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A group of youth celebrate as they pose for their photo after completing the historic descent down the newly undammed Klamath River. (JARETTE WERK/ Underscore Native News)

A Must Read: <https://www.salemreporter.com/2025/08/07/historic-descent-of-undammed-klamath-river-draws-indigenous-youth-from-around-the-globe/>



Just posted at Maven's Notebook ...

Reclamation announces 2026 operating conditions for Lake Powell and Lake Mead

Latest projections stress the need for robust operational agreements for the Colorado River after 2026

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- **Nevada will see another year of Colorado River water cuts:** "Federal officials announced Friday they would continue water allocation cuts on the Colorado River for the fifth consecutive year following a persistent drought that's shrunk the river's largest reservoir." ([Nevada Current](#))
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- Federal cuts leave rural Nevada farmers and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in the cold: "The Nevada Department of Agriculture learned in March that it would no longer receive federal assistance for the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program. The funding went to the state and tribes directly, who then paid small farmers in Nevada to grow produce to supply food banks in the state. Since 2022, Home Feeds Nevada has purchased 3.6 million pounds of food—or 72 semi-truckloads." ([Listen at KUNR](#))
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- **Our Nevada Stories Seeks Nominations for Oral History Program** - America250 Nevada's Program works to capture Nevada's Stories

Reno, Nev. (July 23, 2025) – As part of the Semiquincentennial anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, the Nevada Division of Museums and History and Nevada Arts Council have teamed up to collect stories from Nevadans for the first statewide oral history archive. This historic archive will be curated as an audio time capsule through the stories of multiple generations and perspectives.

The Our Nevada Stories program asks Nevadans to nominate community members who can tell unique local stories from their own perspective. Selected individuals will be interviewed by State of Nevada Folklorist Brad McMullen. The Our Nevada Stories project will be developed into a podcast series to be broadcast and available online in January 2026.

Modeled after the national program, [Our American Stories](#), the project gives voice to state residents —from government officials to business owners to students — capturing what being a Nevadan means in this historic year.

“Our Nevada Stories is a way for every Nevadan to share their history and stories, and I look forward to collecting as many stories from as many people as possible. Everyone has something important to contribute and I can’t wait to see what surprises turn up,” said folklorist Brad McMullen.

A statewide call for nominations is open on [America250NV.org](#) site. Chosen nominations will be contacted for an in-person interview. In August, an online system will be available for anyone to tell their story and have it archived in the oral history project.

For more information on America250 Nevada, visit [www.America250NV.org](#). For more information on the national America250 initiatives, visit [www.america250.org](#).

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Thanks everyone for joining me for the Q&A sessions. I am resending this to some individuals that haven’t connected yet.

**Nevada Volunteers** for Nevada Gives: [Submit a proposal for a volunteer project](#) to be considered for volunteer recruitment support and funding. Available until Oct. 31, 2025. 36 Projects are sought.

**Nevada Arts Council Grants** [are available for artists](#). Local artists will be paired with a Nevada municipality to create murals or public art that visually share stories that have shaped Nevada.


**Our Nevada Stories** are looking for nominations for interviews to be included in a Audio Time Capsule (Podcast). We’re interest in people in all areas of our communities that can tell the story of how Nevada became *Nevada*. [Link to nominate or self-nominate here.](#)

**Learn more:** Nevada Volunteers is hosting an online Lunch & Learn, Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:00am - 12:30pm, which will focus on the grants with NV Volunteers, Nevada Arts Council and Travel NV. [Sign up here.](#)

One more Q&A with me is 9/3 WED. September 3, 3:30-4:30pm To sign up for this session: <https://forms.gle/z6Qmoe2AWC6hVNdh8>

**America's Potluck:** [Great video here.](#) We're hoping communities adopt a date for this and promote potlucks and block parties in neighborhoods. Most states are using 7/5 (Sunday), but we're thinking that our state would like to plan for the best weather. If you have a date in your community from City or County, let us know and we'll also promote. Link to [America's Potluck](#). Here is the link to the AASHL booklet: [Online Flipbook](#)

Website: [America 250 Nevada](#)  
[PowerPoint Presentation](#)

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[Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian](#)



*“When I first began to paint, I used to go to the ancient village and pick up pieces of pottery and copy the designs. That is how I learned to paint. But now I just close my eyes and see designs and I paint them.”—Nampeyo, 1920s*

"Nampeyo's art was a gift she used to express the life of her ancestors. The design she painted on this jar is commonly called the migration pattern, a symbolic portrayal of the migration of the

Hopi. Abstract bird wings create a never-ending pattern of movement that envelops the vessel. The design also alludes to waves of water, which speaks of the migrations of people through the seas.

When this pot was created, probably in the early 1930s, Nampeyo was in her mid-seventies. Her eyesight was fading, and her daughters often assisted her in her work. Before this time, she had traveled to the Grand Canyon to demonstrate her pottery. In 1910, her art took her to an exhibit in Chicago, a rare journey for a Native artist at that time.

Like Pueblo ancestors, this jar itself has experienced a migration. The vessel began its journey in Hopi lands. All the places it has seen since then are unclear, though one clue is written in pencil on the bottom of the vessel—"7/29/34 C. M. Armack," presumably the date of first "collection" and the collector's name. After being acquired by the National Museum of the American Indian in 2005, the jar sits here, eager to share the history of its own migration as well as the journeys of Nampeyo and her people." —Les Namingha (Zuni/Tewa–Hopi)

Visitors to our museum in New York City can see this jar on view in the exhibition "Infinity of Nations" and online. <https://americanindian.si.edu/exhibitions/infinityofnations>

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Nampeyo (Hopi -Tewa, 1859-1942), Polychrome jar, 1934. Coiled/hand built and painted clay, 13 x 21 cm. First Mesa, Hopi Reservation; Navajo County; Arizona. Gift of R.E. Mansfield. 26/4462

[#IndigenousArtists](#) [#Pottery](#) [#Nampeyo](#)

## **Survey shows Nevada job seekers face mismatches, skills gaps in finding employment** **August 12, 2025**

Nevada job seekers struggle with skills training gaps and transportation barriers, according to UNLV survey. Mismatches between job preferences and available roles persist.  
[Read more...](#)

## **Conservation groups ask BLM to reverse approval of drilling near Ash**



## **Meadows** **August 12, 2025**

Environmental groups challenge federal approval of drilling near Ash Meadows, warning of risks to rare species and groundwater. [Read more...](#)

## [Reno launches online 'open checkbook' for public access to city finances](#) [August 12, 2025](#)

Reno Checkbook, an online platform, launched to give residents access to city financial data. Users can explore revenues, expenditures, and compare budgeted versus actual spending over 10 years. [Read more...](#)

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Everything we said we'd get done by 2025 | Reno Memo

As of Wednesday of this week, we have exactly 20 weeks left in the year.

This is terrible news, because past generations had a lot of predictions for what we, humanity, were going to accomplish by the year 2025, and we are way, way behind.

But if we all put our heads together, I bet we can figure out how to start controlling the weather, living way longer and sending literally a million people into orbit every week. For now, let's forget about [moving sidewalks](#) or [making San Francisco the largest city on earth](#); let's just tackle a handful of the big-picture projects.

► **Firing people off into space (not yet):** On March 10, 1965, the Nevada State Journal took note of one estimate that "there will be [no room left on earth for another human being](#) by the year 2025."

Science writer and moon-crater namesake [Willy Ley](#) calculated in 1965 that "it would require passenger vehicles seating 100 persons leaving every minute just to stay even with the present population growth."

When Ley made his estimates, the global population was just shy of 3.3 billion. Current estimates put the earth's population at 8.2 billion, and our plans to launch anyone into space are behind schedule — [NASA's Artemis II mission](#) to send humans into orbit around the moon is delayed until 2026, and the Artemis III mission to the lunar surface is delayed until at least 2027.

► **Living until 120 years old (literally [only one person](#) has done this):** Shortly after the world's first human heart transplant in 1967, the British magazine Science Journal compiled predictions about the future of technology. [Some of them came true](#) (a sharp increase in organ transplants in the 1970s), others are a bit delayed (controlling weather in the 1990s, uploading education directly to the brain by 2020).

What should we have expected by now? Scientists in the article specifically mentioned communication with extraterrestrials "shortly after the year 2020" and a 50-year increase in lifespan by 2025. Life expectancy in the U.S. was 70.3 years in 1967, that implies we'd be at 120ish years old now. Instead, [we're now up to 79.4 years](#).

► **Video calls by 2025 (nailed it):** During an expansive talk in 1925 about personal growth and success, New York real estate developer Joseph P. Day [also made predictions about the future](#), saying that electricity would be "the Aladdin's Lamp of the future," and that within 100 years people would be able to make video calls to one another regardless of distance. (While video calls might be a feature of every smartphone on the planet, the earliest system was [established in Germany in the late 1930s](#).)

We've already got one of these off our plate, and I bet if we really bear down we can knock off the other two by Thanksgiving. Have at it, and let me know if you guys need any help.

Meanwhile, Reno is looking to the future, and also trying to figure out how to restore the past. Let's get to the details in today's Memo.

'All our chairs are normal chairs. We're fixing that right now'

The Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority is building an entirely new Reno airport -- kind of a challenge, because at the site that's been chosen for the new airport, there's already an airport there, just airpoting as usual. The problem with the existing airport is that it was built 40ish years ago, and the plumbing and HVAC systems are on their last legs.

Oh, and the people who drew up the plans for the airport in the 1970s didn't predict that every passenger over the age of 2 would be carrying around a phone-computer that needs constant charging in between flights, which means that the chairs in the boarding area were just ... like ... regular chairs. Without power outlets.

That's not all that's happening at Reno-Tahoe International Airport. [Here's what the airport authority is doing](#) with \$1 billion in upgrades.

Eleven months later NDEP issues findings in Sparks sewer spill probe

<https://mynews4.com/on-your-side/ask-joe/11-months-later-ndep-issues-findings-in-sparks-sewer-spill-probe>

(Extract): Members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe also were not notified. They found out about the spill by watching our story on News 4. Tribal leaders say they're still assessing any possible health impacts from the spill.

Tribal leaders helped get a bill passed in the legislature as a result of our story which makes notification mandatory in the event of a spill on the Truckee River or another waterway.

Women's contributions and men's racism erased from history of national monument

An initiative to fill in historical gaps from the Muir Woods National Monument disappeared under pressure from the Trump administration.

Extract: "The additional text also highlighted the original caretakers of the land, the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo tribes, as well as pointing out that their lands were stripped from them and later became places like the national monument.

All of the additions associated with the initiative have been removed.

NPS did not respond to a request for comment by The 19th as of press time.

The monument's ranger office confirmed that the language was taken down at the direction of the NPS's Washington, D.C., office following a [secretarial order](#) issued by the Department of Interior (DOI).

NPS spokesperson Joshua Winchell said in an email that, in addition to removing and reviewing the information from the interpretative sign, staff will "review all signs in the park as well as all the public input we receive about the signs."

The order outlined how the agency would implement the Trump administration's executive order titled Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History, that stated the federal government would take action to ensure that any monuments, memorials, statues or markers managed by DOI do not contain "descriptions, depictions, or other content that inappropriately disparage Americans past or living." Instead it stated the agency should focus "on the greatness of the achievements and progress of the American people or, with respect to natural features, the beauty, abundance, and grandeur of the American landscape."

<https://sierranevadaally.org/2025/07/27/womens-contributions-and-mens-racism-erased-from-history-of-national-monument/>

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**Full of information; each state can be accessed: US Energy Information Administration**

<https://www.eia.gov/state/>

sid=NV#:~:text=Quick%20Facts,of%20the%20state's%20total%20generation

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When the U.S. almost nuked Alaska—on purpose

Project Chariot intended to detonate six bombs to build a harbor.

https://www.popsci.com/science/nuclear-bomb-alaska/?utm_source=firefox-newtab-en-us

As Edward Teller, one of the fathers of the hydrogen bomb and the champion of Project Plowshare, put it: "If your mountain is not in the right place, [just drop us a card](#)."

History Bits 16-23

1830 Aug 18 Has No Horse surrenders in Ft. Bidwell.

1937 Aug 19 439.24 acres were purchased for Goshute under IRA.

1953 Aug 19 News reports said mummies of early inhabitants of North America had been found buried with the bones of horses and camels in Pershing County.

1959 Aug 21 President Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii, the fiftieth state.

1986 Aug 23 President Reagan signs RSIC Hungry Valley Bill (PL93-389) at his Santa Barbara Ranch.

2003 Aug 16 Construction workers came across a tribal midden, leading to discovery of human remains/artifacts and the mostly intact Klallam village of Tse-whit-zen.

History Bits are from some work I did in 2007-2009. It is time to add to them. I would be so grateful if each of you would send some "bits" from your life or community.

If any of you are interested in creating a book of bits about your tribe, may I suggest putting up some butcher paper along a wall, divide it into decades since first recorded information, leaving a LARGE section on the left for tidbits from oral history or archeology finds.

The invite about 10 people to come over and have a "historical" (turning into hysterical with memories) conversation. Have them write 10 different bits (a date, the happening, and your name or the source of information) on a post-it and put it on the (butcherpaper) chart. Voila! 100 facts!

Then do 10 more.....new people.....again.....

If you have seen the Our Story, Inc Books (Three volumes: I -300+Facts About the African American Experience in Northern Nevada; II-300+More Facts AAAENN and III- Even 300 More Facts About the African American Experience in Northern Nevada, you will see a simple paperback book of about 100 pages with small pics illustrating some of the facts.

This model costs about \$3000 to print (more if you need to pay a graphic artist) but is a perfect fit for funding under America250 (above) or private resources. If you are interested in producing such a book and want a coach, please let me know.

Executive Orders

- [Revocation of Executive Order on Competition](#) August 13, 2025
- [Enabling Competition in the Commercial Space Industry](#) August 13, 2025
- [Ensuring American Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Resilience by Filling the Strategic Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients Reserve](#) August 13, 2025
- [Further Modifying Reciprocal Tariff Rates to Reflect Ongoing Discussions with The People's Republic of China](#) August 11, 2025
- [Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia](#) August 11, 2025
- [Democratizing Access to Alternative Assets for 401\(K\) Investors](#) August 7, 2025
- [Guaranteeing Fair Banking For All Americans](#) **August 7, 2025**
- [Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#) **August 7, 2025**
- [Addressing Threats to The United States by the Government of the Russian Federation](#) August 6, 2025
- [Establishing the White House Task Force on the 2028 Summer Olympics](#) August 5,
- [Amendment to Duties to Address the Flow of Illicit Drugs Across Our Northern Border](#) July 31, 2025
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[\(mynews4.com\)](#) — The University of Nevada, Reno is launching the 'Pack AI' initiative to  
[integrate artificial intelligence into its curriculum. This program aims to enhance](#)  
[educational experiences for students and faculty, preparing them for a future where AI](#)  
[plays a significant role in various industries.](#)

# *Darlene "Hooper" Dewey*

*September 28, 1943 ~ August 13, 2025*



## **VIEWING**

**Smith Family Funeral Home at 4-8 pm  
Friday, August 22, 2025**

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

**Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribal Gym at 10 am  
Saturday, August 23, 2025**

## **BURIAL**

**Yomba Shoshone Tribal Cemetery  
Saturday, August 23, 2025**

**Dinner following the burial in Yomba. Food donations are greatly appreciated.**