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This incredible textile sculpture is the largest woven sculpture ever produced in Australia! It was made by the Burarra women of Maningrida in Central-West Arnhem Land. The piece was commissioned back in 2021, and it is made of gun-menama (pandanus leaves), burdaga (kurrajong) and various bark fibres.

"Mun-dirra is an immense, 100-metre-long, multi-panel woven artwork that symbolises the extraordinary possibilities of the human mind and spirit. The beauty and ambition of this major installation, having taken almost two years to produce, reflects the creativity and collaboration that underpins Burarra art and culture. It is simultaneously a contemporary artwork and a form of cultural continuity representing a relationship to land and water that defines Burarra life. For Burarra women, weaving is not just a means of creating functional objects, it is also a way for individuals to express their identity and cultural heritage."

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<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/premium/article/manhattan-dutch-lenape-new-amsterdam-york>

**[Was Manhattan really sold to the Dutch for just \\$24? - National Geographic](#)**

Modern historians point out that 60 guilders were worth much more than a modern \$24 at the time—they were the equivalent of about 1,000 contemporary dollars. And if money did change hands, it ...

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<https://www.history.com/news/the-dutch-surrender-new-netherland-350-years-ago>

[The Dutch Surrender New Netherland | HISTORY](#)

In 1673, during the Third Anglo-Dutch War, the Dutch re-conquered Manhattan with an invasion force of some 600 men. But they gave it up the following year as part of a peace treaty in which they ...

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**[Lawrence Hall of Science](#)**



Dive into our Field Ecology Teen Summer Program and step into the shoes of an ecologist!

This program takes place at U.C Santa Cruz from July 21 to July 26.

Designed for students entering 10-12, this immersive experience lets you discover how scientists tackle climate change and wildfires while protecting ecosystems. Gain hands-on skills with field research methods, explore biodiversity, and design your own investigation. Plus, enjoy hikes and social activities to make new friends.

Learn more about **Field Ecology summer program** and reserve your spot today!



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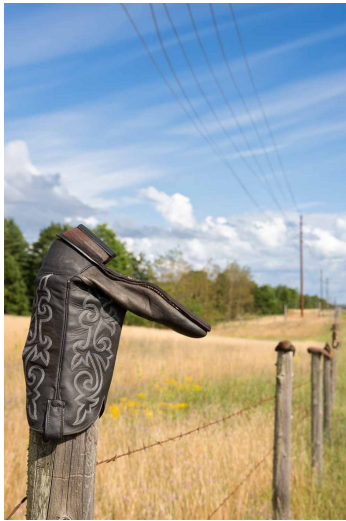
Explore more teen summer programs at The Lawrence: <https://bit.ly/3SXYvCV> Home

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[First, they talked trash; then they joined hands](#)

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[Native woman Nicky Buck, Dakota, led the way on cleanup](#)

‘Why You Should Never Touch A Cowboy Boot On A Fence And What It Means!



In the vast expanse of rural landscapes or even amidst the bustling cityscape, there exists a peculiar phenomenon that catches the eye of those observant enough to notice: a single cowboy boot, perched precariously upon a fence post.

It's a sight that invokes curiosity, prompting questions about its origin, significance, and the stories it holds within its weathered leather. But what compels individuals to leave behind these solitary boots, and why do they carry such an air of mystery and reverence?

The Enigma of the Lone Boot: A Curious Sight

Have you ever been driving down a dusty road or hiking along a trail and suddenly come across a solitary cowboy boot perched atop a fence post?

It's a peculiar sight, one that often leaves passersby scratching their heads in confusion or snapping a quick photo for social media. But what's the story behind these lone boots, and why should you resist the urge to touch them?

The Temptation to Touch: Understanding Human Curiosity

Human beings are naturally curious creatures. When faced with something out of the ordinary, our instinct is to investigate, to touch, to try to unravel the mystery. And when it comes to a single cowboy boot resting on a fence, the temptation is all too real.

But as the saying goes, curiosity killed the cat – and in this case, it might just lead to some unforeseen consequences.

Unraveling the Folklore: Tales Behind the Cowboy Boot on the Fence

There are countless stories and legends surrounding the phenomenon of cowboy boots on fences. Some say they mark the graves of fallen cowboys, while others believe they're left as a tribute to lost loved ones.

Still, others claim they're a sign of good luck or protection against evil spirits. Whatever the origin, one thing is certain: these boots hold a special significance to those who leave them behind.

Superstitions and Beliefs: Cultural Interpretations Across the Globe

The tradition of placing boots on fences isn't limited to any one culture or region. In fact, similar practices can be found all around the world, each with its own unique beliefs and superstitions.

From Ireland to Australia, from Japan to Mexico, people have been leaving shoes and boots in unexpected places for centuries, often as a way to ward off misfortune or bring good fortune to themselves and their families.

Nature's Gallery: The Artistry of Forgotten Footwear

There's a certain beauty in the unexpected, in the way a single object can transform an ordinary landscape into something extraordinary. And when that object happens to be a weathered cowboy boot, it takes on a whole new level of significance.

These forgotten pieces of footwear become works of art, symbols of resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity.

The Message in the Boot: Symbolism and Significance

Every boot left on a fence tells a story, if you know how to read it. From the scuff marks and worn leather to the way it's positioned atop the post, each detail offers clues to its past and the person who left it behind.

Some boots are placed with care, while others seem to have been tossed aside in a moment of frustration or despair. But no matter the circumstances, each one carries with it a message of hope, remembrance, or defiance.

Respect for Traditions: Honoring the Stories Behind the

In a world that's constantly changing, it's important to hold onto traditions and rituals that connect us to our past and remind us of who we are. And while the meaning behind cowboy boots on fences may vary from one person to the next, the act of leaving them behind is a tradition worth preserving.

By respecting the stories behind these boots and the people who left them, we honor their memory and keep their legacy alive.

Conservation and Preservation: Protecting Relics of the Past

As more and more people discover the mystery of cowboy boots on fences, there's a growing concern that this tradition could be lost to time. Weather, vandals, and well-meaning collectors all pose a threat to these relics of the past, which is why it's important to take steps to protect them.

Whether that means educating others about their significance or working to preserve them for future generations, we all have a role to play in ensuring that these boots continue to tell their tales for years to come.

Embracing Mystery: Leaving Boots to Tell Their Tales

In the end, perhaps the true beauty of cowboy boots on fences lies in the mystery that surrounds them. We may never fully understand why they're there or what they represent, and that's okay.

Sometimes, it's enough to simply marvel at the wonder of the unknown and appreciate the stories that these boots have to tell.

So the next time you come across a lone cowboy boot on a fence, resist the urge to touch it – and instead, let it remind you of the magic that still exists in the world around us.

I heard someone say, "Kids are just different these days". I disagree. Kids are the same. What's changed is a society with lowered expectations, lack of discipline, and acceptance of disrespect. Give kids boundaries, expectations, rules, limits, rewards, and consequences. They will rise to the challenge and exceed your expectations every time.

artworkarchive.com

[Guide to the Best Artist Opportunities in 2024](#)

[The most anticipated artist opportunity guide of the year is here! Artwork Archive's curated list of the best art opportunities, grants, and calls-for-entry for 2024 has just been released. Our team rounded up more than 100 upcoming opportunities for artists of all mediums, backgrounds, and geographic locations. You can find the free guide here—we hope you find a good fit! Plus, stay tuned for updates all year! Bookmark the page, check in regularly, and reach out to us if you know of any must-list opportunities!](#)

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<https://www.mercurynews.com/2024/03/06/these-us-cities-will-pay-you-up-to-15000-to-move-there/>



**Don't Go Into the Library**  
**Alberto Rios**

The library is dangerous—  
Don't go in. If you do

You know what will happen.  
It's like a pet store or a bakery—

Every single time you'll come out of there  
Holding something in your arms.

Those novels with their big eyes.  
And those no-nonsense, all muscle

Greyhounds and Dobermans,  
All non-fiction and business,

Cuddly when they're young,  
But then the first page is turned.

The doughnut scent of it all, knowledge,  
The aroma of coffee being made

In all those books, something for everyone,  
The deli offerings of civilization itself.

The library is the book of books,  
Its concrete and wood and glass covers

Keeping within them the very big,  
Very long story of everything.

The library is dangerous, full  
Of answers. If you go inside,

You may not come out  
The same person who went in.

**Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Tomorrow, SilverSummit Healthplan  
partner on new data storytelling initiative**

Truckee Meadows Tomorrow (TMT), with funding from Washoe County and [SilverSummit Healthplan](#), have formed a public-private-social partnership to engage with the community in a more meaningful way by providing data visualizations, informatics, infographics, and narrative impact storytelling using TMT's community data.

The **rubber band** was patented in England on March 17, 1845.

**What do you get when you cross rodeo with skiing? The wild and wacky skijoring**

[https://apnews.com/article/skijoring-leadville-ski-culture-roudeo-6e1b99406e52f310e1711d8ec45e653d?utm\\_source=pocket-newtab-en-us](https://apnews.com/article/skijoring-leadville-ski-culture-roudeo-6e1b99406e52f310e1711d8ec45e653d?utm_source=pocket-newtab-en-us)

In partnership with *High Country News (HCN)*, we invite you to join an online conversation with former HCN editor Rebecca Clarren and Native American Rights Fund attorney Brett Lee Shelton (Oglala Lakota) about Rebecca's new book, [\*The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota and an American Inheritance\*](#). The book investigates the entangled histories of Clarren's Jewish homesteading ancestors and their Lakota neighbors on the South Dakota prairie. It then goes farther, asking what can be done to repair past harm. Called "a monumental piece of work," by The Boston Globe, the book was voted a Best Book of 2023 by Kirkus Reviews and others.

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Best of Hartford - Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center



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[Best of Hartford - Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center](#)
[VOTE FOR US!! Exciting news! The Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center has been nominated in three categories for the "Best of Hartford 2024 Readers' Poll"! Your vote can make a huge difference in helping us showcase the museum's significance in preserving the rich history of the Mash...](#)

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**Late notice/reminders from HUD:**

**March 13: ReConnect Round 5 Webinar for Tribal Applicants**

Presented by USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service, this webinar will provide an overview of the ReConnect Program, highlight resources, and key considerations for tribal applicants, and allow ample time for questions and answers. This webinar will include:

- A brief overview of the ReConnect Program
- A brief overview of the round 5 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
- Key considerations for Tribal applicants
- Extended question and answer period

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM EST

[Register Here](#)

**Contact:** Please submit all other ReConnect questions using the [Contact Us](#) on the ReConnect website.

**Thursday, March 14: Dept. of Energy webinar to learn about the new \$25 million funding opportunity for clean energy technology deployment on Tribal lands.**

The Office of Indian Energy will host an [informational webinar](#) for interested applicants with more information on the Funding Opportunity Announcement, [Clean Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2024 \(DE-FOA-0003298\)](#), and how to apply. **Applications are due May 30, 2024, at 5 p.m. ET.**

## Preservation and Reinvestment Initiative for Community Enhancement (PRICE) NOFO Published

HUD has issued a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) which appropriates **\$225 million** in grant funding for the PRESERVATION AND REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (PRICE) competition. PRICE supports communities in their efforts to maintain, protect, and stabilize manufactured housing and manufactured housing communities (MHCs) preservation and revitalization of manufactured housing and eligible manufactured housing communities. **Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are eligible to apply, and at least \$10 million of the available funding is intended for Tribal communities.**

To learn more, sign up for these upcoming [PRICE NOFO](#) webinars. Click here to [REGISTER](#) for any of the sessions listed below.

\*\* Please bring your questions to the **Tribal Applicant webinar on March 20, 2024.**

- [FY 23 PRICE Tribal Quick Summary](#)
- [FY 23 PRICE NOFO FAQ](#)

| Webinar Title                                                                      | Date and Time  |                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| CDBG 101 and PRICE NOFO Appendices and Regulations Webinar                         | March 13, 2024 | <a href="#">Click here to register for this webinar</a> |
| <b>PRICE NOFO and Tribal Applicants</b>                                            | March 20, 2024 | <a href="#">Click here to register for this webinar</a> |
| PRICE Application Must-haves and FAQs                                              | March 27, 2024 | <a href="#">Click here to register for this webinar</a> |
| PRICE NOFO Civil Rights, Fair Housing, and the Uniform Relocation Act Requirements | April 3, 2024  | <a href="#">Click here to register for this webinar</a> |
| PRICE NOFO Resilience, Climate, and Disaster Recovery Considerations               | April 10, 2024 | <a href="#">Click here to register for this webinar</a> |
| PRICE NOFO Eligibility, Public Participation, and Partnerships Considerations      | April 17, 2024 | <a href="#">Click here to register for this webinar</a> |
| PRICE NOFO Office Hours and FAQs                                                   | April 24, 2024 | <a href="#">Click here to register for this webinar</a> |

\*\*In preparation for PRICE check out these previously recorded HUD webinars on manufacture housing.

- [Introduction to Manufactured Housing](#)
- [Overview of the Updated CPD Notice on CDBG Housing Activities](#)
- [Using Federal Funding Sources to Develop Manufactured Housing](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions About Manufactured Housing](#)



- [Manufactured Housing and Tribal Communities](#)

**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS – HUD’s Office of Native American Programs**

**Vacancy Announcement- [Lead Grants Evaluation Specialist, GS-14](#)**

**Application Deadline: March 14, 2024**

**Salary:** \$122,198 - \$181,216 per year GS 14

**Locations:** 1 vacancy in the following locations:

Anchorage, AK /Denver, CO/Washington, DC/Chicago, IL/Oklahoma City, OK/Seattle, WA

**Job Duties:** As a **Lead Grants Evaluation Specialist**, you will:

- Serve as principal advisor to the OGE Director in developing national grants evaluation policies, standards, procedures and guidelines to be used by Program and Area Offices (AO), Indian tribes, tribally-designated housing entities (TDHE), participating Indian tribes, and others involved in the implementation of all applicable programs. Make decisions and recommendations with minimal consultation from the OGE Director.
- Provide technical guidance in the interpretation and implementation of grants evaluation policies and procedures of applicable programs to Native American tribes, TDHEs, and Program and Area Office Grant Evaluation personnel.
- Conduct analytical studies of complex issues related to Native American housing in order to evaluate the effectiveness of current national policies and procedures in meeting ONAP objectives. Analyze problems and make recommendations for more effective monitoring of Native American housing and community development grant programs.

[Apply Now](#)



"Ni'ach'can'um (aka Frank James Allen) and his wife, Ash'ka'blu (aka Lucy Thompson, aka Mrs. Lucy Allen), wearing traditional dance clothes made of woven Mountain Goat wool, on the Skokomish Reservation in Mason County, Washington - Skokomish - 1930

"{Note: Ni'ach'can'um (aka Frank James Allen) was born in 1858, and when he was 12, he was initiated as member of the Skokomish Twana Secret Society known as the Sxa.'dab, or "Growling of an Animal."

Frank James Allen died in 1945. Mrs. Lucy (Thompson) Allen was born in 1854, and died in 1936.} "Her headdress somewhat resembles the Natoas headdress of select women elders among the Blackfeet / Siksika, also with long white animal fiber streamers, though theirs is taller.

### Scholarships with April 15 -19 Deadlines

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| <a href="#">Rear Admiral John D. Hayes Pre-Doctoral Fellowship</a>                           | \$10,000 | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Rise Up Scholarship</a>                                                          | \$4,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Samuel Eliot Morison Scholarship</a>                                             | \$5,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Scott and Kim Verplank Foundation Scholarships</a>                               | \$10,000 | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Second Chance of Florida Foundation Scholarship</a>                              | \$1,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">SPIRE Scholarship Program</a>                                                    | \$2,500  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Susan W. Freestone Education Award</a>                                           | \$1,000  | April 15, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">Tennessee Minority Teaching Fellows Program</a>                                  | \$5,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Tennessee Teaching Scholars Program</a>                                          | Varies   | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The Fulgham/Fulghum National Foundation Scholarship</a>                          | \$2,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The Maureen D. Keller Undergraduate Scholarship</a>                              | \$1,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The National Academy of Television Arts &amp; Sciences National Scholarships</a> | \$20,000 | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Thomas F. Garrett Negro League Scholarships</a>                                  | \$1,000  | April 15, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">U of I New Student Scholarship</a>                                               | \$4,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize</a>                                            | \$15,000 | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">University of Illinois FarmHouse Fraternity New Student Scholarship</a>          | \$4,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">University of Michigan Alvin M. and Arvella D. Bentley Scholarship</a>           | \$60,000 | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">University of Michigan Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps Scholarship</a>             | Varies   | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Utility Arborist Nelsen Money Scholarship</a>                                    | \$2,500  | April 15, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">Vice Admiral Edwin B. Hooper Post-Doctoral Research Grant</a>                    | \$2,500  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Virginia Department of Health Nursing Scholarships</a>                           | Varies   | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Washington CPA Foundation Associate Accounting Scholarships</a>                  | \$2,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Wayfinder Society Student Mini-Grant</a>                                         | \$2,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program</a>                                 | \$2,700  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">WGA Mary Macey Scholarship</a>                                                   | \$1,500  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">WIU Chad Stovall Memorial Scholarship</a>                                        | Varies   | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">WMCCAI Scholarship Program</a>                                                   | \$1,000  | April 15, 2024 |

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| <a href="#">Womanspace High School Senior Fine Arts Scholarship</a>                         | \$1,000  | April 15, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Worthington Scholarship</a>                                                     | \$20,000 | April 15, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">NCJW Colorado Section Scholarships</a>                                          | \$2,000  | April 16, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Sacramento Press Club Journalism Scholarships</a>                               | \$8,000  | April 16, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">BJC Scholars Fund</a>                                                           | \$60,000 | April 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">CFJS Scholarships</a>                                                           | \$2,500  | April 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Ohio EPA Scholarship</a>                                                        | \$5,000  | April 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The Eric Pardall Memorial Scholrahip</a>                                        | \$10,000 | April 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The Mckenzie Family Scholarship</a>                                             | \$20,000 | April 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">The Tang Scholarship</a>                                                        | \$15,000 | April 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Vietnamese Physician Association of Northern California (VPANC) Scholarship</a> | \$2,000  | April 17, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Vince Dooley Scholarship</a>                                                    | \$12,000 | April 17, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">Count Basie Center's Arts Impact Scholarships and Awards</a>                    | \$2,500  | April 18, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Paul S. Honda Scholarships</a>                                                  | \$1,000  | April 18, 2024 |
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| <a href="#">ASCAP Foundation Leiber and Stoller Scholarship for Songwriting</a>             | \$40,000 | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">CLIC Scholarship</a>                                                            | \$1,000  | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Corris Boyd Scholars Program</a>                                                | \$40,000 | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">IBTTA Foundation Scholarship Program</a>                                        | \$5,000  | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Justin Troy Page Memorial Foundation</a>                                        | \$1,500  | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Marina Landscape Scholarship</a>                                                | Varies   | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">OnenessRun</a>                                                                  | \$1,000  | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Tampa Bay OWIT Scholarships</a>                                                 | \$1,500  | April 19, 2024 |
| <a href="#">Vermont Retail &amp; Grocers Association Scholarship</a>                        | \$1,500  | April 19, 2024 |

*As I have said before, I hope you take the time to read each of these scholarships, even if you are “ineligible”. They may not fit your situation, but you may know someone that it could help. Share far and wide. There are scholarships for those suffering with cancer, diabetes, blindness, autism and other medical challenges. There are scholarships for so many different areas of study from aviation to zoology.....interesting to watch new areas of the society being supported.*

*And for some readers, there are many ideas/examples of scholarships you might start! sdc*