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The first event for Taylor was the White Mountain Apache Tribal Inauguration. The tribe elected their first Tribal Chairwoman and Taylor was honored by the new leadership as the newly crowned Miss Indian World.

### **Calendar**

**June 13 - Health Resources and Services Administration's FREE Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar for Tribes, Tribal Organizations, Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs.** Learning Session #3, Applying for a HRSA Grant: A Grantee and a Reviewer's Perspective/The Benefits of Becoming a Reviewer. 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**June 13 - San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation's 1st Annual STEM Festival: "Science on the Rez."**

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Apache Gold Casino Pavilion (San Carlos Event Center). For more information contact Amanda at (928) 475-1217.

**June 18-21 - 5th Annual AIHEC Behavioral Health Research Institute and UW Research Conference.** For more information click [here](#).



**June 19-21 Native American Fatherhood and Families Association's Facilitator Training.** Mesa, Arizona. For information call (480) 833-5007.

**June 22 - 2018 Native Health Professionals Day "Exploring Health Careers for Native American High School and Community College Students"** at UA College of Medicine in Phoenix. 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For high school or community college students. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**June 23 - 10th Annual Jim Thorpe Community 5K Run,** Native American 5K National Championship and USATF NM 5K Road State Championship. For more information click [here](#).

**June 23-July 1 - AAIP National Native American Youth Initiative.** George Washington University, Washington DC. For information call Gary at (405) 946-7072 or check the [website](#).

**June 25 - Arizona Department of Economic Security's Tribal Consultation.** This will be held at the Coconino County Health & Community Services Building, 2625 N. King Street, Flagstaff 86004, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you are unable to participate in person, a teleconference line is available by calling 1-240-454-0879 and enter access code 801826032. Please RSVP for participation either in person or telephonically. To RSVP contact Shawn at (602) 542-1290 or email [him](#).

**June 25-29 - 8th Annual THRIVE Youth Conference.** For AI/AN youth, ages 13-19. Held at Native American Youth & Family Center, Portland. For more information contact Celena via [email](#).

**June 26 - DES Tribal Consultation.** Meeting held at Coconino County Health & Community Services Building, Flagstaff. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information or to register please contact [Shawn via email](#).

**June 25-26 - Tribal Environmental Health Summit, Corvallis, Oregon.** "Sustaining Long Term Partnerships and Projects with Native American Communities." For more information click [here](#).

**June 26-27 - Inter Tribal Council of Arizona's 11th Annual Arizona American Indian Youth Conference,** "Making Healthy Choices Together." Tempe. For more information contact [Glenda](#).

**June 26-28 - NIWRC's 2018 Women Are Sacred Conference.** Albuquerque, New Mexico

**June 26-28 - 2018 NCUIH Annual Leadership Conference.** Washington DC. For more information click [here](#).

**June 27-28 - 1st Annual Wisdom Warriors Conference:** Weaving Wellness for Wisdom Warriors. Clearwater Resort Casino, Suquamish, Washington. No registration fee. For more information call (206) 288-2477 or email [Suzie Potter](#).

**June 29 - Tribal Community Wellness & Awareness Conference.** 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For Tribal community members, including youth 14-21 years old (with parent/chaperone), parents, elders, tribal agency staff. Holiday Inn, Casa Grande. For more information or to register call Cenpatico at (866) 495-6738 x 84471 or via [email](#).

**July 3-7 - Pueblo Grande Museum's \$4 for the Fourth Admission** for adults and seniors. For more information check their [website](#).

**July 4 - Fabulous Phoenix Fourth Celebration.** Steele Indian School Park at Central/Indian School. 6:00-10:00 p.m. **NATIVE HEALTH will be providing free pediatric dental screenings and fluoride varnish.**

**July 5 - Native American Basketball Night** presented by the Phoenix Mercury. Phoenix Mercury versus Connecticut Sun. 7:00 p.m. Presented by NABI. For more information or to purchase tickets click [here](#).

**July 8 - 16th Annual NABI Native American Basketball Invitational College and Career Fair Registration.** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information click [here](#).

**July 8-14 - 16th Annual NABI Tournament.** Maricopa, Arizona. For more information click [here](#).

**July 9-20 - Phoenix Indian Center's Future Inspired Native American Leaders Program.** For high school youth. Earn college credit and tour job sites to help explore careers. For more information check their [website](#) or call (602) 264-6768.

July 14-15 Jay Begay, Xavier Quijas Yxayotl, and Aaron White perform at Musical Instrument Museum in Scottsdale. "The Arizona Experience." For more information click [here to view the Canyon Records calendar](#).

**July 16-18 - Young Women Are Sacred Conference.** Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition. San Xavier Recreation Center, Tucson. For young women 12-18. Free. For more information click [here](#).

**July 16-18 - Native American Fitness Council's Functional Exercise for Elders.** Held in Shawnee, OK. For more information call (928) 774-3048 or check their [website](#).

**July 23-25 - Heard Museum Teacher Institute.** Free. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Three day course offering educators Standards based tools and resources to teach American Indian history, culture and art. For more information or to register click [here](#).

**July 23-25 - Tribal Leadership Essentials: Leadership, Management, Governance, and Strategy.** Exclusively for 30 current sitting Tribal Chief Executives (Chairs, Presidents, Governors, Chiefs, etc.) and Legislators (Council Members). Northern Arizona University, Office of Native American Initiatives. Registration deadline July 9. For more information contact Denyse at (928) 523-9124 or 9557 or via [email](#).

**July 23-29 - 2018 47th AAIP Annual Meeting and National Health Conference. Association of American Indian Physicians.** Held at We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center, Scottsdale/Fountain Hills. July 23 & 24 - Pre-Admission Workshop for pre-med students. Women's and Men's retreat on July 26. Conference Opening on July 26. Conference ends July 27. For more information click [here](#).

**July 25-27 - 2018 American Indian and Alaska Native National Behavioral Health Conference.** Promoting Connections Between Culture and Purpose. Washington DC. For more information click [here](#).

**July 25-27 - National Institute for Native Leadership in Higher Education 2018 Summer Leadership.** University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado. For more information click [here](#).

**July 26 - AHCCCS Tribal Consultation.** 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Held at Flagstaff Medical Center in the McGee Auditorium.



[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

**["Everyone Loves Loony Tunes" Red Hoop Drum Singers - Stewart Indian School Pow Wow 1996](#)** [Old 1996 video of the Red Hoop drum group and...](#)

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### **Deadlines**

**June 25 Deadline - Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance online applications** is open and will close June 25. Will cover Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters. For more information click [here](#).

**June 28 Deadline - Navajo Nation College Scholarship for STEM or industry related field of study.** For more information click [here](#).

**July 2 Deadline - National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Travel Award to Association of American Indian Physicians' 47th Annual Meeting and Health Conference.** For more information contact [Gary](#).

**July 9 Deadline - Association of American Indian Physician's Pre-Admission Workshop.** This is to bring together AAIP member physicians, AI/AN college students, traditional healers, public health professionals, and other interested individuals in networking, learning and discussing. Workshop will be held at We Ko Pa Resort in Scottsdale. For more information call AAIP at (405) 946-7072 or email [Gary](#).

**July 10 Deadline - Whisper n Thunder Scholarships.** For more information click [here](#).



**July 18 Deadline - Pipeline to Law Initiative. Native American Law School Admissions Workshops.** Beus Center for Law and Society, ASU, Phoenix. For information click [here](#).



## **Resources**

**Navajo Language Classes at Central High School, Phoenix** -Satisfy foreign language requirements for Arizona universities and Chief Manuelito Scholarship. Contact Bernice at (602) 769-1805 or via [email](#). You may also call Patty at (602) 764-7518 or email [her](#).

**AI/AN Scholarships in Social Work** - Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies at the Washington University-St. Louis has opportunities for full scholarships to American Indians and Alaska Natives to pursue Social Work and other dual degree programs through the Buder Charitable Foundation. The program also has an AI/An concentration that can be pursued. For information contact Molly via [email](#).

**Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC) Seeks Volunteers.** The Phoenix Indian Medical Center Auxiliary is seeking volunteers to work in various departments at the medical center. There is a need for helpers in the Gift Shop as well as other hospital departments. The PIMC Auxiliary is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to support the PIMC's patients, visitors and staff and to assist the Medical Center in promoting the health and welfare of the community. The Auxiliary uses the funds raised to purchase equipment and supplies for the Medical Center, to award scholarships to American Indian students studying in health related fields and to support educational programs at PIMC. PIMC is located at 4212 North 16th Street, Phoenix AZ 85016, on the NW corner of 16th Street & Indian School Rd. Call the Volunteer Office at (602) 263-1576 for more information about volunteering and about the PIMC Auxiliary.

**St. Mary's Food Bank Kid's Cafe Summer Food Sites** - For more information click [here](#). **Wisdom Warriors** is a Native American/Alaska Native program designed to utilize the toots learned in a six week class called Chronic Disease Self Management Program and includes traditional foods, cultural activities and healthy traditions. For more information contact [Becky via email](#).

## TOP 5 FACT-CHECKING RESOURCES

The search for factual information is endless in the digital age. Here are five fact-checking resources we rely on to help us tackle rumors and misinformation.



### SNOPES

Snopes.com investigates all types of information online, including urban legends, myths and rumors.

### POLITIFACT

PolitiFact uses the Truth-O-Meter™ to evaluate statements made by elected officials, political candidates, activists and more.

### FACTCHECK.ORG

Factcheck.org seeks to combine aspects of both journalism and scholarship to provide accurate information to media consumers.

### AMERICAN PRESS INSTITUTE

The American Press Institute's new project provides vetted resources for fact-checkers and journalists.

### WASHINGTON POST FACT CHECKER

Journalist Glenn Kessler responds to questions from the public and rates statements on a scale of one to four "Pinocchios."



## Trump's BLM Ready to Sacrifice Ancient Rock Art for Gas Drilling

By Sam Schipani

While the Ancestral Puebloan people of the Southwest were building citadels like [Chaco Canyon](#), the [Fremont people](#) were carving mysterious petroglyphs depicting horned, broad-shouldered triangular men and sweeping carvings of desert snakes. Nowhere is their legacy more apparent than in eastern Utah's Molen Reef. Fremont artifacts dominate this cultural heritage site, but its rock art ranges from 3,000-year-old panels from the Barrier Canyon tradition to etchings by Mormon pioneers crossing the Utah desert.

They aren't easy to see, but that's not a bad thing. You won't find these cultural treasures on a map, and Jonathan Bailey, a Ferron, Utah-based photographer and author of [Rock Art: A Vision of a Vanishing Cultural Landscape](#), thinks it should stay that way. "There are hundreds of rock art panels in the Molen Reef, and maybe a dozen are known," he said. "They are mostly pristine, unexcavated sites that have very little vandalism."

Bailey worries about the resources being compromised by human activity before they can be cataloged and protected. But the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has different plans for the area. In January 2018, the agency approved the leasing of 32,000 acres for mineral exploration between the San Rafael Swell and Molen Reef—just as it has in [many other places in Utah](#). In Molen Reef, instead of highly publicized conservation efforts led by environmental organizations, tribal groups, or multibillion-dollar outdoor recreation outfitters, the resistance is being led by a scrappy group of rock art enthusiasts fighting to save the sites they love to explore.

The [Utah Rock Art Research Association](#) (URARA) has been protesting oil and gas leasing in the area for years. The group works with environmental organizations and others because "wilderness concerns cross over with rock art concerns." But it avoids taking partisan stances. "We're an organization of both Republicans and Democrats," said Diane Orr, cochair of URARA's conservation and preservation committee. "Our concern with oil and gas leases is when the leasing process does not carefully look at all the resources in the area and really evaluate what needs to be protected."

In the past, Orr, Bailey, and other rock art enthusiasts have been able to persuade the BLM to defer leasing while they conduct field work to document petroglyphs, habitation sites and geoglyphs that might be impacted by development. But in 2018, guided by the Trump administration's "energy dominance" agenda, the BLM's Price field office has overruled URARA's protests.

"This is the first year we have not been able to withdraw these leases," said Bailey.

Federal law obligates the BLM to analyze lands nominated for leasing and offer them at auction if it determines that leasing will not harm non-energy resources. Despite the determination of his two predecessors that leasing could damage the rock art, current BLM state director Ed Roberson concluded it would not.

"BLM conducts additional site specific analysis before any surface disturbing activities can occur," maintains Heather O'Hanlon, BLM's Utah information officer, in an email. "Strong stipulations ... give us confidence that we can protect the cultural resources entrusted under our care."

The rock art army is not reassured. Though O'Hanlon claims that "the BLM-Utah completed the most intensive pre-lease inventory survey that we have ever done," Bailey said that the agency has yet to inventory many rock art sites around Molen Reef. "They have not inventoried a good chunk of this land, so they can't judge the impacts," he said.

"In this instance, BLM has essentially punted on that issue," said Landon Newell, staff attorney at the [Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance](#). "They've deferred the majority of their analysis to a future date, even though they're required to inventory and document the presence of cultural resources in the beginning."

Following January's decision to proceed, the BLM put 15 parcels east of Molen Reef up for auction. After none received the minimum \$2-an-acre bid at auction, the leases opened up for [noncompetitive](#) sale. Liberty Petroleum out of Great Neck, New York, was then able to buy 4,934 acres for \$1.50 each, in what the rock art community considers the three most sensitive lease areas. The company has a history of holding on to leases without developing them (opponents believe the company is waiting for a more favorable market), but once a lease is issued, the BLM is contractually obligated to accommodate extraction.

Local Utah officials hold out hope that they can have it all. "We believe we can enjoy all the resources," said Ray Pederson, [public lands](#) director for Emery County, where the San Rafael Swell and Molen Reef are located. "We don't want to sacrifice certain resources to develop others, we just want to develop them in a manner that allows us to enjoy all of them. We believe we can do that."

Rock-art enthusiasts and conservationists strongly disagree. Oil and gas exploration will irreparably impact the area's cultural and natural resources, they say. Since Molen Reef is largely untouched, speculators would have to start from scratch, with new roads, new pipelines, new well pads. The development would prevent the area from ever achieving protection under the Wilderness Act, and the dust kicked up from developers driving in and out would damage pristine rock art panels, not to mention the fact that new roads would likely bring looters and vandals.

In a curious footnote, on May 9, Utah representative John Curtis and senator Orrin Hatch introduced a bill that would set aside more than a half million acres of wilderness in Emery County and create a national monument at the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry as well as 383,380 acres of national conservation areas, mostly in the San Rafael Swell. Sierra Club Utah chapter director Ashley Soltysiak calls the legislation a "faux-conservation bill" that "simply does not protect enough of the wilderness areas." She notes that the bill conspicuously excludes some key areas, among them Molen Reef.

"We know they are interested in the Molen Reef for energy development, and we know they are aware of the cultural significance of Molen Reef," said rock art photographer Bailey, "so we have to wonder why it's left out."

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### **Idaho Gets Clean Water Act Primacy**

The EPA [granted Idaho authority](#) to oversee Clean Water Act pollution discharge permitting in the state, a power known as primacy. Idaho is the 47th state with NPDES primacy.

**\$100 million:** Reduction in the EPA 2019 budget in the appropriations bill that passed out of committee. ([House Appropriations](#))



**Support for Music Education Programs****[Country Music Association \(CMA\) Foundation](#)**

The Country Music Association (CMA) Foundation is dedicated to shaping the next generation through music education and believes that every child should have access and opportunity to participate in a quality program. The Foundation is focused on the following five priorities: student achievement and participation, public private collaboration, music education innovation, music educator support, and research. First year grant requests should not exceed \$20,000. Applications will be accepted from July 1 through July 31, 2018. Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about the application guidelines.

**Native Fish Protection Initiatives Funded****[National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Bring Back the Natives](#)**

The Bring Back the Natives program, an initiative of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), invests in conservation activities that restore, protect, and enhance native populations of sensitive or listed fish species across the United States, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands. The program emphasizes coordination between private landowners and federal agencies, tribes, corporations, and states to improve the ecosystem functions and health of watersheds. Priority will be given to projects that address the leading factors in native fish species decline such as habitat alteration, environmental change, and invasive species. Grant awards will generally range in size from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and require at least one-to-one matching funds. Eligible applicants include local, state, federal, and tribal governments and agencies; special districts; nonprofit organizations; and schools and universities. The pre-proposal deadline is June 28, 2018; invited full proposals will be due August 23, 2018. Visit the NFWF website to review the 2018 Request for Proposals.

**Grants Promote Social Justice Through Media and Entertainment Channels****[Pop Culture Collaborative: Pop Up Rapid Response Grants](#)**

The Pop Culture Collaborative represents an innovative hub for high impact partnerships and grants designed to help organizations and individuals leverage the reach and power of pop culture for social justice goals. Pop Up Rapid Response Grants are designed to help organizations working to build movements, drive campaigns, produce stories, and leverage media and entertainment mediums to drive positive narrative and social change in popular culture. Funded projects must impact, support, or engage at least one of these community groups: people of color, immigrants, refugees, or Muslims. Examples of funded projects include public events and private retreats; tool and resource prototypes; network and partnership building; story, narrative, and strategy design process; and creative content including short film/video, concerts, music recordings, etc. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000. Requests may be submitted at any time by nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations, and individuals. Visit the Collaborative's website to learn more about the Pop Up Rapid Response Grants program.

**Youth Environmental Community Service Projects Supported****[Captain Planet Foundation: ecoSolution Grants](#)**

The Captain Planet Foundation supports educational programs that enable youth to understand and appreciate our world by getting involved in hands-on projects to improve the environment.

The Foundation provides ecoSolution Grants to innovative programs that inspire youth to participate in community service through environmental stewardship activities. Public schools and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants of \$500 to \$2,500. Priority is given to projects with matching funds or in-kind support. The final application deadline for 2018 is July 15. Online application guidelines are available on the Foundation's website.

### ***Regional Funding***

#### **Funds for Trauma Support Organizations in Communities Affected by Disasters**

##### **[Alliance for Strong Families and Communities: Building Resilience in the Face of Disaster](#)**

Building Resilience in the Face of Disaster, an initiative launched by the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities and the New York Life Insurance Company, will support nonprofit community-based organizations providing long-term trauma and grief support to those in geographic areas impacted by major weather disasters in 2017, including Hurricanes Harvey, Maria, and Irma, and the California wildfires, as well as significant human-made tragedies that have occurred in Parkland, FL; Las Vegas, NV; and Sutherland Springs, TX. Types of organizations eligible to apply include community centers, affordable housing programs, early childhood education and care programs, youth and family programs, etc. Applicants must have experience with trauma-informed care or grief services. A total of \$750,000 in support will be provided; funded organizations will receive awards of up to \$50,000. The application deadline is July 13, 2018. Visit the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities to download the request for proposals.

#### **Grants Enhance Quality of Life for Georgia Residents**

##### **[Georgia Power Charitable Giving Program](#)**

The Georgia Power Charitable Giving Program provides support to nonprofit organizations and programs throughout Georgia that seek to improve the quality of life for the state's residents. The charitable focus areas include improving education, civic and community, environmental stewardship, and arts and culture. (Support for health and human services is given primarily through contributions to the United Way and the Salvation Army's Project SHARE.) Grant requests of up to \$25,000 are reviewed on an ongoing basis; grant requests greater than \$25,000 are reviewed in May, August, and December of each year. Visit the company's website to learn more about the application process.

#### **Support for Organizations in Company Communities**

##### **[Gannett Foundation: Community Action Grant Program](#)**

The Gannett Foundation provides support to nonprofit organizations that serve the [communities](#) where Gannett Co., Inc., owns a newspaper or broadcast station. The Foundation's Community Action Grant Program's priorities include education, neighborhood improvement, economic development, youth development, community problem-solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation, and cultural enrichment. Grants are generally in the \$1,000 to \$5,000 range. Grant requests are considered twice each year; the upcoming postmark deadline is August 17, 2018, for most locations. Proposals should be submitted to the local newspaper publisher or TV station general manager. Visit the Foundation's website to review the grant guidelines and download the application form.

**Technology Programs to Assist Californians with Disabilities Funded**  
**[Disability Communications Fund](#)**

The Disability Communications Fund (DCF) supports nonprofit organizations that offer technology and programs that serve the communication needs of Californians with disabilities. DCF’s funding priorities for the 2019 Grant Program include the following: Training AT and AAC Experts, Facilitating Research and Innovation, and Building Networks and Replicating Successful Models. Grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000 will be provided. The deadline for letters of intent is August 8, 2018; full grant applications are due October 5, 2018. Visit the DCF website to learn more about the funding priorities and the application process.

*Federal Funding*

**Program Supports Learning About Agriculture and Food**  
**[Department of Agriculture](#)**

The Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program is intended to increase knowledge of agriculture and improve the nutritional health of children, and to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system to increase the capacity for food, garden, and nutrition education within host organizations. The application deadline is July 9, 2018.



**Funds Available to Manage Cultural Resources**  
**[National Park Service](#)**

The Cultural Resources Management Services program allows the National Park Service to work collaboratively with partners on a variety of cultural resource activities, including studies, planning, inventory reviews, exhibit design, teaching projects, and more. The application deadline is July 13, 2018.

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**Water Resources Act Passes House**

By an overwhelming 408 to 2 margin, the House approved a [water resources development bill](#). The bill authorizes \$3.5 billion in spending for Army Corps of Engineers projects, but it does not give out the money. That comes later in the annual appropriations bills. The full Senate has yet to act on its version, which is more expansive, including provisions on permitting and drinking water.

**Cost-Benefit Reassessment**

In the name of “consistency,” his policy guide star, Scott Pruitt, the EPA leader, is [considering overhauling how the agency evaluates the costs and benefits of its rules](#). **The agency is seeking public comment should change its approach to these assessments**, which are required by the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water, and other environmental statutes.

One question the EPA is posing: should the agency have a uniform definition for “cost,” “benefit,” “reasonable,” “feasible,” and other terms that contribute to the analysis? The Federal Register notice states that, in response to the agency’s request for comment on regulations that are ripe for revision, a “common theme” among industry was complaint over how the EPA calculates costs.