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“One People of Many Cultures”

Yellowstone National Park near Gardiner, Montana, USA 01 August 2023

THEY ARE BACK!!!! The illuminated teepees have returned to Yellowstone’s north entrance, outside of Gardiner, MT.

The teepees are an interactive art installation put together by the Pretty Shield Foundation, an organization that “seeks to empower others through cultural awareness, teaching, education, promoting healthy lifestyles, encouraging self-fulfillment in the community, and thus allow one’s goodness and strength to blossom. The rich diversity of cultures makes a more interesting and beautiful world to live in” (from Pretty Shield Foundation website).

I captured the teepees under the rising Sturgeon Supermoon last night, as the event kicked off. I was excited to see that the display would coincide with a full supermoon, and I spent some time planning my shots before I even got to the location.

This image is shot with a telephoto lens at about 200mm. I was actually very far from the teepees, hiding out on a hill to the northwest of the display. Using a telephoto lens and shooting from a distance allowed me to create the illusion that the moon was even larger than it actually was.

To me the teepee display is a fun opportunity to explore and celebrate the cultures of the native peoples that called this region home long before European explorers arrived. It helps open dialogue between people from diverse places and backgrounds, allowing them to recognize cultural differences and similarities.

Despite the significant differences in the backgrounds of the people that share in the experience of exploring the illuminated teepees, I find that the strongest feeling I take away is one of unity and sameness. Rather than focusing on the troubled and divisive history shared by my ancestors and the ancestors of Native Americans, the event seeks to bring people together to share their cultures. In my opinion, it is a valuable step on the path toward recognizing that we are really One People with Many Cultures, more similar than different.

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Biden is creating a new national monument near the Grand Canyon

The president will make the announcement in Arizona on Tuesday. The designation protects lands that are sacred to indigenous peoples and blocks new uranium mine claims.

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The nuns name is Sister Adelarde

Her nick name from the children who attended this school was, "I choke you". She was given this name because she preferred to choke the children to discipline them. These are some of the things she did to the children:

She would choke the children until they passed out.

She would whip them with a very thick belt.

She would grab the children's head and bang them to the wall, often causing bleeding or unconscious.

She would beat the children with a ruler because their hand writing is messy.

My dad attended this school, he remembers this nun throwing a piece of log at him, hitting his upper lip causing it to open up.

She would beat the children sometimes until they are unconscious.

She would walk around slapping the children's faces, this was to discourage them from speaking Their Cree language.

She would steal the children's food, causing them to go hungry.

*** Via, Kurtis Saysewehum. -



Indian boarding school survivors share stories of sexual abuse, trauma

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2023/08/07/indian-boarding-school-survivors-abuse-trauma/>



Minnesota Power, Great River Energy plan new transmission line with at least \$970M price tag

<https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-power-great-river-energy-plan-new-transmission-line-with-at-least-970-million-price-tag/600294872/>

Christopher Good

The new season of Reservation Dogs has begun. They didn't drop the whole season at once, but started with three episodes. We watched the first two tonight. If you don't know about this show it's worth checking out. It's about modern life for young adult (maybe teenage) Native Americans.

It's the first tv series to have all indigenous writers, directors and actors. As you might expect, it's hilarious. [imdb.com](https://www.imdb.com)



On August 9, 1814, Major General Andrew Jackson, “Old Hickory,” signed the [Treaty of Fort Jackson ending the Creek War](#). The agreement provided for the surrender of twenty-three million acres of Creek land to the United States. This vast territory encompassed more than half of present-day Alabama and part of southern Georgia.

[Major General Andrew Jackson...](#) Thomas Sully, artist; James Barton Longacre, engraver; Philada.: Wm. H. Morgan, c1820. [Popular Graphic Arts](#). Prints & Photographs Division
The war began on August 30, 1813, when a faction of Creeks known as the Red Sticks—because of their red war clubs—attacked American settlers at Fort Mims, near Lake Tensaw, Alabama, north of Mobile. This attack is considered a primary cause of the Creek War. In response, Jackson led a force of militiamen in the destruction of two Creek villages, Tallasahatchee and Talladega. On March 27, 1814, Jackson’s forces destroyed the Creek defenses at the [Battle of Horseshoe Bend](#). More than 800 Creek warriors were killed defending their homeland.

Tensions between the frontier settlers and the Creeks had been brewing since the Revolutionary Era. During the years preceding the Creek War, the [Continental Congress](#) received numerous reports on the status of Indian affairs in the South. The following excerpt, from a 1787 report, identifies settler greed as a major cause of the conflict:

An avaricious disposition in some of our people to acquire large tracts of land, and often by unfair means, appears to be the principal source of difficulties with the Indians... various pretences seem to be set up by the white people for making those settlements, which the Indians, tenacious of their rights, appear to be determined to oppose.

“[The committee consisting of Mr. Kearney, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Bingham, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Dane, to whom was referred the report...relative to Indian affairs in the Southern Department...](#)” [New York 1787]. [Documents from the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, 1774 to 1789](#). Rare Book & Special Collections Division

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The [Andrew Jackson Papers](#) is one of twenty-three presidential collections in the Library’s Manuscript Division. The Jackson archival collection contains more than 26,000 items dating from 1767 to 1874. Included are memoranda, journals, speeches, military records, land deeds, and miscellaneous printed matter, as well as correspondence reflecting Jackson’s personal life and career as a politician, military officer, president, slave holder and property owner.

- [Andrew Jackson: A Resource Guide](#) compiles links to materials related to Jackson found throughout the Library of Congress website. A select bibliography and curated list of additional websites is also provided.
- [Search](#) Today in History on *Native American and Indian* to read additional features about Native Americans, including pages on the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, Jim Thorpe, Sarah Winnemucca, and Cherokee chief John Ross. Search on *Andrew Jackson* to learn more about his political and military career, events such as the Battle of New Orleans, his inauguration, and the nullification crisis.

- Search on *Indian* in [Documents from the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention, 1774 to 1789](#) to learn more about early conflicts between settlers and Native Americans.
- The [George Washington Papers](#) include many references to Indian treaties and rights; to explore this aspect of Washington’s correspondence, search the collection on *Indian rights and Indian treaties*.
- [Primary Documents in American History](#) includes links to documents on the American Revolution and The New Nation, 1763-1815, in the period before the Creek War.
- [Browse by Tribe](#) through [Indian Land Cessions in the United States, 1784-1894](#). Click on *Creek* to read about the boundaries set for the Creeks and that nation’s concessions to the U.S. government. This feature is part of the collection [A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents and Debates, 1774-1875](#).
- [Printed Ephemera: Three Centuries of Broadside and Other Printed Ephemera](#) contains the full (one-page) text of “[Proposals for publishing by subscription the life of Major General Andrew Jackson...](#)”, by John Reid, Brevet Major U.S. Army. Nashville, 1815.
- Among the most unique items in the Library’s Digital Collections is a 1771 [map documenting the confrontation between Native and European Americans](#) of the middle British colonies in America. Found in the [American Revolution and its Era: Maps and Charts of North America and the West Indies, 1750 to 1789](#), the map documents the “antient & present seats of the Indian nations.”

Repeat:

4000 years later and we’re
back to the same language.





When Spanish Conquistadors arrived at the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan they were amazed by what they saw. With over 200,000 people, temples that reached the skies, and grand canals throughout the city, it was equivalent to very few in Europe. But unlike their European counterparts, the Aztecs also knew how to keep it clean.

Researchers created a facial approximation of a 45,000-year-old individual who is believed to be the oldest anatomically modern human ever to be genetically sequenced.



[livescience.com](https://www.livescience.com)

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Evidence of dinosaur existence is nothing new for Texas' Dinosaur Valley State Park, but that doesn't make the discovery of new relics any less exciting.

The geological setting is formed from limestones, sandstones and mudstones that were deposited in the area 113 million years ago. As they have been eroded, dissected and sculpted by the Paluxy River, evidence of dinosaur life has been frequently revealed.

When a severe drought saw the river dry up [recently](#), new dinosaur tracks became visible on the riverbed.

Identified as being from Acrocanthosaurus dinosaurs, the tracks will disappear once again when the rains come.

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Aug. 14-17: Tribal Lands & Environment Forum (*on line and in person*)

Join your community to connect with colleagues across the country as we address Tribal waste and response issues. This is the thirteenth annual forum for environmental professionals from Tribes, US EPA, State/Local/Federal agencies, community organizations, and other interested parties to meet, share knowledge, and learn from one another how to improve management, protection, and restoration of Tribal lands for us and all our relations. This year's Forum will be in-person in Syracuse, NY and online everywhere. [Registration is now open!](#)

Aug 15-17: [Development Planning: Part 1 Training](#)

In-Person Training (Seattle, WA) **When:** 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

This 3-day training will provide participants with an introduction to the development planning process. The training will provide a pathway for Project Implementation from Conception through Development; provide management tools and reference material to support effective Project Implementation; present compliance requirements within the context of the Project Implementation process; and provide the opportunity to apply Project Implementation concepts through case studies.

Location: Henry M. Jackson Federal Building, 915 2nd Avenue – Room 3090, Seattle, WA
Confirmation email will have hotel room block reservation information. [Register Here](#)

August 15-16: [Program Income \(virtual\)](#) When: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CT

Participants at this 2-day training will gain a better understanding of program income under NAHSADA. The training will provide an overview of program income. The training will discuss sources of program income and how to calculate it. Participants will learn how to appropriately spend and report program income.

August 17: [Expediting IHBG CARES and ARP Projects while Maintaining Compliance \(virtual training\)](#)

This webinar, the fifth in a series, will provide Tribes and TDHEs with information on how to expedite, respond to, and overcome project implementation barriers brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and, at the same time, maintaining CARES and ARP program compliance. Agenda items will include program barriers and solutions, ways to prioritize and expedite projects, and how to ensure compliance.

When: 1:00pm – 2:30pm ET

August 21-22: [Strategic Planning \(virtual\)](#) When: 9am – 4pm AK

AAHA is hosting a Strategic Planning Training to provide information and guidance under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) for housing authorities, tribal entities, and other individuals to understand Strategic Planning. Participants will learn the benefits of having a strategic plan, as well as learn strategies and insights that can be utilized to develop a short or long term plan to accomplish their goals. This virtual training will emphasize the development of a strategic plan that is appropriate and effective for the size and needs of the recipient's programs. Data development and analysis, recognizing critical issues and identifying goals and implementation will be included in the covered topics.

Sept. 12-14: [Maintenance Training \(virtual training\)](#)

Developing a productive and successful maintenance department occurs out-of-sight of hammers, paint brushes, and other equipment. This 3-day virtual training will examine some of the less hands-on aspects of maintenance, repair, and upgrades, and cover topics such as policies, procurement, inspections, and work order systems. In addition, we will discuss how the funding landscape for repairs and improvements, especially those related to “reducing housing-related health risks,” has changed during the pandemic and how you can create effective plans for addressing and improving your housing stock. The training serves as a precursor to the standard hands-on maintenance training. Training topics include: Maintenance Overview, Sources of Funding, Procurement Methods, Steps to Take Before Upgrading - A Holistic Approach, How to Develop Inspections Plans, How to Develop a Statement of Work, Maintenance vs. Rehab, Developing a Work Order System.

When: 9am – 2pm CT

Register at: [Maintenance Training](#)

Sept. 19-21: [Roles & Responsibilities of Executive Directors Training](#)

In-Person Training (Billings, MT) **When:** 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

This 2-day training will discuss the roles and responsibilities of executive directors to administer a housing program under NAHASDA. The training will help increase understanding of rules and regulations for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. The training will cover NAHASDA; Indian Housing Plan and Annual Performance report; program requirements for Admissions and Occupancy, Procurement, Environmental, Self-Monitoring, Finance, Construction, as well as policies and procedures to administer a complaint program.

Location: Doubletree Billings, 27 North 27th Street, Billings, MT 59101 (Confirmation email will have hotel room block reservation information.) [Register Here](#)

Secretary Haaland Celebrates Great American Outdoors Act in California

Department leaders will span across America to highlight the law's historic investments

SAN FRANCISCO — Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland traveled to Yosemite National Park this weekend as part of a month-long tour to celebrate the historic investments from the [Great American Outdoors Act \(GAOA\)](#), a bipartisan investment that improves visitor experiences, bolsters climate resilience and invests in the economy by creating good-paying jobs in our national parks, wildlife refuges, recreation areas and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools. Throughout the month of August, Interior Department leaders will span throughout the nation to highlight how these investments are addressing long-deferred maintenance projects.

The GAOA established the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF) to provide deferred maintenance and repairs at critical facilities on public lands and at BIE-funded schools. At no additional cost to taxpayers, the GAOA LRF provides \$1.6 billion per year for projects at recreation facilities, dams, water and utility infrastructure, schools, and other historic structures. Other projects increase public access by improving accessibility features, and restoring and repairing roads, trails, bridges and parking areas. GAOA's LRF funding sunsets after fiscal year 2025 and would need to be reauthorized by Congress to continue the efforts underway to address significant infrastructure needs across public lands.

In Yosemite National Park, an approximately \$120 million GAOA LRF investment will help the park address significant deferred maintenance needs. Two projects will deliver a better experience for visitors, increased accessibility, and safer working conditions for park staff.

Secretary Haaland toured the Tuolumne Meadows Campground, the park's largest campground that has historically supported up to 2,000 visitors a day, which was originally constructed in the 1930s. Through GAOA LRF funding, the park is replacing the water system and damaged campsite furnishings and sections of the sewer line, constructing better protection for the Tuolumne River, and upgrading restrooms for improved accessibility and sustainability. At the Ahwahnee Hotel, the park is working to correct critical safety hazards in the hotel's kitchen and install more efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in the dining room and kitchen to improve the visitor experience.

Since 2021, GAOA projects have supported an average of 17,000 jobs and generated an average of \$1.8 billion for local economies annually. For fiscal year 2024, Interior proposed 56 projects that are expected to support more than 17,500 jobs and generate over \$1.9 billion for the economy.

Secretary Haaland's visit comes after National Park Service Director Chuck Sams highlighted the positive impact of the GAOA on the National Park System during a visit to Grand Teton National Park. While in the park, he toured the Moose-Wilson Road project, a major infrastructure investment that is improving driving, parking, hiking, and accessibility for visitors while preserving the narrow, winding road's rustic character, scenery, and wildlife viewing opportunities. Through GAOA funding the NPS has paved the previously rough section of road, completely overhauled a popular trailhead and parking area, and formalized pull outs and road edging.

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<https://apnews.com/article/brazil-amazon-wari-indigenous-nature-rights-deforestation-68af65663fb7bd1b9d2051ce10c17a46>  
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The New York Times

[Native America Calling](#)

A handful of tribes are venturing into the realm of family fun in the form of water parks, amusement parks, or theme parks. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians just opened a \$70 million expansion to its giant #Alabama Gulf Coast water park that also offers restaurants and live entertainment venues. The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians has a \$75 million deal for a #Tennessee theme park that will also feature an interactive look at Cherokee military heroism. As the days of summer vacations begin to wane, we'll take a look at the draw — and business — of tribal family destinations.

GUESTS

Major Robinson (Northern Cheyenne), owner and principal at Redstone Project Development
Kristin Hellmich, director of external communications for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians
Dennis Bunner (Muskogee Creek), parks and recreations director for the 4 Bears Casino & Lodge

<https://www.nativeamericacalling.com/friday-august-4.../>



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Location: UCLA Campus

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Iconic Navajo rug weaver celebrated by family, friends



Courtesy Helen Charley

By [Jalen Woody](#) | Aug 3, 2023 | [News](#) |

WINDOW ROCK

A weaving icon in the small community of Chilchinbeto, Arizona, has died. Helen Charley was renowned for her kind spirit, weaving know-how, and passion.

On June 30, Helen Charley, a longtime weaver, was recognized across the Navajo Nation for her work on the “Big Sister” and “Little Sister” rugs, regarded as the world’s largest Navajo rugs. She was Tábaqáhá, born for Tó’aheadlíinii. Her cheii was Deeshchii’nii, and her náli was Honágháahnii.

After she passed away, a statement recognizing her contribution to the community of Chilchinbeto was released by the 25th Navajo Nation Council via press release. Charley was a groundbreaker in the world of Navajo weaving after she, with the help of then Chilchinbeto Council Delegate Charlie C. Billy, created two rugs that would become a staple in Navajo life.

“I used to sleep by her, she told me that she made the large rug, and she said that someone by the name of Charlie C. Billy appointed her the position, and that’s how she got started,” said Charley’s granddaughter Rayvelene Charley. “It was nice to know. It was something she was very known for. She was caring. She had a very big heart. She loved helping her relatives and other people. She never spoke any English.”

Read the full story in the Aug. 3 edition of the Navajo Times.