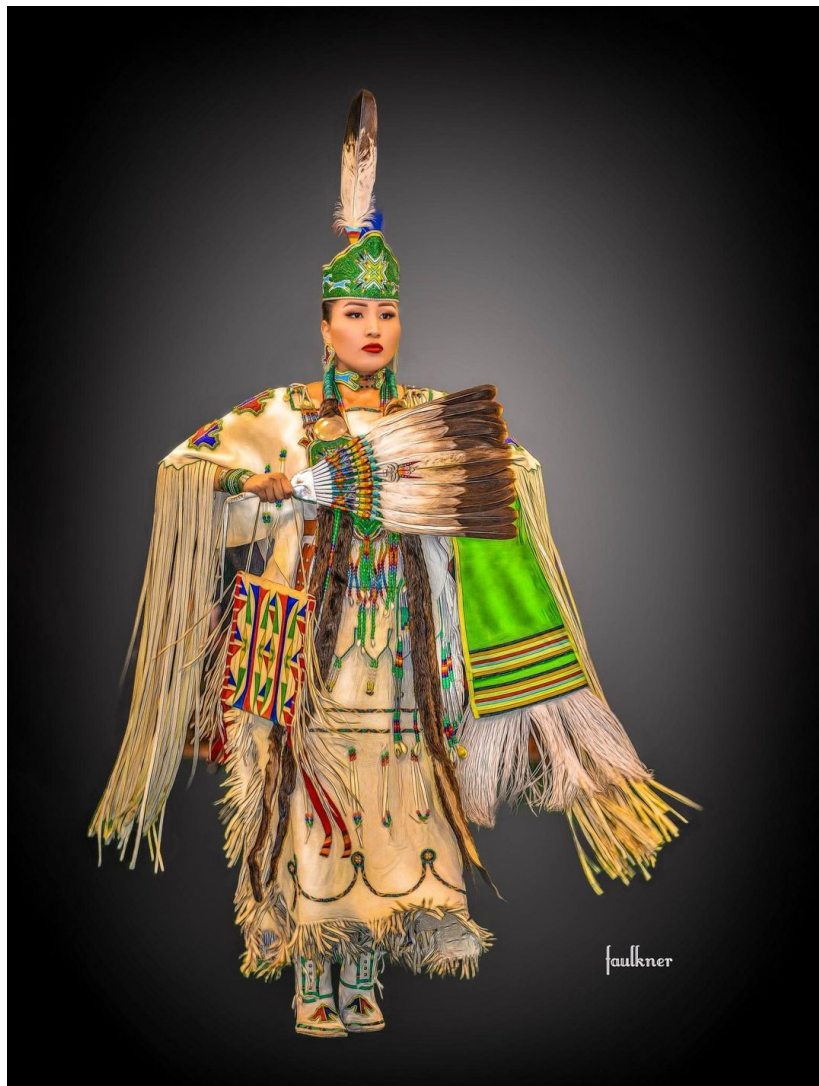
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[Reg Faulkner Today in Canada, we celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day, on the summer solstice](#)