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John Kinsel enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942 and became one of the elite Navajo Code Talkers during World War

Read in azcentral: <https://apple.news/AgvsGnpNHQK2kJMaPKHd73g>



Science Acumen

If you're old enough, you may recall that 20 years ago or more, you used to see many more dead insects on your car's windshield, while today you see almost none.

This is called the Windshield Phenomenon.

In the first years 2000s it became a commonplace observation among drivers that after a long drive, windshields no longer had to be cleaned of numerous insects.

It was basically born as a meme, but in 2016, naturalist John Acorn noted that the phenomenon had real and objective proofs.

Since 2017, major publications and media covered the topic of reductions in insect abundance over the last few decades and entomologists linked this with the fact they no longer had to frequently clean their windshields.

It turned out that a meme was aware of a proved trend.

A 20-year study measured the number of dead insects on car windshields on two stretches of road in Denmark from 1997 until 2017. Adjusted for variables such as time of day, date, temperature, and wind speed, the research actually found an 80% decline in insects.

Several factors are thought to contribute to the declining insect populations.

The expansion of human settlements, agriculture, and infrastructure has led to the destruction and fragmentation of natural habitats, essential for insect survival and reproduction.

The widespread use of pesticides in agriculture and urban areas has had a devastating impact on insect populations, directly killing insects and indirectly harming their food sources.

Rising global temperatures and extreme weather events are disrupting insect life cycles and altering their habitats, leading to population declines and even extinctions.

Artificial light at night can disrupt insect navigation and foraging patterns, reducing their reproductive success and overall survival.

The introduction of non-native insect species can disrupt ecological balances and compete with native insects for resources, further contributing to their decline.

One can still consider the trend and the effect as anecdotal, but the studies conducted created a connection between the global reduction of insects species and what people of a certain age can actually confirm as something more than a simple perception.

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[Jessica Wilkins](#) · ·

Oh, Yosemite's meteor shower night was amazing.



## VoLo Foundation

Are you working on a climate solution and **want to earn up to \$25,000 for your university or college?** The VISTA Award is VoLo's latest recognition, specific for students who display exemplary leadership, along with Vision, Innovation, Sustainability, Technology, and Action in climate solutions.

The winning project will receive a one-time grant from VoLo Foundation, paid to the affiliated university: US\$10,000 if submitted individually, and US\$25,000 if submitted by teams of ...



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## **Some of Europe's Oldest-Known Modern Humans Are Distantly Related to Native Americans**

Genome sequencing shows some individuals share family ties with surprising populations, and all boast plenty of Neanderthal relatives

<https://getpocket.com/explore/item/some-of-europe-s-oldest-known-modern-humans-are-distantly-related-to-native-americans>



## GrantStation

### Upcoming NTIA Webinars – BroadbandUSA Program

#### Grants 101 for Native Entities

This webinar is meant to give applicants who have little to no experience with federal grants administration an introduction to the grants lifecycle and important roles and responsibilities throughout the life cycle of the grant.

- [Grants 101 for Native Entities](#) Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 2:00pm ET

#### Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program for Native Entities Webinar Series

We have several upcoming webinars to help Native Entities submit high-quality applications for the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program: Native Entities. You can view and register for all these upcoming events on [BroadbandUSA's Upcoming Events webpage](#).

- [Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program for Native Entities Applicant Webinar: Standard Forms](#) Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 3:00pm ET
- [Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program for Native Entities Applicant Webinar: Registration, Entity Type](#) Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 4:00pm ET
- [Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program for Native Entities Applicant Webinar: Project Narrative](#) Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 2:00pm ET
- [Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program for Native Entities Applicant Webinar: Consolidated Budget Form](#) Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 2:00pm ET
- [Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program for Native Entities Applicant Webinar: Additional Funding & Other Certifications](#) Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 3:00pm ET

#### Digital Equity Webinar Series: Digital Equity Solutions for Tribal Nations

Tribal nations face unique challenges when seeking solutions to the digital equity gaps in their communities. This webinar will feature Tribal leaders discussing how they are using federal and other resources to create pathways to success for their residents.

[Digital Equity Webinar Series: Digital Equity Solutions for Tribal Nations](#) Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 2:00pm ET

- [Tribal Clean Energy Funding Opportunities](#)

#### [EPA Community Change Grants—Free Technical Assistance To Support Application Process](#)

*\$450 million for Tribes. Apply by Nov. 21.*

EPA Grant opportunity to transform underserved communities—including federally recognized Tribes, intertribal consortia, Alaska Native Villages and Corporations, and Native Hawaiian nonprofit organizations across the United States—into healthy, climate-resilient, thriving communities for their current and future residents. **Need help with your application?** You can request free technical assistance with the application process by filling out the intake form on the [Community Change Grants website](#)

#### National Opportunities

##### [\\$250 Million Available for Women's Health Initiatives Globally](#)

Action for Women's Health is a \$250 million global open call launched by Pivotal that will fund organizations around the world working to improve women's mental and physical health.

### **Grants Enhance Music and STEAM Programs**

The Les Paul Foundation inspires innovative and creative thinking by sharing the legacy of Les Paul through support of music education, recording, innovation, and medical research related to hearing.

### **Culture, Education, Health, and Social Services Funded**

The Hearst Foundations fund nonprofit organizations to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States have the opportunity to build healthy, productive, and satisfying lives.

### **Support Bolsters Recreational Youth Sports in Low-Income Communities**

The mission of All Kids Play is to increase quality youth sports participation in the United States by providing financial assistance to families and communities that lack sufficient resources and provide education on safe and healthy sports-related play.

### **Regional Opportunities**

#### **Funds Strengthen New England Arts Organizations of Color**

Cultural Sustainability, a one-time grantmaking and learning program funded by The Wallace Foundation and delivered regionally by the U.S. Regional Arts Organizations, provides operating support grants to arts organizations of color.

#### **Community Finance Organizations Supported in Bank Market Areas**

Through a new round of the Community Finance Innovation Fund, Citi Foundation is committing an additional \$25 million in support to nonprofit community finance organizations advancing financial inclusion and financial health in low-income communities across the United States.

#### **South Carolina Litter Prevention Efforts Funded**

PalmettoPride fights litter in South Carolina by addressing prevention through education, supporting enforcement, connecting community groups to resources, and mobilizing volunteers.

#### **Grants Benefit Rural Communities in the West**

AgWest Farm Credit's Rural Community Grants program provides support to nonprofit organizations for projects that improve rural communities within Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Program Supports Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water**

Through the Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Grant Program, the EPA promotes public health by investing in water infrastructure improvements to address lead exposure in drinking water in disadvantaged communities.

#### **Community-Strengthening Efforts Funded**

The 2025 AmeriCorps State and National Competitive Grants program supports organizations that engage AmeriCorps members in evidence-based or evidence-informed interventions to strengthen communities.

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Panera Bread Foundation

The Panera Bread Foundation seeks to create opportunities for children and youth to gain skills and build relationships through programs that inspire and strengthen communities. Support is available to organizations providing services within 25 miles of a Panera U.S. location in 48 states. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Jack in the Box Foundation

Through Jack's Community Grants Program, the Jack in the Box Foundation supports organizations located or serving a population within 50 miles of a Jack in the Box restaurant in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Washington. The program supports organizations that feed, educate, and empower youth. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

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The **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Nevada District Office** has officially launched the [call for nominations](#) for the 2025 National and District Small Business Week Awards, including the annual Small Business Person of the Year Award. If you know a small business with exceptional innovation, growth, community engagement or resilience, put them in the spotlight by submitting a nomination. Don't miss the opportunity to honor the entrepreneurial spirit that drives our economy forward.

The SBA Awards given in celebration of National and District Small Business Week will include the following:

### **Nevada District Office Awards Categories:**

- Minority Small Business of the Year
- Family-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Rural-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Microenterprise Business of the Year
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- Entrepreneurial Spirit of the Year
- Legacy Small Business of the Year

Visit the SBA's dedicated website at [www.sba.gov/nsbw](http://www.sba.gov/nsbw) to download forms, criteria, and guidelines for submitting a nomination. [Click here](#) for the Nevada District Office Nomination Guidelines and to learn about the District Office Awards.

Only **electronic submission will be accepted** to the [District's BOX account](#) no later than **4 p.m. ET on December 5, 2024**.



**Jicarilla Apache Nation Receives \$5 Million Grant for Rural Water Projects, as Part of Investing in America Agenda**

The Department of the Interior [announced a \\$43 million investment](#) for rural water projects that will provide clean, reliable drinking water to rural and Tribal communities. Investments through the Bureau of Reclamation will support six projects already under construction or in the planning phase in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico and South Dakota, and follows \$733 million previously announced for rural water projects from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The complete list of projects being funded through this announcement is found at [announced a \\$43 million investment](#), including:

**\$5 million for the Jicarilla-Apache Nation** to continue data collection and design work. This builds on \$22 million previously committed through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the design and construction of project components of the previous phase of the rural water system.

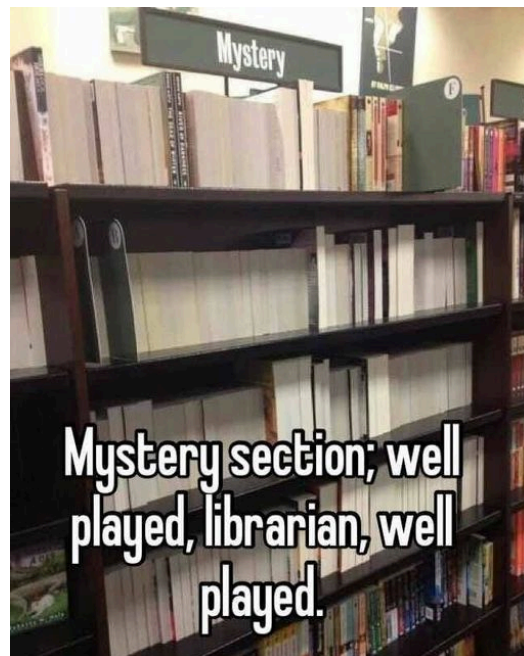
**HUD's Office of Native American Programs is pleased to announce the following Tribes have been selected to be a part of ConnectHomeUSA** More details are available at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/ConnectHomeUSA%20Sites.pdf>.

**Tier 1 (New to ConnectHome):**

- Nez Perce Tribe
- Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria

**Tier 2 (Continuing to be a part of ConnectHome):**

- Housing Authority of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



## ***From the editor's desk***

Last Saturday, Anthony Doerr, the Idaho-based, best-selling author, spoke fondly of libraries in his keynote talk during the Nevada Humanities Literature Crawl. His 2021 novel *Cloud Cuckoo Land* is, in part, a love letter to libraries. He asked the audience to imagine suggesting to Congress today that there should be a publicly funded institution that provides story hours, bridge clubs, *Dungeons & Dragons* clubs, research help, job-searching assistance, free internet access, a warm place to spend the day if you're unhoused, and a long list of other services—not to mention countless pieces of public property in the form of actual, physical books that anyone may take home.

It would be, to say the least, an extremely hard sell. Good thing we got around to establishing them a couple of centuries ago. (Benjamin Franklin launched the nation's first lending library in 1790, and the first fully tax-supported library opened in 1833.)

Libraries nationwide, including our own Washoe County Library System, have been under attack by right-wing extremists in recent years. As 2024 began, the RN&R reported that right-wing organizers had taken control of the board. Protestors were campaigning to remove books with LGBTQ+ and diversity-related themes. An unusually large crowd of 150—both protestors and supporters—showed up at the particularly tense December 2023 board meeting, where the board tried to fire library director Jeff Scott, despite the staff's widespread approval of his work.

In September, months after a librarian was injured in a protest against Drag Queen Story Hour, we reported that county officials (*not* library officials, to be clear) nixed future installments of that event.

I spoke with Scott by phone this morning, and he said he's seen signs that the protest movement is losing steam. The September board meeting, he said, lasted only 40 minutes, far less than the three or four hours that last winter's meetings were taking, due to lengthy public comment periods.

At last night's board meeting, attendance was around 25 or so—most of them staff—a far cry from the 150 that had turned out in December. A few longtime protestors were there last night, but Scott said that in recent months, “supporters have often outnumbered the library antagonists.”

The downward trend in library protests mirrors a national one. Scott recently spoke with Ashley Stewart from EveryLibrary, a national group that fights censorship and opposes anti-library legislation. Scott told her that while the Washoe County GOP's official stance is “no on WC1”—the ballot measure proposing that we continue to reserve a chunk of (already collected) tax revenue for the library—party members don't seem to be pushing that message very hard. Stewart said that she's seeing similar anti-library movements nationwide start to wither as well.

Scott said he's somewhat surprised—and cautiously optimistic.

Take care, Kris Vagner, managing editor

**Montgomery County, Texas has ordered public libraries to move a well-respected children's book on Native American history from "non-fiction" to "fiction" -- effectively labeling the brutal mistreatment of Indigenous peoples as make-believe.**

This outrageous decision came after the county, under pressure from right-wing activists, removed librarians from the book review process and replaced them with a secretive "Citizens Review Committee" with no appeals process.

The book in question, *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* is authored by Linda Coombs, a respected Wampanoag historian. It tells the factual story of how European settlers brutalized Native Americans, including kidnapping Wampanoag men to be sold into slavery.

This is not fiction. This is documented American history that children deserve to learn. You don't need to take my word for it either. Penguin Random House, the Houston Public Library, the Austin Public Library, the Fort Worth Public Library, and the Library of Congress all designate it as non-fiction.

**This reclassification of this book is a blatant attempt to whitewash our nation's past and shield children from uncomfortable truths about the treatment of Indigenous peoples.**

**We cannot allow extremists to rewrite history and erase Native American voices. Montgomery county's commissioners can and must reverse this decision immediately. Please send a message urging them to act now.**

This attack on truth is part of a larger trend of right-wing groups trying to sanitize American history in our schools and libraries. **The group behind this push in Montgomery County, *Two Moms and Some Books*, openly advocates for removing LGBTQ+ content and adding more "conservative Christian" books to libraries.**

Their slogan? "Make Libraries Great Again!" It's clear their goal is not education, but indoctrination.

Even more alarming, the Citizens Review Committee's decision appears to violate their own policy, which only allows them to move books to more restricted areas or recommend removal -- not change a book's classification from non-fiction to fiction.

But with meetings closed to the public and no appeals process, there's no way for the public to challenge their rulings. This lack of transparency and accountability is dangerous for democracy and education.

**We must act now to protect the integrity of our libraries and our children's right to learn accurate history. Montgomery County's commissioners are meeting on October 22nd to review the Citizens Review Committee policies and they could decide to overturn this decision.**

**Tell the Montgomery County Commissioners: Don't let the CRC whitewash history. Restore *Colonization and the Wampanoag Story* to non-fiction and reform the Citizens Review Committee now.**

Together, we can ensure that truth and facts prevail over censorship and revisionist history.

**LeeAnn Hall, Director, National Campaign for Justice**

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## **‘It Could Feed the World’: Amaranth, a Health Trend 8,000 Years Old That Survived Colonization**

Indigenous women in North and Central America are coming together to share ancestral knowledge of amaranth, a plant booming in popularity as a health food.

### **Extract:**

“Every year since then, Guatemalan farmers with Qachuu Aloom have traveled to the United States to share their knowledge of amaranth with predominantly Indigenous- and Latino-led gardens. In California, they’ve shared seeds with members of the Bishop Paiute Tribe and with urban gardens in Los Angeles; and in northern New Mexico, they’ve hosted gardening and cooking workshops in the rural community of La Madera. In 2016, when Tsosie-Peña and her colleagues at Tewa Women United broke ground on their public garden in Española, Qachuu Aloom was there to plant amaranth once again.

But Qachuu Aloom hasn’t always been the one *bringing* seeds – many Indigenous gardeners, such as Tsosie-Peña’s friend Roxanne Swentzell, have preserved their own amaranth. On the Hopi reservation in Arizona, for example, members of [Hopi Tutskwa Permaculture](#) still grow Hopi Red Dye Amaranth, and have shared it with Qachuu Aloom.

Tsosie-Peña says that this exchange between North and Central American farmers isn’t just about amaranth as a crop; it’s also about reconnecting to ancient trade routes that have been disrupted by increasingly militarized borders.”

[https://getpocket.com/explore/item/it-could-feed-the-world-amaranth-a-health-trend-8-000-years-old-that-survived-colonization?utm\\_source=pocket-newtab-en-us](https://getpocket.com/explore/item/it-could-feed-the-world-amaranth-a-health-trend-8-000-years-old-that-survived-colonization?utm_source=pocket-newtab-en-us)

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The artificial lake tearing apart a Nova Scotia community — and killing thousands of fish

A provincial emergency order has kept Lake Pisiquid filled for more than 16 months. It’s also blocked the passage of fish, jeopardized Mi’kmaq Rights — and put a local fisherman, who had his truck keyed, at the centre of a hostile campaign

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