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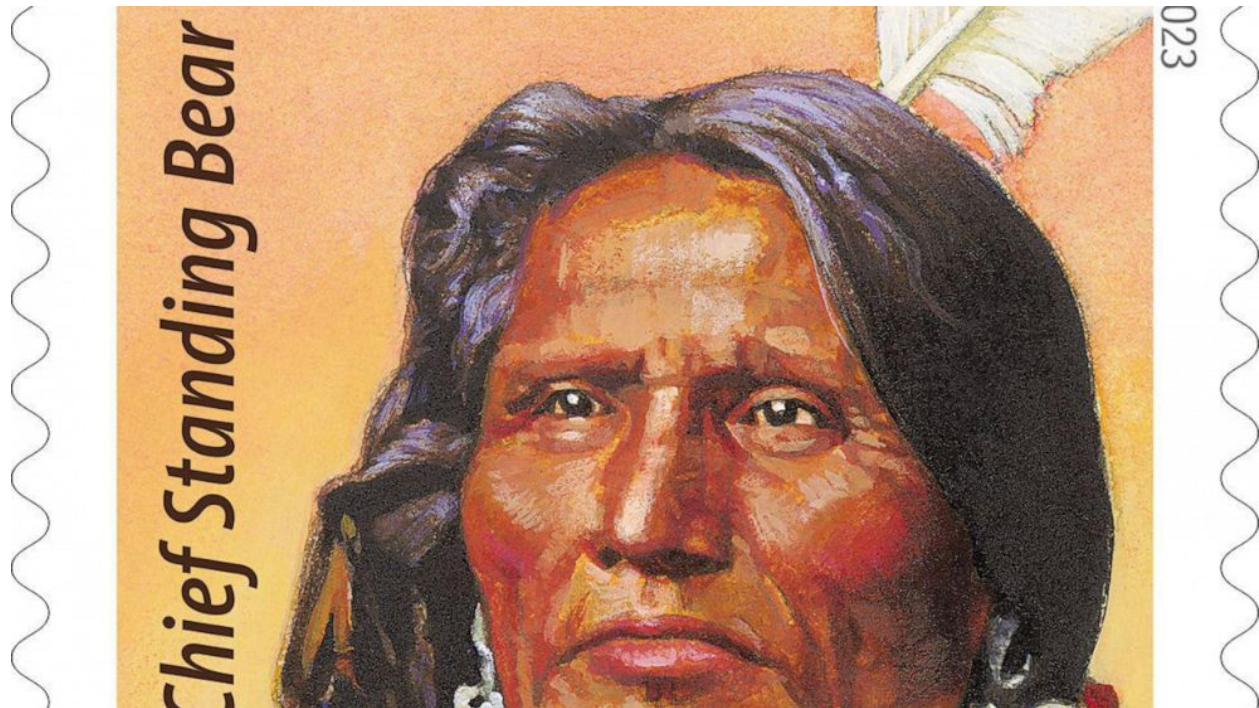
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By SCOTT McFETRIDGE Associated Press

A Ponca tribal chief whose landmark lawsuit in 1879 established that a Native American is a person under the law was honored Friday with the unveiling of a U.S. Postal Service stamp.

The release of the Chief Standing Bear stamp comes 146 years after the Army forced him and about 700 other tribal members to leave their homeland in northeast Nebraska and walk 600 miles to Indian Territory in Oklahoma. Chief Standing Bear was arrested and imprisoned in Fort Omaha when he and others tried to return. He filed a lawsuit that led to an 1879 ruling ordering his release and finding that a Native American is a person with a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

“For so long, people didn’t know his story or the Ponca story — our own trail of tears,” said Candace Schmidt, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska chair. “We are finally able to tell his story of perseverance and how we as a tribe are resilient.”

Judi M. gaiashkibos , executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, called the stamp a milestone that she hopes “provokes necessary conversations about race, sovereignty and equality in the United States.”

“It’s remarkable, that the story of Nebraska Native American civil rights leader Chief Standing Bear has progressed from a Native man being considered a nonperson by the U.S. Government in 1879, to today, being recognized by the Postal Service with a stamp honoring him as an American icon,” she said.

The Postal Service, which released the stamp at a ceremony Friday in Lincoln, Neb., has printed 18 million stamps.

The stamp features a portrait of Chief Standing Bear by illustrator Thomas Blackshear II, based on a black-and-white photograph taken in 1877.

More than 100 members of the Ponca tribe died during or soon after the forced journey to Oklahoma, including Chief Standing Bear’s only son. It was a desire to have his son buried in their homeland in Nebraska’s Niobrara River Valley that resulted in the return of Chief Standing Bear and 29 others and their subsequent arrest.

According to the National Park Service, two Omaha attorneys represented the chief at a two-day trial before U.S. District Judge Elmer Dundy in Omaha. The government appealed Dundy’s ruling that Chief Standing Bear and other arrested tribal members were “persons,” but the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

The Ponca members were freed and returned to their old reservation along the Niobrara River, where Chief Standing Bear died in 1908.

A congressional investigation later determined the government wrongly gave away the Ponca homeland and removed the tribe, leading to a law in 1881 that gave some compensation to tribal members.

In 1924, an issue that arose in the 1879 trial was resolved when Congress approved a law that conferred citizenship on all Native Americans born in the United States.

The federal government terminated the Ponca tribe of Nebraska in 1966, but the tribe regained federal recognition in 1990. Schmidt said the Ponca now has about 5,500 members, operates three health clinics and offers numerous services to members.

“We’re doing really well,” she said.

There is a separate Ponca tribe in Oklahoma.

“It took our country far too long to recognize the humanity in many of its people — including the American Indians who lived in these lands for thousands of years,” said Anton Hajjar, vice chairman of the Postal Service Board of Governors, in issuing the stamp.

The Postal Service previously has issued stamps honoring Native Americans including Pocahontas, Chief Joseph, Sequoyah, Red Cloud, Sitting Bull and Jim Thorpe.

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/us-postal-service-honors-civil-rights-leader-ponca-99287414>



Museums and YouTube

By Xiomara Blanco

With its overwhelming ubiquity and shrewd algorithm, YouTube can be an especially powerful place for museums to launch digital content. But succeeding on the platform means learning a few tricks to make your videos stand out. Here are three major lessons the Media Producer of The Historic New Orleans Collection has learned from rebuilding the museum's channel.

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After its fortuitous rediscovery about a decade or so ago, followed by a painstaking restoration, the long-lost silent melodrama **“The Daughter of Dawn”** received a limited theatrical release in 2014 and is finally being made available for Blu-ray home viewing next week. The independently produced 1920 feature had only a few showings when first made and then disappeared for nearly a century.

What is nearly unique about this historic 78-minute film is that it featured a cast made up exclusively of Native Americans recreating their ancient Kiowa and Comanche traditions and rituals within the context of the fictional story, filmed on location in southwest Oklahoma. The film allowed their pre-reservation lifestyle to be preserved for posterity while it was still within living memory of the participants or their parents, a period then not too far in the past. They even supplied their own authentic costumes and props.

This was at a time that the tribes were not only encouraged to assimilate into modern American culture, but prohibited by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs from speaking their own languages and performing their native customs. It was only 30 years earlier that the region was officially named “Oklahoma Territory” shortly after government organized the famous land rushes for white settlers to claim property for themselves -- on land that for over 60 years Congress had declared to be “Indian Territory,” and previously forced settlers to leave so it could be reserved as a home for a variety of tribes forcibly evacuated from other states. In 1907 it was formally made a state.

Interestingly, two of the film's stars, White Parker (White Eagle) and Wanada Parker (Red Wing), were grandchildren of Cynthia Ann Parker, the inspiration for John Ford's "The Searchers," as well as an incident in "The Daughter of Dawn." She had been abducted by Comanches at age nine, grew up to marry a warrior and have three children, and 24 years later was "rescued" by Texas Rangers and returned to a family she no longer remembered. The plot of "The Daughter of Dawn" is a standard romantic melodrama with the conflict between Kiowa warriors White Eagle and Black Wolf, two rivals for the chief's daughter (the eponymous Daughter of Dawn), while Red Wing suffers unrequited love for Black Wolf, who only wants The Daughter of Dawn so he can gain power and prestige, whereas White Eagle truly loves her. Later a revenge subplot develops. This is all set against the background of normal tribal life, with White Eagle leading a buffalo hunt to relieve the current food shortage, and a rival nearby Comanche tribe plotting to raid horses and women from the Kiowa to relieve their own shortages.

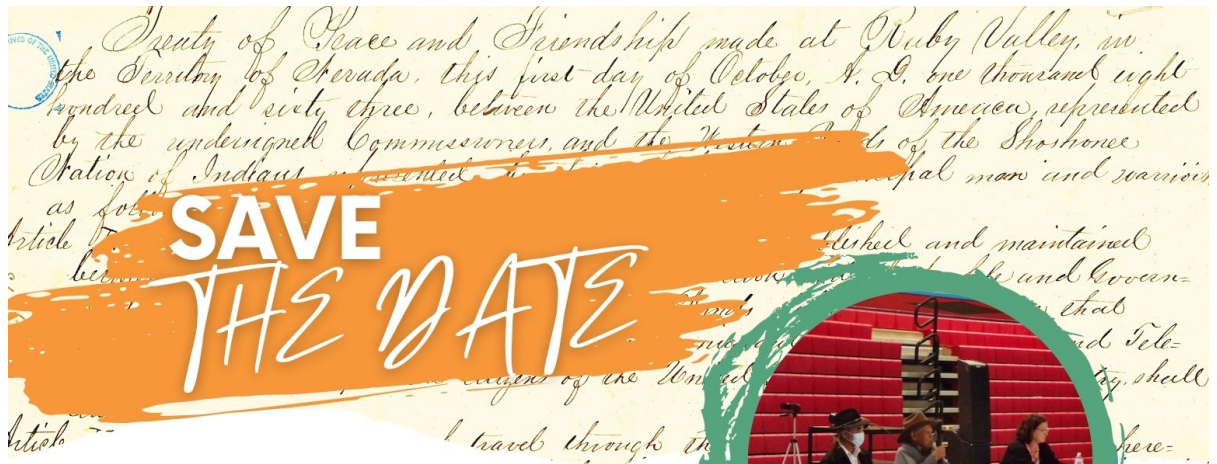
The film's staging, photography, and editing are all well done, on a par with typical Hollywood productions of the era. There are a number of in-camera dissolves, some simply from long shots to close-ups, but others to indicate what characters are thinking about. Director Norbert A. Myles had been an actor who went briefly into writing and directing, and later became a Hollywood makeup artist.

While picture quality on Milestone's Blu-ray is generally good, unfortunately some nitrate decomposition had begun before the sole surviving 35mm nitrate print was copied. This resulted in the tell-tale mottling along the two sides of the picture, substantial minor splotches and dirt throughout the image, and sections where the film was too warped to stay in sharp focus when it was duplicated. The picture looks slightly soft compared to a film in pristine condition, but still in much better overall shape than many silents, with original amber and blue tints preserved. It's amazing that it survived at all.

After the film's 2007 restoration, the Oklahoma Historical Society commissioned a new music score by Oklahoma native classical composer David Yeagley, who happens to be Comanche. His score works quite well to follow the action and characters, although is mostly rather low-key, often playing down the melodrama. The 2011-2012 recording by the Oklahoma City University student orchestra, however, is excellent.

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## **EPA seeks nominations for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board Federal Advisory Committee**

EPA invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB). Approximately ten vacancies are expected to be filled by December 2023. **Nominations will be accepted through May 31, 2023.**

The GNEB federal advisory committee is looking to appoint nominees from a variety of sectors along the U.S. - Mexico border including representatives from business and industry, academia, non-governmental organizations, local, county, and Tribal governments.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Representative of a sector or group that helps to shape border-region environmental policy or represents a group that is affected by border region environmental policy
- Extensive professional knowledge and experience with the issues that the GNEB examines (i.e., environmental and infrastructure issues), including the bi-national dimension of these issues
- Demonstrates senior level experience that will bring a new and relevant approach to the board's deliberations
- Ability to work in a consensus building process with a wide range of representatives from diverse constituencies
- Ability to contribute approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the GNEB's activities, including attendance at meetings and participating in the development of advice letters/reports
- Demonstrate the potential for active and constructive involvement in the GNEB's work

If interested in the nomination process, please visit the following link for more information on how to apply: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/20/2023-05596/request-for-nominations-to-the-good-neighbor-environmental-board>

## Background

GNEB is an independent federal advisory committee with a mission to advise the President and Congress of the United States on good neighbor practices along the U.S. border with Mexico. GNEB oversees the submission of an annual report to the President on the need for implementation of environmental and infrastructure projects within the regions of the United States contiguous to Mexico.

For additional information about the GNEB, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/faca/gneb>

## Clean School Bus Grant Funding and Webinars

EPA has announced the [2023 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Grant Program](#)! Under the 2023 CSB Grant Program, the Agency is asking for applications nationwide to award approximately **\$400 million** in competitive grant funding to eligible applicants for the purchase of zero-emission (ZE) school buses, clean school buses, and ZE charging infrastructure.

EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, rural areas, Tribal school districts funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and public school districts receiving basic support payments for students living on Tribal land, and rural areas. Applications are due by **Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 11:59PM ET**.

To assist potential applicants, EPA will host a series of public webinars May through August to provide potential applicants with an overview of the program and how to apply. Register for the first webinar on May 10, 2023 below and check the [Clean School Bus Webinars webpage](#) for upcoming dates.

**Date and Time:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00PM ET

**Register Here:** [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_kJjVXW3eRq-zsTL\\_mSORMQ](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_kJjVXW3eRq-zsTL_mSORMQ)

**Please Note:** Potential applicants without a [Federal Grants](#) account are encouraged to initiate the Federal Grants registration process well ahead of the deadline for funding as the registration process can take over a month.

[Learn more about the CSB Grant Program and how to apply.](#)

Contact [cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov) for further information.

[Sign up for this Clean School Bus Program Newsletter](#)

## Background and Resources

The Notice for Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be open for 120 days. It includes two sub-programs, one for school district and Tribal applicants ([School District Sub-program](#)) and one for third-party applicants ([Third-Party Sub-program](#)). EPA is providing two separate competitions under this single NOFO to address the unique needs and concerns of diverse recipients and encourage participation in the CSB grants program.

EPA is committed to ensuring the CSB Program delivers on the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities, including Tribal and rural areas.



View EPA's Clean School Bus Program technical assistance resources: [EPA Clean School Bus Technical Assistance Page](#)

Access Clean Cities Coalition's technical assistance video resources, related funding opportunities, and additional external resources: [EPA Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Resources Page](#)

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May 15th, 2023 11:00am to 12:00pm (Pacific Time) SBA T.H.R.I.V.E. Program Overview

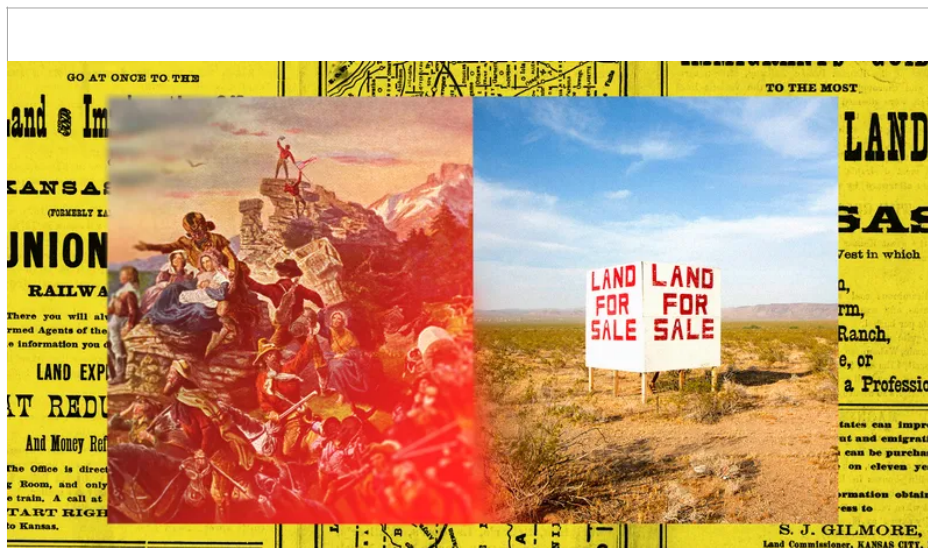
Join the Nevada District Office to see if your business is ready to THRIVE! The informational webinar will provide an overview of the THRIVE Emerging Leaders program. Cohorts are offered in Reno and will take place late June through early December.

[Learn More or Apply](#)

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**[Big Valley Pomo respond to federal decision not to give Clear Lake hitch emergency listing](#)**

Lake County News, 5/2/2023 - In the wake of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service saying it will not grant an emergency Endangered Species Act listing for the Clear Lake hitch, the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians voiced its disappointment with the decision.

## North Central Regional Center for Rural Development

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[NCRCD YouTube Channel](#)

### **Dragonfly Energy inks deal for lithium from Rhyolite Ridge site**

Ioneer Ltd. project site at Nevada's Rhyolite Ridge has raised concerns about its impact on an endangered wildflower known as Tiehm's buckwheat.

### **UNR receives \$1 million in funding for lithium battery research**

UNR will receive \$1 million in funding for lithium battery research from the National Science Foundation.

## NOAA Tribal Resources & Updates

### NOAA's Tribal Relations Team

NOAA is committed to developing policies and procedures that improve its relations and cooperative activities with Federally-recognized Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis. NOAA's Tribal Relations Team works to ensure an accountable process for meaningful and timely consultations on policies with tribal implications. NOAA's Tribal Team is made up of representatives across NOAA Line and Staff offices; click below to view the current membership.

#### [NOAA Tribal Team Membership](#)

For additional information or questions, please contact NOAA Senior Tribal Liaison, [Becky Cruz Lizama](#) at [Becky.Lizama@noaa.gov](mailto:Becky.Lizama@noaa.gov) or 202-482-0809.

### **Tribal consultations regarding Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding**

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships, and the Presidential Memorandum on Uniform Standards for Tribal Consultation, NOAA is currently conducting tribal consultations regarding Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding. IRA funding provides \$2.6 billion to NOAA to invest in conservation, restoration, and protection of coastal and marine habitats, resources, Pacific salmon and other marine fisheries, to enable coastal communities to prepare for extreme storms and other changing climate conditions, and for projects that support natural resources that sustain coastal and marine resource dependent communities, marine fishery and marine mammal stock assessments, of which Tribal Governments are eligible recipients. To foster productive and expedited consultation on this funding with Tribal Governments, NOAA leadership is committed to engaging in sustained dialogue with Tribal Leadership, as exemplified by recent and upcoming IRA Tribal Consultation sessions

To submit comments related to NOAA's IRA funding, please submit written comments to [infrastructure.tribal@noaa.gov](mailto:infrastructure.tribal@noaa.gov).

## **White House Guidance on Indigenous Knowledge**

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Council on Environmental Quality announced the [release](#) of the Guidance on December 1, 2022 at the White House Tribal Nations Summit in furtherance of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to building a new era of Nation-to-Nation engagement with Tribes and advancing equity and opportunity for Tribal Nations and Indigenous People. **It applies to all executive branch agencies as they carry out their responsibilities under their organic acts and enabling legislation, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other laws.**

Please find attached [White House Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Indigenous Knowledge \(Guidance\)](#), [Implementation Memorandum](#), and [Memorandum on Uniform Standards for Tribal Consultation](#).

## **Tribal Input on IIJA Tribal Provisions:**

NOAA Executive Summary and Response NOAA has released the "Tribal Input on Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Tribal Provisions: Executive Summary and Response" document which summarizes the input we received from two NOAA-hosted tribal listening sessions and 60 day written comment period, including NOAA's response. The comments will help inform how NOAA executes these provisions with tribal nations over the next five years.

[NOAA Executive Summary and Response](#)

## **Opinion: Why I quit my job and became a Bay Area teacher**

Yes, this career change required a pay cut, but, to me, the rewards extend far beyond monetary compensation <https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/05/09/opinion-why-i-quit-my-job-and-became-a-bay-area-teacher/>

## **FROM THE ARCHIVES**

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