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A Joshua tree surrounded by poppies near Neenach-Lancaster, CA.

Lei Day 2023 celebrated Saturday at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City



Event Date: April 29, 2023 - 10:00am Nevada State Museum Join the Nevada State Museum in celebrating Lei Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In Hawaii, "May Day is Lei Day" and we are sharing this tradition with the Northern Nevada community with a lei making demonstration by Nā 'Ōiwi O Hawai'i, Northern Nevada Hawaiian Civic Club.

Lei Day will also include a beginner keiki (child) and a beginner wahine (woman) hula lesson by Kumu Hula (hula teacher) Dalyn Aiu-Parpal; Hawaiian music by the band Pono; and a hula performance by the Reno-based hālau hula (hula school) Ka Pā Hula 'O Kawaiolanoelaniokāne.

Break out your Aloha wear and bring your sweet tooth as Island Breeze Events, LLC will be selling shave ice! We will also have hands-on activities for the kids and a temporary exhibit that illustrates the various types of materials used for lei making as well as a brief history of Lei Day.

Schedule:

- Accept lei for the Lei Contest 9-10 a.m.
- Lei making demonstration by Nā 'Ōiwi O Hawai'i, Northern Nevada Hawaiian Civic Club 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Shave Ice, Island Breeze Events, LLC, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Hawaiian music by Pono, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Beginner keiki (child) hula lesson by Kumu Hula (hula teacher) Dalyn Aiu-Parpal, 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Hula performance by Ka Pā Hula 'O Kawaiolanoelaniokāne, 12:30-1:15 p.m.
- Beginner wahine (woman) hula lesson by Kumu Hula (hula teacher) Dalyn Aiu-Parpal, 1:30-2 p.m.

Admission to the Nevada State Museum is FREE on Lei Day!

New Environmental Justice Executive Order and Phase One Environmental Justice Scorecard

On April 21st, President Biden signed an executive order further embedding environmental justice into the work of federal agencies to achieve real, measurable progress that communities can count on.

The new Executive Order, *Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*, will:

- Deepen the Biden-Harris Administration's whole-of-government commitment to environmental justice.
- Better protect overburdened communities from pollution and environmental harms.
- Strengthen engagement with communities and mobilize federal agencies to confront existing and legacy barriers and injustices.
- Promote the latest science, data, and research, including on cumulative impacts.
- Expand interagency coordination and launch a new Office of Environmental Justice within the White House Council on Environmental Quality.
- Increase accountability and transparency in federal environmental justice policy.
- Honor and build on the foundation of ongoing environmental justice work.

Additional information about the Executive Order is available here: <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/</u> <u>briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/21/fact-sheet-president-biden-signs-executive-</u> <u>order-to-revitalize-our-nations-commitment-to-environmental-justice-for-all/</u>

In addition to the Executive Order, the Biden-Harris Administration announced the first-ever <u>Environmental Justice Scorecard</u>. The Environmental Justice Scorecard was created at the direction of President Biden to assess the federal government's progress on advancing environmental justice, to provide transparency for the public, and to increase accountability for federal agencies.

The <u>EJ Scorecard for EPA</u> is a snapshot that provides transparency and accountability as the Agency continues to advance equity and justice efforts, over time, as a central focus for EPA's mission. This Phase One scorecard focused on the following three areas:

- Justice40 Initiative
- Environmental and Civil Rights Protection
- Institutionalizing Environmental Justice

This Phase One Scorecard is not comprehensive of all of EPA's efforts but rather provides an introduction to the Agency's ongoing work and commitment to advance equity and justice. <u>Read</u> the EJ Scorecard for EPA.

Introduction to basketry

To assist those wanting to start basketry at the very beginning. The instructor's views come from Nevada tribes and Nevada materials only. The willow are starting to bud-out so this may be the last weekend to harvest in the valleys. All proceeds will go towards future classes.

Saturday, April 29 from 9AM-Noon

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

1 Jacobsen Way Carson City, NV 89701

Instructor: Melanie Smokey Shoshone/Washoe

Cost: \$25 (Cash or Check Only) Class size: 20

RSVP: Contact Chris to sign up: 775-687-7606 or cgibbons@nic.nv.gov

Main Item To Bring: A non-serrated blade / knife

* cut willow * scrape willow skin * refine the willow strings

Optional items to bring:

A metal lid (off of a food can works well (sm.), canning lid, etc.)

Clippers for pruning (purchase at Ace Hardware, Walmart, etc.)

Medium sized bowl 5" -10" diameter

String to tie willow together

Gloves for sensitive hands

Awl (purchase at Walmart in craft area, or bead store)

Hand towel



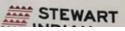
9 AM Back of the museum: Discussion of when and where to harvest, organizing and storing willow, tools, safety tips, etc.

AGENDA

- Harvesting willow 9:30
- 10:00 Scraping willow
- 10:15 Splitting, coring threads. Sizer (lidmaking holes)
- 11:45 Clean up. Discussion, upcoming classes

Participants will receive hands-on assistance. 1-2 European willow rods (it has a softer core so it splits easier- good practice material to make willow threads with), as well as the opportunity to cut their own local willow to take home and practice with.

All ages are welcome to learn/participate Volunteer weavers are welcome to assist



Andrew Jackson's Third State of the Union Address 6 December1931

The internal peace and security of our confederated States is the next principal object of the General Government. Time and experience have proved that the abode of the native Indian within their limits is dangerous to their peace and injurious to himself. In accordance with my recommendation at a former session of Congress, an appropriation of \$500K was made to aid the voluntary removal of the various tribes beyond the limits of the States. At the last session I had the happiness to announce that the Chickasaws and Choctaws had accepted the generous offer of the Government and agreed to remove beyond the Mississippi River, by which the whole of the State of Mississippi and the western part of Alabama will be freed from Indian occupancy and opened to a civilized population. The treaties with these tribes are in a course of execution, and their removal, it is hoped, will be completed in the course of 1832.

At the request of the authorities of Georgia the registration of Cherokee Indians for emigration has been resumed, and it is confidently expected that half, if not two-third, of that tribe will follow the wise example of their more westerly brethren. Those who prefer remaining at their present homes will hereafter be governed by the laws of Georgia, as all her citizens are, and cease to be the objects of peculiar care on the part of the General Government.

During the present year the attention of the Government has been particularly directed to those tribes in the powerful and growing State of Ohio, where considerable tracts of the finest lands were still occupied by the aboriginal proprietors. Treaties, either absolute or conditional, have been made extinguishing the whole Indian title to the reservations in that State, and the time is not distant, it is hoped, when Ohio will be no longer embarrassed with the Indian population. The same measures will be extended to Indiana as soon as there is reason to anticipate success. It is confidently believed that perseverance for a few years in the present policy of the Government will extinguish the Indian title to all lands lying within the States composing our Federal Union, and remove beyond their limits every Indian who is not willing to submit to their laws.

Thus will all conflicting claims to jurisdiction between the States and the Indian tribes be put to rest. It is pleasing to reflect that results so beneficial, not only to the States immediately concerned, but to the harmony of the Union, will have been accomplished by measures equally advantageous to the Indians. What the native savages become when surrounded by a dense population and by mixing with the whites may be seen in the miserable remnants of a few Eastern tribes, deprived of political and civil rights, forbidden to make contracts, and subjected to guardians, dragging out a wretched existence, without excitement, without hope, and almost without thought.

But the removal of the Indians beyond the limits and jurisdiction of the States does not place them beyond the reach of philanthropic aid and Christian instruction. On the contrary, those whom philanthropy or religion may induce to live among them in their new abode will be more free in the exercise of their benevolent functions than if they had remained within the limits of the States, embarrassed by their internal regulations. Now subject to no control but the superintending agency of the General Government, exercised with the sole view of preserving peace, they may proceed unmolested in the interesting experiment of gradually advancing a community of American Indians from barbarism to the habits and enjoyments of civilized life. https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Andrew_Jackson%27s_Third_State_of_the_Union_Address

Andrew Jackson's Fourth State of the Union Address 4 December 1832

The hostile incursions of the Sac and Fox Indians necessarily led to the interposition of the Government. A portion of the troops, under Generals Scott and Atkinson, and of the militia of the State of Illinois were called into the field. After a harassing warfare, prolonged by the nature of the country and by the difficulty of procuring subsistence, the Indians were entirely defeated, and the disaffected band dispersed or destroyed. The result has been creditable to the troops engaged in the service. Severe as is the lesson to the Indians, it was rendered necessary by their unprovoked aggressions, and it is to be hoped that its impression will be permanent and salutary.

This campaign has evinced the efficient organization of the Army and its capacity for prompt and active service. Its several departments have performed their functions with energy and dispatch, and the general movement was satisfactory.

Our fellow citizens upon the frontiers were ready, as they always are, in the tender of their services in the hour of danger. But a more efficient organization of our militia system is essential to that security which is one of the principal objects of all governments. Neither our situation nor our institutions require or permit the maintenance of a large regular force. History offers too many lessons of the fatal result of such a measure not to warn us against its adoption here. The expense which attends it, the obvious tendency to employ it because it exists and thus to engage in unnecessary wars, and its ultimate danger to public liberty will lead us, I trust, to place our principal dependence for protection upon the great body of the citizens of the Republic. If in asserting rights or in repelling wrongs war should come upon us, our regular force should be increased to an extent proportional to the emergency, and our present small Army is a nucleus around which such force could be formed and embodied. But for the purposes of defense under ordinary circumstances we must rely upon the electors of the country. Those by whom and for whom the Government was instituted and is supported will constitute its protection in the hour of danger as they do its check in the hour of safety.

But it is obvious that the militia system is imperfect. Much time is lost, much unnecessary expense incurred, and much public property wasted under the present arrangement. Little useful knowledge is gained by the musters and drills as now established, and the whole subject evidently requires a thorough examination. Whether a plan of classification remedying these defects and providing for a system of instruction might not be adopted is submitted to the consideration of Congress. The Constitution has vested in the General Government an independent authority upon the subject of the militia which renders its action essential to the establishment or improvement of the system, and I recommend the matter to your consideration in the conviction that the state of this important arm of the public defense requires your attention.

I am happy to inform you that the wise and humane policy of transferring from the eastern to the western side of the Mississippi the remnants of our aboriginal tribes, with their own consent and upon just terms, has been steadily pursued, and is approaching, I trust, its consummation. By reference to the report of the Secretary of War and to the documents submitted with it you will see the progress which has been made since your last session in the arrangement of the various matters connected with our Indian relations. With one exception every subject involving any question of conflicting jurisdiction or of peculiar difficulty has been happily disposed of, and the

conviction evidently gains ground among the Indians that their removal to the country assigned by the United States for their permanent residence furnishes the only hope of their ultimate prosperity.

With that portion of the Cherokees, however, living within the State of Georgia it has been found impracticable as yet to make a satisfactory adjustment. Such was my anxiety to remove all the grounds of complaint and to bring to a termination the difficulties in which they are involved that I directed the very liberal propositions to be made to them which accompany the documents herewith submitted. They can not but have seen in these offers the evidence of the strongest disposition on the part of the Government to deal justly and liberally with them. An ample indemnity was offered for their present possessions, a liberal provision for their future support and improvement, and full security for their private and political rights. What ever difference of opinion may have prevailed respecting the just claims of these people, there will probably be none respecting the liberality of the propositions, and very little respecting the expediency of their immediate acceptance. They were, however, rejected, and thus the position of these Indians remains unchanged, as do the views communicated in my message to the Senate of [1831-02-22].

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Andrew_Jackson%27s_Fourth_State_of_the_Union_Address



UNR Tribal Student Program

A program designed to recruit, retain, and graduate American Indian/Alaska Native students in the Agricultural Sciences.

To learn more about the program

Course Registration at The Sierra Nevada Field Campus is Open NOW!

Come learn and play in the mountains this summer! **Registration is now open** and classes are filling fast at **The Sierra Nevada Field Campus**.

Owned by SF State University since 1949, **The Sierra Nevada Field Campus** is a research and education camp located in Tahoe National Forest at the base of the Sierra Buttes, on the North Yuba River. We offer workshops, classes, and program space for the general public to learn about natural science and history, land stewardship, arts, and culture. We're a hub for California natural history learning, and we're growing!

The campus features a commercial dining hall serving 3 meals a day, classroom space, large tents with beds, showers with views of a spectacular night sky, and some great opportunities for community building around the fire.

Some classes include:

Alpine Oil Painting and Watercolor Birds of the Sierra Nevada Fire, Water, and Conservation Ecology and Conservation of Bats Medicinal and Edible Wild Plants Night Photography Wildlife Sound Recording Climate Issues and Activism High Sierra Songwriting And SO much more!

Registration is live! Please join us and spread the word! Follow us @sierranevadafieldcampus and visit at sierra.sfsu.edu

Register Now!



New U president must work toward healing with Minnesota tribes

Special report Mining and the BWCA: Not this location

The Star Tribune Editorial Board has taken the position that the Twin Metals copper-nickel mining project near the BWCA should not proceed. That editorial and others leading up to it are collected here. Responses will be added as they are published.

A Washington photographer's quest to document every federally recognized tribe in the US

https://www.king5.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/ evening/washington-photographer-matika-wilbur-federally-recognizedtribes-us/281-1473e071-3868-4bb0-8c39-11ab936345ee

2023 Goldman environmental prize winners include Texas Gulf coast defender

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/apr/24/2023-goldman-environmentalprize-winners

When Did Clothing Originate?

An archaeologist traces the invention and evolution of apparel using climate data and tailoring tools

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/when-did-clothingoriginate-180982030/? spMailingID=48243356&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=24428838 09&spReportId=MjQ0Mjg4MzgwOQS2

HUD?ONAP Positions Available

 1- ONAP Vacancy Announcement - Lead Grants Evaluation Specialist, GS-13

 Location(s): Phoenix, AZ & Albuquerque, NM

 Application Deadline: May 1, 2023

 Application Links:

 23-HUD-1407-P (DEU-Pubic)
 https://www.usajobs.gov/job/719868700

 23-HUD-1406(MP – Internal to Gov only)
 https://www.usajobs.gov/job/719868600

1- ONAP Vacancy Announcement - Lead Grants Management Specialist, GS-14 Locations: - Anchorage, AK; Phoenix, AZ; Denver, CO; Washington DC; Honolulu, HI; Chicago, IL; Albuquerque, NM, Oklahoma City, OK; Seattle, WA - *See announcement for list of locations*

Application Deadline: May 8, 2023 Application Link: 23-HUD-1425 (MP – Internal to Gov only) https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/721407200

ONAP Vacancy Announcement - Supervisory Grants Evaluation Specialist (Director),GS-14Location: Albuquerque, NMApplicationDeadline:May 10, 2023Application Links:23-HUD-1579 (MP – Internal Applicants)Application Links:23-HUD-1579 (MP – Internal Applicants)https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/721778500GetJob/ViewDetails/721778500GetJob/ViewDetails/721778500

23-HUD-1580 (Public Applicants) <u>https://www.usajobs.gov/job/72177</u>

STOP MONEY

We've just spent the morning at the annual shareholder meetings of 3 of the 4 largest funders of fossil fuels in the world: Citibank, Bank of America, and Wells Fargo.

We're still waiting for the final votes at Wells Fargo, but, the votes on most of our priority resolutions have been disappointing:

- 31% of investors urged Citi to do more to protect Indigenous rights
- 28.5% called on Bank of America to publish clear plans to achieve their existing 2030 climate targets
- 11.5% demanded that Bank of America stop greenwashing and set 2030 climate targets, using an absolute emissions metric, not the weaker "intensity-only" metric

Unfortunately, support for the fossil fuel phase-out resolutions *declined* from last year, down to 10% at Citi and 7% at Bank of America. It's clear that bank management was successful in convincing many investors that they don't need to stop funding new coal, oil, and gas.

One of the most egregious things that happened at the meetings was that—in a question about Arctic drilling—Citi CEO Jane Fraser stated that the bank committing to end projectlevel financing is sufficient. This is greenwashing at its worst. Only 4% of bank financing for fossil fuels comes through direct project-level loans. 96% of it comes from what are called general corporate loans.

Send the Citibank CEO Jane Fraser a message and let her know: financing fossil fuel companies means financing fossil fuels.

Here's how it works. Sometimes banks will provide a loan to a company for a specific project, such as constructing a massive new oil pipeline. The company can then only use that loan for that project. This is called "project-level financing". But most of the time, bank loans don't come attached to a specific project. They instead come in the form of "general corporate loans", which the company can use in any way it wants.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that if you provide a fossil fuel company with a general corporate loan, it will use it to develop new fossil fuels. But the Citi CEO, Jane Fraser, is pretending to be ignorant of that fact.

Let Citi CEO, Jane Fraser, know: financing coal, oil, and gas companies means financing coal, oil, and gas.

Today's vote results are a powerful reminder of why we need a mass movement to hold the financial industry accountable. And whatever the final outcome of the votes at Wells Fargo, we can't wait to keep building on yesterday's powerful HQ actions with all of you.

In it for the long haul,

- the Stop the Money Pipeline team

PS: For more on how the vote results went down, check out our summary here.

Here we go again tourist tossing season is open



Meanwhile in Yellowstone....





Janine Winnemucca

Everything is Possible," a Baby Boomer motto - 13 months ago, we returned to the reservation as a live-in home care assistant with Nick's mom, Raphella "BG" Benn.

Listening to life of a little Paiute girl in southern Nevada was similar of listening to my own mom's growing up years in northern Nevada.

Several fond memories were the field trip over to Tule Springs in Las Vegas. BG wanted to share the beautiful wetlands that was once home to her grandpa Tule Benn, prior to hyku owners. She always made me roar when she would tease her son about how she wanted to get the same tatoo as his, two feathers on her leg.

Or what about when she would talk smack, with no filter, of things she could no longer control and turn it all into a funny Gramma Story.

BG grew up along the Upper Muddy River, that fed Lake Mead and eventually the Colorado River. She played in the old Paiute caves, and later, endured the era of Relocation, tribal politics, & economic development on the Moapa Band of Paiutes reservation. Her passion of supporting the Nuwuvi in both Salt & Bird was evident as many miles were spent throughout the southern Paiute Nation.

I was fortunate to have met an honorable woman filled with so much passion for her tribal culture. She was tough. Like many baby boomers, her outlook of life was a matter of fact, straight forward, and unapologetic.

To Beeg, you made such an impact in my own life in such a small period of time. We miss you and will always love you...