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#### **Anne Louise Willie**

<u>Taylee Case, our newly crowned 2024-25 White Mountain Apache Baby Girl of the Year!!</u> We start them young...sooo cute!!

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In the last 100 issues many readers have changed their servers and/or eaddresses so it is very important that if you recieved this issue, you "reply" even with a BOO if no comments.

This is when I also ask for your feedback. Is this Journal worth your time? What sort of articles do you like best? Any particular issue to watch? Is information repetative of what you recieve from other publications? Like the pictures?

It is also important to me that the Journal is valuable to you, either professionally, academically or simply as good entertainment.

Should you have colleagues, family or friends whom you think would appreciate receiving the Journal, do not hesitate to forward their email.

On the subject of appreciation, thank you to those that forward information to share. A special shout out to MM and EN who often save my life when I have white space at the end of the day. And eternal gratitude to Ernie Salgado whose American Indian Reporter has created a searchable archive of the Journal. (shaynedel.com) Enjoy, sdc

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Academic Year: The University of Nevada, Reno welcomes students to the 2024-25 academic year with a focus on its sesquicentennial celebrations. Events include a 150th anniversary video, a table book release, and a mural honoring the Great Basin Tribes. (unr.edu)

**Free iPad:** Every full-time first year or transfer student will receive an Apple iPad Air, Apple Pencil and Logitech Combo Keyboard Case through the Digital Wolf Pack Initiative.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) will release the national 2023-33 Employment Projections on August 29, 2024, at 10am eastern time. The release can be found here <a href="https://www.bls.gov/emp/">https://www.bls.gov/emp/</a>. This release will provide the job outlook of 832 occupations, and new this year, BLS is providing information about which skills are most relevant for those occupations.

Information on the new skills data can be found here <a href="https://www.bls.gov/emp/data/skills-data.htm">https://www.bls.gov/emp/data/skills-data.htm</a>. The skills information may be especially useful to jobseekers, students, researchers, and workforce professional assisting people with career and training decisions.

BLS defines a skill as a general human capacity that is developed (learned over time through education, training, and/or experience), general (applicable across many occupations), applied (involving action beyond cognitive knowledge of a subject), and work related (limited to performance in employment).

BLS leveraged the Occupational Information Network (<a href="https://www.onetonline.org/">https://www.onetonline.org/</a>), sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration, to create the new BLS skills data

#### **Native visibility**

MN state fairIndigenous Food Lab ushers in a new era of Native visibility at

**Minnesota State Fair** Chef Sean Sherman's Indigenous Food Lab offers Native food that's made to order — and served by Indigenous makers — at the Minnesota State Fair.

<a href="https://www.startribune.com/a-new-era-of-native-visibility-at-the-minnesota-state-fair/601133748">https://www.startribune.com/a-new-era-of-native-visibility-at-the-minnesota-state-fair/601133748</a>

### Tanka Fund interns conclude summer with significant contributions to Buffalo conservation and Climate Smart initiatives

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Our 2024 interns are wrapping up the last few days of their 12-week internships as range technicians in our Climate Smart program and we want to share some of the fantastic work they contributed to Tanka Fund this summer.

Interns Nicole Cournoyer, Skylar Pogue and Sky Seeing Leading Fox have been working closely with our range ecologists, Zintkala Eiring and Janét Moore, in the Climate Smart program.

During their 12 weeks, the team:

- Visited a research-intensive Buffalo ranch in Hermosa, SD, to observe some of the latest monitoring methods and technologies.
- Spent time at two Buffalo ranches owned by Tanka Fund rancher partners on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations.
- Participated in a range monitoring exercise in the Black Hills.
- Researched state-by-state NRCS Conservation Practice Standards (CPS), helping to determine program eligibility and verify compliance.

- Wrote research papers on a related topic of their choosing and presented their findings to the entire Tanka Fund staff as part of an independent project. SEE PRESENTATION VIDEO AND LINK TO RESEARCH PAPERS IN BIOS BELOW
  - Nicole Cournoyer's research topic: "HARMONY IN THE GRASSLANDS:
     BISON AND PRODUCERS CREATING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE"
  - O Skylar Pogue's research topic: "RAISING GRASSES NOT BISON"
    - Sky Seeing Leading Fox research topic: "RESTORING BUFFALO AND RESTORING COMMUNITIES"





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<u>Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe receives \$17M for Truckee River flood mitigation projects - NewsBreak</u>

The tribe will tackle major areas of concern along a 20-mile stretch of river between Wadsworth and where it feeds into Pyramid Lake. Donna Marie Noel,...

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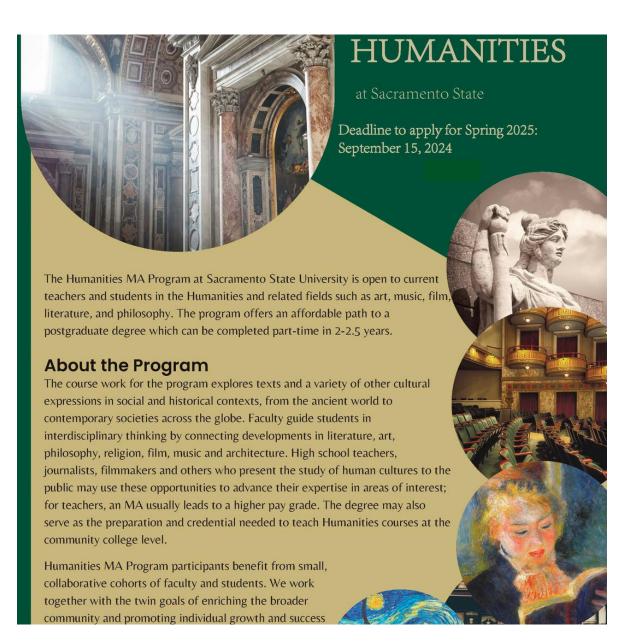


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**CherylnRoy Hicks** 

burningman.org

In Paiute Country: The Numa of Pyramid Lake

Meet the people who make Burning Man happen, beyond the desert and out in the world. Artists, activists, and innovators. Builders and Burners, freaks and fools. Burning Man floats on a sea of stories, and the Burning Man LIVE podcast is a plucky little boat with a microphone.

#### **History Bits**

- **1620 Sept 6** Pilgrims oppressed in their practice of their religion set sail for America where they could be free to oppress other in their practice of their religion.
- **1828** Sept 8 General Geoerge Crook was born he enters West Point in June, 1848.
- **1833 Sept 2** Birthday of Lydia Kamekeha, last sovereign of Hawaii.
- **1853 Sept 7** The Nevada State Journal, over a story about Stewart, ran this headline: "People Who Say Those Things About Stewart Indian School Should Be in Mental Asylums".
- **1877 Sept 7** Crazy Horse assassinated by federal agents.
- **1882 Sept 4** Charles D. Gibbs read a paper at the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco on the pre-history Carson City footprints.
- **1910** Sept 2 The earth opened and swallowed the Virginia City post office.
- 1913 Sept 4 Anaho Island National Wildlife Refuge in Pyramid Lake was established.
- **1949 Sept 3** Tribal Leaders from four states ended a meeting in Elko at which they decided not yet to participate in a federal program that removed reservations from federal control.
- 2000 Sept 8 BIA apology: Tell your childrent that the time of shame and fear is over. Tell your young men and women to replace their anger with hope and love for their people.
  Together, we must wipe the tears of seven generations."
- **2007 Sept 5** Fallon Tribe Development Commission opens Quiznos Sub at Fox Peak Station.

**EcoJustice Radio Show** - <u>Popol Vuh: The Maya Creation Myth Unveiled</u>: In this episode, we delve into the rich mythology of the K'iche' Maya Kingdom of Highland Guatemala through the Popol Vuh, an ancient text that narrates the creation myth and the epic tales of two hero twins, Hunahpu (Blow-gun Hunter) and Xbalanque (Young Hidden/Jaguar-Sun). Join us as we explore the dawn of life, the trials of the hero twins, and the profound cosmological insights embedded in this sacred book. Discover how these ancient stories continue to resonate in modern-day Guatemala and the enduring legacy of the Popol Vuh. <u>LISTEN - CLICK HERE</u>

In 1954, British archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler wrote that "archaeology is a science that must be lived, must be 'seasoned' with humanity. Dead archaeology is the driest dust that blows."

## The White Snake of Knowledge: A Lithium Boom at the Salton Sea - High & Dry on PBS SoCal



# Read Jack Eidt's latest piece with photos by Osceola Refetoff on lithium mining in the Salton Sea on PBS SoCal:

When I first experienced Obsidian Butte on the Salton Sea, a place of domed black shiny rock that had erupted into fractured sharp-edged piles by ancient volcanic activity, I could only surmise this was a place of powerful creative forces.

Well, I had my answer when I heard Preston Arrow-weed convey the Kamia creation myth on an environmental justice webinar. The igneous rock formation on this salty, drying desert lake in southeastern California's Imperial Valley, is part of five lava domes formed by a field of venting fumaroles and hot geothermal springs originating from deep in the Earth.

So maybe it makes sense that multiple corporate entities have targeted this area as their creative solution to our clean renewable energy transition away from fossil fuels through geothermal electricity and what some have called "the lithium revolution." This "white gold" rush for lithium is in high demand for rechargeable batteries for electric vehicles (EVs), and wind and solar off-peak power storage for your home, your neighborhood, your region.

The extractive frenzy has caused mining booms already in the Puna de Atacama or Atacama Plateau region of Argentina, Chile, and Bolivia; Australia as well. China now produces about 75% of the world's lithium-ion batteries. The push here in the U.S. is to develop more sustainable sources for lithium domestically. **READ MORE...** 

#### A New Milestone For Tribes: A Bill For Bahsahwahbee



Delaine & Rick Spilsbury at Bahsahwahbee in 2023. Image courtesy of GBWNetwork
Spring Valley, NV — Delaine and Rick Spilsbury have no vendettas — just a desire for recognition and reconciliation at Bahsahwahbee, a sacred gathering area and massacre site that's hallowed ground for Western Shoshone and Goshute people.

As they have for decades, the Spilsburys are working alongside their fellow leaders and elders from three Tribal Nations to have the federal government recognize and immortalize Bahsahwahbee with a National Monument designation managed by the National Park Service.

The details of how the government manages the solemn ground is vital for native people. Last week, Nevada Senator Catherine Cortez Masto introduced legislation to help the tribes achieve their goal. While the language is not perfect, it is an important milestone and significant step forward.

Senator Cortez Masto's <u>bill</u> serves as a "marker" — or a means of checking a box in the Congress — for the Biden-Harris Administration to enact the monument via a proclamation pursuant to the Antiquities Act of 1906. Early in the tenure of the Biden-Harris Administration, officials put out calls for tribal-led proposals for monument designations. The unwritten rules of that process require a bill introduction for meaningful consideration by the White House for a National Monument.

New land management designations in the United States are not easy to achieve. And for tribal nations, that quest is even more difficult when dealing with government and private interests. But with Deb Haaland, the first-ever indigenous person leading the Department of Interior, the tribes believe that now is the best chance to enact a monument with a proclamation signed by the President rather than waiting for an unproductive congress.

Now the tribes will work with the White House and others on the particulars of the <u>25,000-acre</u> monument proposal. While the tribes are so close, there are interests opposed to the tribes' proposal. Those forces object to the National Park Service managing acreage now under the Bureau of Land Management's purview.

Nevertheless, the tribes persist in the 160-year effort to have the federal government show them the respect they deserve at Bahsahwahbee.



Delaine Spilsbury at Bahsahwahbee in 2023. Image courtesy of Great Basin Water Network Bahsahwahbee is a site like Arlington National Cemetery, Ground Zero in Manhattan, and the Vatican or Mecca all in one place.

There's really no comparison for non-native people in this country.

Just as it was for Delaine and Rick, the grandparents and parents of native people in the region passed down stories about the horrific murders and other history that took place at Bahsahwahbee during and prior to Western expansion. They connected with the spirits of their

ancestors in the "Swamp Cedars" growing on the valley floor. They learned that their people had a proud heritage before settlers arrived.

The concerted effort by the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Duckwater Shoshone and Ely Shoshone highlights the essential need to memorialize their indigenous Newe ancestors and educate the public about the history of colonization.

Relative to other monuments recently designated in honor of Indigenous history, the tribes are asking for a relatively small amount of land to commemorate. It is a half of one percent of the size compared to the 506,814 acres at Avi Kwa Ame and an even smaller fraction compared to the 1.3 million acres for Bears Ears.

For years, the tribes have prioritized limiting conflict with local officials and rights holders. Future management will be subject to all valid and existing rights for grazing, mining, and energy. This is all possible with the Park Service managing the monument.

The language in the Cortez Masto bill is agnostic on the matter, giving the Secretary of the Interior the ability to make the decision about agency management. Considering that the monument will likely go the route of the proclamation, the White House will decide if it wants to meet the tribes' request for the Park Service.

The germination of this proposal started many years ago, when tribal leaders began publicly telling their stories of massacre, erasure, and land-theft in Spring Valley. At the time, the BLM and Southern Nevada Water Authority pushed the Vegas pipeline proposal that would have annihilated Bahsahwahbee. After years of litigation, that effort did not come to fruition, providing the current opportunity to finally venerate and celebrate the resilience of the people who've been in the Great Basin for millennia.



Rick Spilsbury at Bahsahwahbee in 2023. Image courtesy of Great Basin Water Network Americans support designating sacred spaces.

A poll from last year highlighted that three-quarters of likely Nevada voters support the monument proposal from the tribes. Numerous other surveys nationwide show that the American people support federal efforts to uplift the cultural and spiritual landscapes of underrepresented communities.

Delaine, who turns 87 in September, is waiting for this monument, which would be one way of reconciling the past wrongs. The federal government led two of the massacres at Bahsahwahbee in the latter half of the 19th century. Delaine's grandmother survived the third massacre that was commandeered by a band of vigilantes in 1897. She was one of two people who lived to tell the details.

Delaine, a long-serving GBWN board member, hopes that she can celebrate the commemoration with her son Rick and tribal leaders. But the forthcoming months matter.

"I don't know how much time I have left."

We never do, Delaine. But we do know that the time is now for Bahsahwahbee.

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**Mi'kmaw canoe builders share traditional knowledge for fending off sharks.** Great white sharks live off Canada's East Coast, and some filmmakers went on a mission to find them. Read more about them here (<a href="lnk.bio/cbcdocs">lnk.bio/cbcdocs</a>) and watch Jawsome: Canada's Great White Sharks free on <a href="CBC Gem">CBC Gem</a>

There has been a lot of coverage of the Klamath, but this video is different. There is also one on FB I could not attach.

A monumental moment is taking place at world's largest dam removals project. After more than 100 years Fish can now swim up the Klamath River. Construction crews broke through the Fourth and final dam this morning opening up more than 400 miles of native fish habitat. This was a big win for Native American tribes who spent the past 20 years getting federal and state approval to remove four obsolete hydroelectric dams that were in Oregon. Restoration crews will spend the next several years planting native plants in the areas where the reservoirs once were. To learn more about this historic project, watch part one and part two of ABC10's investigation on the Klamath Dam removals.

https://youtu.be/VOh705rE\_6w?si=bYuQbA31jD-rQYbQ

w/ deep regret I did not get this in a timely manner.... sdc

## In Loving Memory of Beatrice Allen



October 16th, 1928-August 22nd, 2024

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Interment to follow at Schurz Cemetery
Potluck to follow at WRPT Gym

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