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For the BLM, because the massacre site is on private land “outside BLM’s jurisdiction” its preservation is out of their hands, said representatives for the agency. [Read on »](#)



Pictured below Vice-Chairman, Johanna Thomas; Member, Jason Thomas; Member, Carla Cavin; Treasurer, Chris Tucker; Secretary, Bobbie Whitewater; Realtor Constance Fox; Carla Bowhay; Chairman, Lester Randall and David Bowhay [#LandBack](#) [#beoutdoorsrealestate](#)

Oscar-winning Cherokee actor Wes Studi calls the Western genre U.S. "mythology" built around genocide.

It "makes heroes out of absolute villains," he says.

"Over the years, what's happened is, I think people, and especially Indian people, and other minorities that have been affected by the way that the United States of America was built, we began to put pressure on the storytellers of the world, in that, 'Hey, what about us? Did you uh, did you ever stop to think that no, we didn't disappear. You didn't kill all of us. And we are still here, we have developed, and we have been a large part of your development?' I think we need to start telling stories in a way that is real. Enough of these fairytales. Enough of this making heroes out of people that weren't actual heroes. Let's talk about the fact that our present and our future

depends on a better recognition of our past. And I think that some filmmakers, some studios, caught the gist of that and began to move in a direction that is hopefully more true to what our population is.”

Again: “We need to start telling stories in a way that is real. Enough of these fairytales.”





[Anne Willie Susan](#)

Congratulations to our newly crowned Miss White Mountain Apache! Pictures of the bread making competition, which is one of many activities in vying for this crown.



What a beautiful evening to kick off the 2022 Numaga Indian Days Pow Wow with the Princess Pageant in Hungry Valley this evening. They all did an amazing job with the talent, public speaking, dance and just being there.

[Downtown San Jose tower pauses after unexpected archaeological find](#)

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downtown San Jose tower's construction is being paused in the wake of a discovery that has launched an archeological assessment of the development site and consultations with a Native American tribe.

How Conservation Promotes the Synergies of Sustainability [Caitlyn Dittmeier](#) Smithsonian Working Land and Seascapes' new study unveils conservation's ability to advance progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals

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Rio Grande Runs Dry in Albuquerque



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The Race to Find 2,100 Missing Species Before They Go Extinct

Benji Jones, Vox

Jones writes: "Many animals aren't endangered or extinct — they're missing. Species detectives are trying to track them down."

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The Colorful History Behind Panama's Mola

Made by hand, this clothing staple is an important piece of the country's rich culture

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Did a Seventh-Century Warrior Queen Build the Maya's Longest Road?

Dubbed the "white road" in honor of its limestone paving, the 62-mile path is an engineering marvel on par with Maya pyramids

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5 Ways Museums Can Engage Generation Z

By Niko Kluver

As a member of Gen Z and a summer intern at Smithsonian's Made By Us project, this student believes museums can be a fundamental resource in his generation's civic education. But to reach them, institutions might have to try some new things. Here are some of his favorite examples of museums engaging younger audiences.

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Photo Contest 2022

Now accepting submissions for the 20th Annual Smithsonian Magazine Photo Contest!

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**APPLICATIONS DUE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) has selected several participants for the **Tribal Housing Excellence Academy (THE Academy)** but still has space available. Therefore we are re-opening the application process. This is a thirty-month training and technical assistance initiative to work with innovative native organizations in the rural west with a goal to increase housing built on native lands.

Accomplishments

Two classes have completed THE Academy and the results are:

- Thirty staff from fifteen tribal housing organizations graduated
- 101 homes built or rehabilitated
- 72 homes under construction or rehabilitation
- \$8 million secured in expanded federal funding to leverage IHBG
- \$13.8 million secured in non-federal funds and LIHTC equity

The application packet, self-assessment forms, and FAQ's may be found **[here](#)**.

THE Academy brings together NAHASDA grantees, such as TDHEs, Housing Authorities, and housing departments to learn and apply best practices for managing the housing development

process. We emphasize leveraging IHBG/NHHBG with other funding not yet widely accessed by native communities.

The Academy combines training with technical assistance and coaching to apply lessons directly to your housing project.

If you would like to discuss whether THE Academy is right for you or to ask questions, please email: THEAcademy@rcac.org.

Applicants in rural AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY, ND, SD, MN or WI are eligible.

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### National Women's History Alliance

Today's the birthday of Queen Lili'uokalani, born Lydia Lili'u Loloku Walania Kamaka'eha (September 2, 1838 – November 11, 1917), the last reigning monarch of the independent an



d sovereign nation of Hawaii.

Upon taking the throne, Lili'uokalani inherited an already difficult situation in 1891. The Hawaiian economy was in a depression as a result of unfair US trade laws. Foreigners controlled the established and lucrative sugar industry as well as the burgeoning pineapple industry. They joined with US government officials to direct US sailors and Marines in an illegal coup against Queen Lili'uokalani and her government.

She was arrested and forced her to abdicate in 1893, and was imprisoned in her palace for nearly a year. It was during this time when she composed several songs, including "Aloha 'Oe", which is regarded as a lament for the loss of the Hawaiian kingdom.

After her release, Lili'uokalani continued to fight for the restoration of the Hawaiian people, while also writing about her life, as well as documenting the culture of Native Hawaiians.

"I could not turn back the time for political change, but there is still time to save our heritage. You must remember never to cease to act because you fear you may fail." Queen Lili'uokalani. You can learn more about her from the National Park Service website: <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/queen-lili-uokalani.htm>

You can also read her autobiography 'Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen,' which she wrote while living in exile: <https://bookshop.org/a/5044/9781513271903>

Now be brave and fight for  
what you love. The elders say  
that one of Crazy Horse's war  
cries was, "Maka ki ecela  
tehani yanke lo!" "Only the  
Earth lasts forever."

Stronghearts to the front.

*After the fact but still beautiful:*



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### **“Resiliency of the Peoples”**

This was captured last night in Gardiner, Montana, USA. The illuminated teepees are a creation of the Pretty Shield Foundation and are on display near the Roosevelt Arch in Yellowstone National Park as part of the Yellowstone Revealed Project. This project consists of a series of place-based projects by an inter-tribal group of Indigenous artists and scholars. It serves to put forth indigenous truths and perspectives as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Yellowstone National Park. The seven teepees represent the 7 reservations of Montana: Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Fort Peck, Fort Belknap, Rocky Boy's, Blackfeet, and Flathead.

The Pretty Shield Foundation serves to “aid in the development of innovative approaches to meeting the needs of families and individuals.” It is an “organization that provides education and services with an emphasis to American and First Nation communities. Pretty Shield Foundation also provides outdoor adolescent and adult encampments to accomplish personal and/or program



goals. In addition, Equine Assisted Wellness and many other direct services are provided by the Pretty Shield Foundation.” (Quoted information from the website of the Pretty Shield Foundation)

The lighting of the teepees in Gardiner, MT took place on August 22, but the teepees will remain illuminated nightly until August 28, 2022. I highly recommend you go check them out. Better yet, make a day or weekend out of it, and spend some money at local businesses in Gardiner. It has been a hard year for local businesses there, and this is a great opportunity to go down and help support their economy, while simultaneously enjoying a beautiful art installation and showing solidarity with our First Nations Peoples.

### [Some Colorado River Basin Water Users Commit to Reducing Use](#)

By 9 News, 9/3/22 - For years, more water has been taken out of the Colorado River than it can provide. It's a water system that 40 million people rely on, and the federal government has said it's on the brink of collapse.



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### [State Lawmakers Reject Bill to Curb Farms' Water Pumping](#)

By CalMatters , 9/2/22 - California lawmakers punted on a proposal to rein in agricultural groundwater pumping as drought continues to grip California and more than a thousand domestic wells have run dry.

### [Facing 'Dead Pool' Risk, California Braces for Painful Water Cuts From Colorado River](#)

By LA Times, 9/4/22 - California water districts are under growing pressure to shoulder substantial water cutbacks as the federal government pushes for urgent solutions to prevent the Colorado River's badly depleted reservoirs from reaching dangerously low levels.

### [Half-Million Acres Fallow in California](#)

By KSEE/KGPE, 9/6/22 – The drought continues to have a major impact on Central Valley agriculture. “We’re looking at somewhere over a half-million acres statewide being fallowed, but most of that here is in the San Joaquin Valley. We’re looking at 20,000 to 30,000 jobs associated with that ” said Fresno County Farm Bureau CEO, Ryan Jacobsen. He adds, that consumers will continue to see the impact in stores. Some products may see impacts immediately depending on the state of the current national or worldwide supply.

### [What you need to know about student debt relief](#)

A program to relieve student debt has proven so popular that it's crashed websites. Here's everything you need to know about it.



### Native American History

Popcorn has long been associated with the movies, or in recent years, the microwave, but although many of us may have wondered why popcorn pops, few of us have asked where popcorn actually came from.

The Indigenous people of the Americas first domesticated the strain of corn which produces popcorn thousands of years ago.

Europeans learned about popcorn from Natives. When Cortes invaded Mexico, and when Columbus arrived in the West Indies, each saw natives eating popcorn, as well as using it in necklaces and headdresses.

In fact, popcorn artifacts dating back to 6,700 years ago were discovered in Peru. So the next time you grab a handful of your favorite snack, remember it's not just Orville Redenbacher you should be thanking.

