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by Bucky Harjo

## Calendar

**July 15-17 - Lori Piestewa National Native American Games Basketball, softball, volleyball, wrestling, baseball and cross country games. Fee. For more information here.**

July 16 - Tribal Reconvening Statewide Food Action Plan via Zoom. For more information click [here](#).

July 17 - 19th Annual NABI College and Career Fair. Phoenix College, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information check the [website](#).

July 17-23 - NABI Nation. Footprint Center. For more information click [here](#).

June 17-18 - Four Corners Pow Wow 2022. 20 Road 2050, Aztec, New Mexico.

July 18-21 - South Mountain Community College Construction Camp. Free. For high school students looking to experience the electrical and carpentry/framing trades. For more information or to register click [here](#).

July 18-22 NABI Educational Youth Summit. For more information click [here](#).

July 18-22 NABI Pool and Bracket Games. For more information click [here](#).

July 23 - NABI Championships Footprint Center. For more information check the [website](#).

July 23 - The Power of the Native Vote 2022 Elections Candidate Forum. Presented by Phoenix Indian Center and Phoenix College's Bulpitt Auditorium. For more information email [June](#).

July 25-28 - Phoenix Indian Center's Youth GONA, Gathering of Native Americans Workshop, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Virtual. For American Indian youth ages 15-24. For more information click [here](#).

July 25-29 - NATIVE HEALTH's Annual Indigenous Wellness Camp. Held at Mingus Mountain Camp. For Native American youth, ages 8-12. For more information email [Amanda](#).

July 26-28 - 2nd National Conference on American Indian and Alaska Native Injury and Violence Prevention, "Reconnect to Promote Health Equity and Advance Practice and Science." Free and open to the public. Virtual. For more information click [here](#).

July 28-31 - Association of American Indian Physicians Conference "Optimizing AI/AN Health: The Critical Role of Tribal Sovereignty for Improving Health Outcomes". Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington DC. For more information click [here](#).

July 30 - Heard Museum's Free Summer Saturday. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Finding Nemo dubbed in Dine' with a cast of voice actors from the Navajo Nation. For more information click [here](#).

August 4 - Gallup Intertribal Ceremonial, Gallup. For more information click [here](#).

August 5 - Heard Museum's First Friday in August: Heard Unplugged featuring Earth Surface People. For more information click [here](#).

August 6 - 2nd Annual Youth Mentorship Gourd Dance, Sports Center, Window Rock, Arizona. For more information call Milton at (505) 410-8475.

August 6 - Jeddito Pow Wow, 7 miles southwest of Jeddito Chapter. For more information call Sharon Yazzie at (775) 750-4589.

August 6 - 2022 Hopi 10K. In person and virtual. For more information click [here](#).

August 8-10 - NB3 Foundation Healthy Kids! Healthy Futures! Sandia Resort & Casino. For more information click

August 27-30 - 18th Annual Mobile Healthcare Association Conference. Phoenix. For more information [click here](#).

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**Strong Hearts Native Helpline** - StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483).

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### **Meet the Scientist Who Maps the World's Past and Present Plants**

Plant biologist Jun Wen investigates the sprawling diversity of plant life on Earth and the lessons it offers in conservation

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-of-natural-history/2022/07/05/meet-the-scientist-who-maps-the-worlds-past-and-present-plants/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220706-daily-responsive&MailingID=47070013&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2280544542&spReportId=MjI4MDU0NDU0MgS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-of-natural-history/2022/07/05/meet-the-scientist-who-maps-the-worlds-past-and-present-plants/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220706-daily-responsive&MailingID=47070013&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2280544542&spReportId=MjI4MDU0NDU0MgS2)

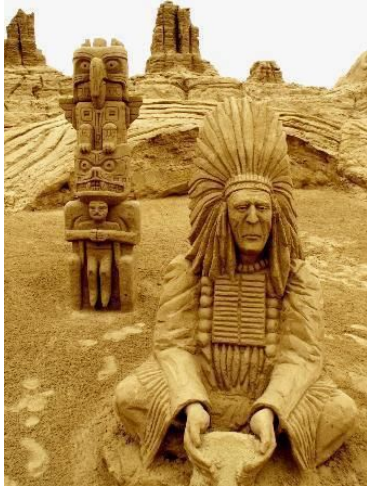
### **California Passes Sweeping New Plastic Waste Law**

The legislation requires that all packaging in the state must be recyclable or compostable within ten years

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/california-passes-sweeping-new-plastic-waste-law-180980366/?utm\\_source=smithsoniandaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=20220706-daily-responsive&MailingID=47070013&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2280544542&spReportId=MjI4MDU0NDU0MgS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/california-passes-sweeping-new-plastic-waste-law-180980366/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20220706-daily-responsive&MailingID=47070013&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2280544542&spReportId=MjI4MDU0NDU0MgS2)



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### **Cambodia Life**

[The sand art is really unbelievable. Just have a closer look at this great work of art.](#)

### **Dalai Lama marks 87th birthday by opening library and museum (ABC)**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service announced one year ago that they would begin reviewing five of former President Trump's actions that rolled back protections for endangered species, but noted the reviews could take months or years to be completed. Among the rules being reviewed were critical habitat designations and other rules that require federal agencies to consult with the wildlife or fisheries services before taking actions that could affect threatened or endangered species. Critical habitat designations have long been a partisan sticking point, with industry groups and Republicans arguing that they hamper energy development from mining or oil drilling.

Overall, Trump's administration made more than 150 business-friendly decisions on the environment that Biden now wants to reconsider, revise, or reverse. The former president weakened enforcement of the century-old Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which made it harder to prosecute bird deaths caused by the energy industry, and limited which lands and waters could receive federal protection for plants and animals. The latter change was reversed last month by Biden. Fish and Wildlife also said it will reinstate the decades-old "blanket rule," which mandates additional protections for species that are newly classified as threatened.

In a big win this week for environmentalists, salmon, gray wolves, spotted owls, and hundreds of other species, Oakland, California-based U.S. District Judge Jon Tigar, who was appointed to the federal bench by former President Barack Obama, eliminated a series of Trump-era rules and [restored protections under the Endangered Species Act](#) while these wildlife agencies under the Biden administration review or rescind rules put into place by his predecessor. Rebecca Riley of the Natural Resources Defense Council said the court ruling "ensures that the previous administration's 'extinction package' will be rolled back." Kristen Boyles, an attorney for the environmental group Earthjustice, added to the praise of the ruling, saying, "threatened and endangered species do not have the luxury of waiting under rules that do not protect them." (AP)

## The sustainable cities made from mud (BBC)

### **George Monbiot | It's Democracy v. Plutocracy – This Is the Endgame for Our Planet**

*George Monbiot, Guardian UK*

Monbiot writes: "The US supreme court is helping to destroy our climate. But it was a much smaller decision, closer to home, that was the final straw for me."

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### **How Conservatism Conquered America — and Corrupted Itself**

*Zack Beauchamp, Vox*

Beauchamp writes: "The past month's conservative victories were decades in the making. Three books about the right reveal what it cost the movement."

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'Stop fighting Mother Nature': How farmers are adapting to extreme weather

<https://www.startribune.com/stop-fighting-mother-nature-how-farmers-are-adapting-to-extreme-weather/600187032/>

### **Todd Larsen, Executive Co-Director for Consumer & Corporate Engagement GreenAmerica:**

In the span of two weeks, the US Supreme Court

- Struck down the 50-year-old Constitutional right to abortion
- Swept away a 100-year-old state law regulating concealed carry of firearms
- Limited the EPA's authority to regulate climate emissions that the Court previously upheld
- Diminished American Indian tribes' rights to enforce the law on their own territories
- Weakened the separation of Church and State

These decisions will have devastating and long-lasting effects on people's lives and the country overall. Plus, these rulings are not what the majority of Americans want and are fundamentally undemocratic.

In addition, the Supreme Court decisions will cause the most harm to people who are already most disadvantaged or marginalized in our country.

**[We are calling on companies to no longer stay silent and use their power to stand up for democracy.](#)**

All of us can also use our voices to push corporations to take a stand and to call on our elected officials to protect democracy and our values.

***In an Attempt to Minimize Slavery, Texas Schools May Call It 'Involuntary Relocation.'***

*Months after some teachers in Texas were told to present “both sides” of the Holocaust, the State Board of Education has received a proposal to rename slavery “involuntary relocation.” The board is in the midst of mulling proposals for its once-a-decade update to the social studies curriculum. The latest update will bring the curriculum in line with Texas’ new decree that subject matter should not make students “feel discomfort.”*

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**From Native Health:**

Hello. What a month it has been! Spring came and went. Summer arrived and is flying by, and now fall is almost here. For some students, school will be starting in just a few short weeks. So much to do, and so little time!

We have been supporting the Arizona Science Center with FREE STEM Camps at NATIVE HEALTH Mesa. This collaboration has been a great opportunity for children to get extra science, technology, and math education this summer and get ready for a successful year! We have had two engaging camps and have one more in mid-July. Lunch, snacks and free transportation are provided by the Arizona Science Center. For more information or to register, please call (602) 716-2028 or email [them](#).

Speaking of camps, we have a few openings left for this month's Indigenous Wellness Camp which will be held Monday, July 25-Friday, July 29, for fully vaccinated (against COVID) Indigenous youth, ages 9-12, at Mingus Mountain Camp in the cool pines outside of Prescott. There will be Indigenous educational activities, fun outdoor activities, and much more! Scholarships are available! For more information contact Amanda via [email](#).

Fall is almost here and that means Native American Recognition Days events are almost upon us. This year we are back to in-person events, NATIVE HEALTH's Traditional Native American Children's Pageant on Saturday, October 1, and NATIVE HEALTH's Annual Open House and Health Fair after the NARD Parade on Saturday, October 8.



Offering urban/Indian youth (ages 9-12) a fun outdoor camping experience, while also providing education on the importance of nutrition, movement, self-esteem and cultural activities.

**Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29, 2022**  
Mingus Mountain Camp - Prescott Valley, AZ

Register your child at: [www.nativehealthphoenix.org/event/2022-iwc](http://www.nativehealthphoenix.org/event/2022-iwc)

The Pageant is one of our signature events and will again be at Phoenix College's Bulpitt Auditorium on Saturday, October 1. There are three divisions, birth-4 (non-competitive), 4-6 (competitive), and 7-10 (competitive). The competitive divisions will be judged by Tribal Royalty. This is a great opportunity to have some fun, practice your traditional activity this summer, make your traditional dress, and submit your application! For more information or to register for this event please click [here](#).

School is almost here. For some families, students will be returning in less than a month. NATIVE HEALTH is making it easy to get a back to school physical. Each child receiving a back to school physical at NATIVE HEALTH locations by a NATIVE HEALTH medical provider will receive a free backpack and school supplies. NATIVE HEALTH's Dental Clinics are open at NATIVE HEALTH Central and NHW Community Health Center. NATIVE HEALTH's Medical Clinics are again open until 7:00 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment please call (602) 279-5262. For more information or to make an appointment please email [NATIVE HEALTH](#).

If you are on AHCCCS (Arizona's Medicaid) it is important you keep watching your mail. It is likely that you have received a letter requesting you update their information. It is important you take a few minutes and update your information. You can do this through NATIVE HEALTH's Family Health Advocates, the AHCCCS website or calling them. NATIVE HEALTH's Family Health Advocates can assist you with renewing or updating your AHCCCS information, in person, via phone, or Zoom, weekdays, evenings, and weekends. For more information see the article block below or to make an appointment email [Eliza](#). It is possible you may be dropped if you don't respond to their request. Don't delay, do it today!



**On a completely different topic, did you know that the Arizona Historical Society, reports that on July 15, 1948, "Native American suffrage was finally passed with the Arizona Supreme Court overturning the case of Porter v. Hall, a case where Arizona Native Americans unsuccessfully sued for the right to vote. This gave the Indigenous population of Arizona the right to vote. This historic day came into fruition after decades of battles to ensure this constitutional right. Even after the much awaited law was passed, Native Americans have confronted many issues, from voter suppression to racial discrimination.**

**Today we celebrate the victories of suffrage while examining the continued challenges Native Americans face at the polls today. Inter Tribal Council of Arizona will be holding a virtual celebration, "Celebrating the Native Vote: The 74th Anniversary of the Native Right to Vote in Arizona." on July 15, 12:00 p.m. MST Phoenix. For more information or to join the virtual celebration, please click [here](#).**

NATIVE HEALTH's radio show and podcast, Native Talk Arizona, just celebrated 5,000 downloads! Native Talk Arizona is now on FM radio! NATIVE HEALTH's Indigenous radio show and podcast, Native Talk Arizona, is now available on FM radio on Wednesdays at 4:06 p.m. on KRDP, 90.7 on Wednesdays and kicks off three hours of Indigenous Talk Radio. You can also listen to the show on internet and podcasts on iTunes Podcasts, Spotify, and Google Podcasts! Check it out and let us know what you think.

For more information or to contact us about being a guest, please email [Susan](#).

NATIVE HEALTH has walk-in COVID vaccines and boosters at NATIVE HEALTH Central, NATIVE HEALTH Mesa, and NHW Community Health Center, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. No appointment needed, just walk in!

For more information contact Amber at (602) 279-5262 x 3481 or email [her](#).

Please visit our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) to learn about our exciting events!

NATIVE HEALTH is actively supporting you and your family by staying connected. Want to stay connected on a daily basis with NATIVE HEALTH and the community happenings? Did you know you can check out our Facebook page even if you don't have Facebook? Click [here to view our Facebook page](#). There are many opportunities that come up outside of the newsletter. As soon as we receive important information, we post it on our Facebook page.

We are here to support you and your family and hope you will take advantage of the programs offered by NATIVE HEALTH.

Until next month,  
Walter Murillo  
Chief Executive Officer



For those of Duckwater fame, here's Kay McNeer as Grand Marshal in the Capitan, NM, Fourth of July Parade.





## **North America’s Native nations reassert their sovereignty: ‘We are here’**

Across the continent, Indigenous peoples are methodically reasserting control over their land, laws, and how they live.

Quannah Rose Chasinghorse, a groundbreaking Indigenous model, uses her fame to support her activism, reminding people “whose land you’re living on.” Native sovereignty, she says, is key to “defending my ways of life, trying to protect what’s left.” She is Hän Gwich’in...

By Charles C. Mann Photographs By Kiliiii Yüyan Published June 14, 2022  
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**The block of red cedar** was about six feet long and three feet high and almost as wide. Gordon Dick was slicing off its rounded top. The chainsaw bit into it, spraying sawdust. Noise-canceling headphones on, Joe Martin crouched to watch where the blade poked through. With his right hand he made little signals—up a bit, down, good. The air filled with the sharp, almost medicinal scent of cedar.

## **Big spending boost may be too little for national parks’ needs**

Even as the House Appropriations Committee is proposing to offer a multimillion-dollar boost for national parks and federal land, the recent catastrophic flooding at Yellowstone National Park shows that increase may not be enough. [Read more...](#)



*One of the reasons oral histories and original languages are so important.....the only clues!*

[Jason EagleSpeaker](#)

Anyways ... I called someone out for cultural appropriation, and this is what happened

A stranger publishes a kid's book called "The Adventures of Whiteshawl" and posts it online in a writers group I am a part of. Whiteshawl is her "spiritual" name, as she mentions on the back of the book.

I ask her which First Nation her book represents. She said a whole bunch of tribes "adopted her in".

I then asked, "Your personal profile says you're a Shaman, why do you use that term?". She ignored the question. End of conversation.

She then posted a number of public rants, calling me out by name and saying that I was "harassing her" and she "felt unsafe". There was a massive response.

Luckily, I always treat others with respect, so countless people defended me (non-Natives, too), knowing that I am an Indigenous Author, Illustrator and Book Publisher - who has published authors from over 275 First Nations throughout Turtle Island ([eaglespeaker.com](http://eaglespeaker.com)).

Sadly, there were countless people who instantly assumed the worst about me. I endured threats from complete strangers. I did not respond to any of it and I blocked every single one. I have no time for negative energy.

Worst of all, I lost an uncle - he chose to side with her and her abusive tactics - so he will no longer be a part of my life, and that makes me weep.

My point is, ALWAYS SPEAK UP.

We will not be silenced



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### **Friday Fun Fact (from “The Current”)**

Off the coast of Long Island – the mainland US’ largest and most populous island – are 3 islands known for their mystique and mystery.

The third island – North Dumpling Island – may not even belong to the United States.

In 1986, Dean Kamen – the eccentric inventor of the Segway, among other devices – bought an island for \$2.5M. He wanted to build a wind turbine on it, however local governments prevented him from doing so. To deal with that, he struck a deal with friend and then-president George H. W. Bush: He seceded from the US, and signed a nonaggression pact with the president.

Kamen – who refers to himself as Lord Dumpling – renamed the island North Dumpling Island, and wrote a national anthem, issued a new currency, designed a flag, and adopted a constitution. The island operates on an independent electric grid, fully powered by solar panels and a singular wind turbine.

And in what may have been Dumpling’s most popular move, he appointed the founders of Ben & Jerry’s the island’s Ministers of Ice Cream.