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Growing up, there was a word in Ojibwe that Faron Jackson heard from his father on the good days. The days when they went together to pick berries, to hunt, to harvest manoomin, also known as wild rice..

[*Minotaagwad*](#), his father would tell him. *It's a good thing we're doing today.*

On Friday, Jackson, now chairman of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, stood on the grounds of the State Capitol, now home, for the first time ever, to raise the flags of all 11 of Minnesota's sovereign tribal nations.

"It's a good thing we're doing today," he told the crowd gathered at the state's new [Tribal Flag Plaza](#).

Leech Lake's flag fluttered beside the flags of the Lower Sioux Indian Community, White Earth Nation, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Red Lake Nation, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the Upper Sioux Community, Prairie Island Indian Community and Bois Forte Band of Chippewa.

At the foot of each flagpole grew plants sacred to each nation, between flagstones of Minnesota granite, flanked by young white pines that will one day offer shade and shelter from the wind. Creating this plaza — modeled after similar installations in Montana and Oklahoma — has been in the works for years. All part of the ongoing effort to turn the Capitol Grounds into a more welcoming, inclusive space for all. Including the people who were here first.

Upper Sioux Community. The Dakota people have been here for 10,000 years, "and we'll be here for 10,000 more."

In the Dakota creation stories, the world began a few miles from the Capitol grounds, at [Bdote](#), the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. Long before Zebulon Pike arrived, seeking land for the site they would eventually call Fort Snelling, and would eventually serve as a concentration camp for the Dakota as they were forced from their land — an atrocity that would be enshrined on the [state flag and seal](#) for generations.

Friday was a day of bitter and sweet. A flag raising in a state where flags are lowered in mourning for children murdered in a mass shooting. The young trees that encircled the plaza were planted through the efforts of the assassinated House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman. The Hortman children, Colin and Sophie, joined Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan at the dedication ceremony. Painful history mixed with hope for what could come next.

"Dakota flags are flying over Dakota land," Walz told the gathering, after prayers and drum circles as the flags rose, one by one, over the Capitol grounds. "And the governor of Minnesota speaks behind a [state] seal we can all be proud of.

The new state seal displays not an Indian being driven off the land, but a loon rising from a lake.

The old state flag was just the old seal on a blue bedsheet — like somebody had decided to take one of the ugliest chapters in state history and run it up the flagpole. On the new flag, the North Star shines over the silhouette of Minnesota and fields of blue.

“Minnesota is a great state,” Walz said. “But great states are able to talk about their entire history. They’re able to talk about the sorrow and the pain and the mistakes that they’ve made.

“While we can’t change the past,” he added, Minnesotans of today “certainly can change the present and the future. And that’s what today is about.”

The tribal flags stand in an arc, facing the Capitol. A daily reminder that Minnesota’s tribes aren’t just part of the state’s history, they’re its future.

“The grounds of the Minnesota State Capitol carry the memory of generations past and the responsibility of generations yet to come,” said Flanagan, a member of the White Earth Nation. “The permanent presence of these flags here at the Capitol is a powerful reminder that the story of Minnesota cannot be told without its first peoples.”

Jennifer Brooks

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Ed note: enter title into search engine and find a trove of articles about other states and their tribal flag displays.

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### **Visit Cherokee Nation** ·

Celebrate Cherokee Day this Saturday, September 13, with a full day of Cherokee culture and community for the whole family!

The day will feature live performances by the [Cherokee National Youth Choir](#), traditional demonstrations from Cherokee National Treasures, and the world’s largest Cherokee basket – an incredible 8 ft. by 3.75 ft. work of art!

Don’t miss this free event at the [Eastern Trails Museum](#) in Vinita, Oklahoma, from 11 a.m-2 p.m.





## **‘We have had enough!’ Tribes, Enviros and Delta advocates rally in Sacramento as Newsom tries pushing anti-CEQA bills for tunnel**

“Tribal leaders, Delta farmers, conservationists and environmental justice advocates rallied for the imperiled Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta on the west steps of the Capitol last Friday. As they held signs proclaiming “Pro Delta Means No Tunnel” and “Stop the \$100 Billion Delta Tunnel,” they called on lawmakers to defend the state’s water rights, environmental protections and public due process from Gov. Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders’ attempts to bypass all of those via new trailer bills benefiting Big Ag and water agencies in Southern California. Newsome continues to argue that approving the controversial Delta Tunnel before he leaves office is vital to California’s ability capture, store and move water, as well as safeguard the state’s utilities against natural disaster. ... ” [Read more the Sacramento News & Review](#).

## **Tribal leaders huddle with feds in push for landmark Arizona water deal**



### **Colorado River. Photo by Deposit Photos.**

“Leaders from three tribes met with federal officials in the Navajo capital about securing a vote in Congress on a landmark water settlement, which would open the taps for thousands of people who lack running water and add certainty for others on the Colorado River. Hopi Tribal Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma, San Juan Southern Paiute President Carlene Yellowhair, Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and Navajo Speaker Crystalyne Curley met Sept. 4 in Window Rock with representatives from the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation. The Northeastern Arizona Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement still requires congressional approval to ratify terms and secure water rights for the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe. If enacted, the settlement would end decades of legal disputes between the tribes and state and federal governments. ... ” [Read more from Arizona Central](#).

**BREAKING NEWS: 50 Minutes Ago in Austin, Texas, USA — At 92, Country Legend Willie Nelson, Along with Neil Young, Was Honored by the Oglala, Ponca, and Omaha Nations for Their Lifelong Dedication to Family Farmers and Indigenous Communities...**



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In an emotional ceremony that blended music, history, and heritage, Willie Nelson — now 92 — stood alongside longtime friend and fellow activist Neil Young as they were honored by the Oglala, Ponca, and Omaha Nations. The recognition came as a tribute to their decades-long commitment to protecting family farmers and supporting Indigenous communities across America.

The event, held in Austin, was marked by prayer songs, traditional blessings, and words of gratitude that reached far beyond the stage. Chiefs and elders spoke of Willie and Neil not only as artists but as advocates who used their platforms to give voice to the voiceless.



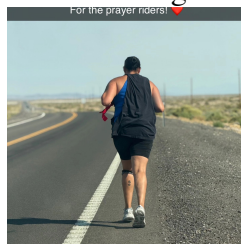
“They reminded the world that farming is sacred, that the land is sacred, and that our people matter,” one elder said during the presentation.

For Nelson and Young, who co-founded Farm Aid in 1985, the moment was both a recognition of their past work and a reminder of their enduring mission. Fans in attendance described the scene as profoundly moving — a rare moment where music, culture, and justice converged. By the end of the ceremony, Willie was seen with tears in his eyes, whispering, “This honor belongs to the farmers and the people — we just carried their song.”



**Toni Burton**

My sister @cheynab3 has ran many miles through city streets, dirt roads...if you only knew her journey. She carried her strong prayers as she ran for the prayer riders as they left from Fallon today. Makes our ancestors proud and brought tears to my eyes #proudbigsister



[Donna Cossette](#)

Sad how the Christian religion is turning its back on its own people. Some might say it's only Christian nationalist, but I say it's also an insult to all Christians because I don't hear their voices screaming otherwise from the roof top. Welcome to our Indian Country we're now all being treated the same way. Our boarding schools are now your day spa's



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Walmart heir Alice Walton has established the Alice L. Walton School of Medicine (AWSOM) in Bentonville, Arkansas, to reform what she describes as a "broken" healthcare system by reimagining medical education.

The school's inaugural class receives free tuition, a decision intended to launch its innovative curriculum focused on preventive, whole-person care. Departing from traditional models, AWSOM integrates humanities, nutrition, art, and mindfulness into its training, aiming to produce doctors who address the social and lifestyle determinants of health, not just symptoms.

By connecting the school to her Crystal Bridges Museum and focusing on community health, Walton hopes to create a national model for training physicians who can shift healthcare from "sick care" to a system centered on prevention and well-being, particularly for underserved populations.



from [Dee Numa](#)



Lottie Jackson



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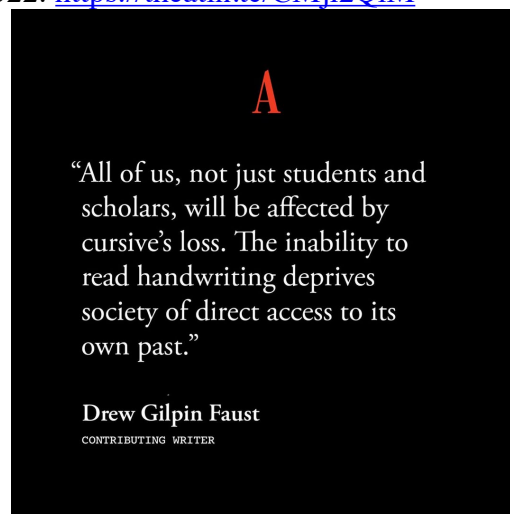
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In 2010, cursive was omitted from the new national Common Core standards for K–12 education, Drew Gilpin Faust writes. The students in Faust’s history class, most of whom had been in elementary school in the 2010s, admitted they could not read manuscripts. If they were assigned a research paper, they sought subjects that relied only on published sources. One student reshaped his senior honors thesis for this purpose; another reported that she did not pursue her interest in Virginia Woolf for an assignment that would have involved reading Woolf’s handwritten letters. Many of Faust’s students said they found their professors’ handwritten comments on their work illegible. Sometimes they would ask a teacher to decipher the notes; more often they just ignored them. During his years as Harvard president, Faust writes, she regarded the handwritten note as “a kind of superpower ... They provided a way to reach out and say: I am noticing you ... Now I wonder how many recipients of these messages could not read them.”

“There is a great deal of the past we are better off without, just as there is much to celebrate in the devices that have served as the vehicles of cursive’s demise. But there are dangers in cursive’s loss,” Faust writes. “Students will miss the excitement and inspiration that I have seen them experience as they interact with the physical embodiment of thoughts and ideas voiced by a person long since silenced by death. Handwriting can make the past seem almost alive in the present.”

Read the full article from 2022: <https://theatlantic.com/culture/story/gen-z-cursive/67444/>



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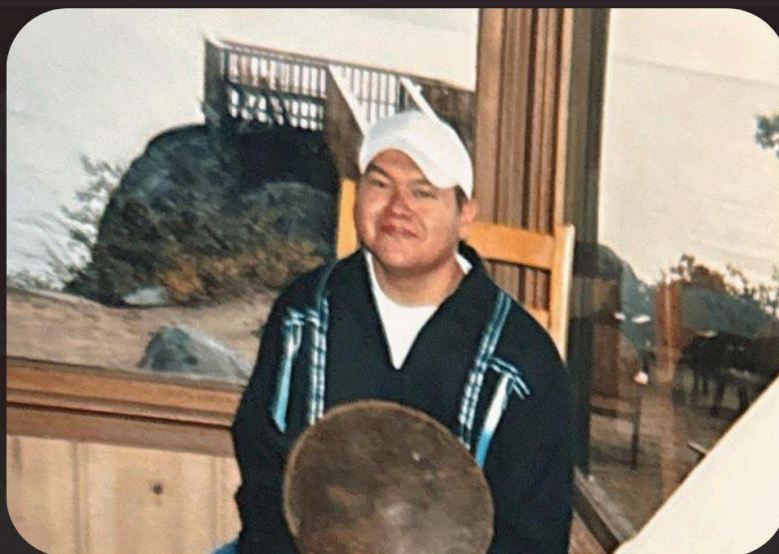
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