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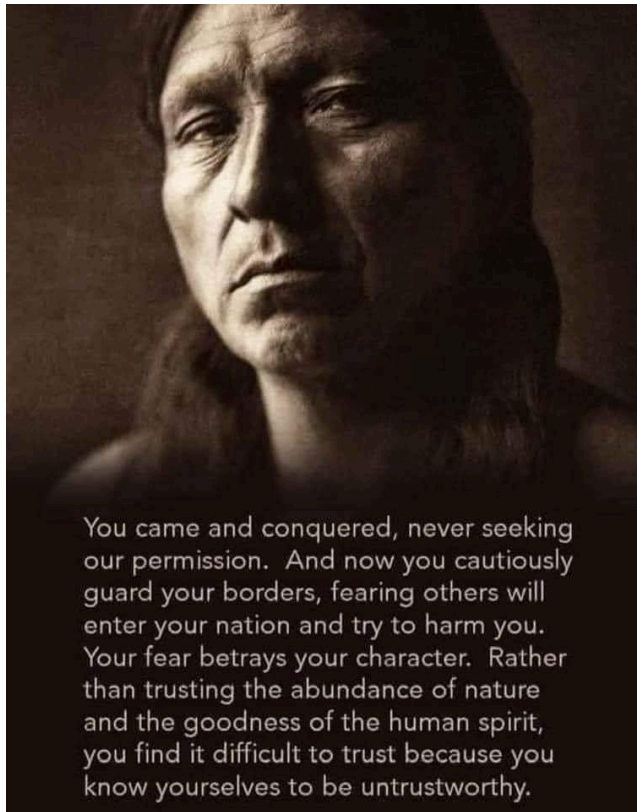


In honor of Women's History month Idaho BLM would like to honor an indigenous American heroine, **Sacajawea** (pronounced Sack-ah-jah-WEE-a).

(Edited) On August 12th, 1805, Meriwether Lewis and his men climbed the eastern slopes of the continental divide, and stood on what is now known as Lemhi Pass, viewing the birthplace of Sacajawea below to the west. Just five days later, Clark noted the reuniting of Sacajawea, her people, and her brother who was now a chief of the Agaidika.

Sacajawea provided lifesaving information regarding local tribes, edible foods, indigenous medicines, and the mostly unknown Idaho and Montana landscapes. Her ability to interpret and her relation to the tribes helped the Expedition acquire horses and supplies from the Agaidika people to continue on their journey west when supplies and spirits were low.

Today the Salmon Field Office administers to many of the lands formerly occupied by the Agaidika. Salmon landmarks such as the Sacajawea Center, and birthplace monument honor her and her people's contributions to American History.



From the MN correspondent:

Delighted, but I will miss him as governor. If Harris/Walz win, then MN will have its first Native American governor: Peggy Flanagan (Ojibwe) and first Black American, Bobby Champion, becoming Lt Governor. Problem is our MN Senate would lose its majority until special election.

INDYTALKS

THE FUTURE OF LAKE TAHOE

Moderated by
The Nevada Independent
CEO and Editor Jon Ralston

Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by
The National Automobile Museum

Amy Berry,
CEO of the Tahoe Fund

Andy Chapman,
President and CEO of
Travel North Tahoe

Julie Regan,
Executive Director of the
Tahoe Regional Planning
Agency

The **NEVADA INDEPENDENT**
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What does the future hold for Lake Tahoe? We sit down with a panel of experts to explore the challenges and opportunities for the emerald of Northern Nevada.

On September 4, *The Nevada Independent* CEO/Editor Jon Ralston will moderate a discussion with three Tahoe Basin community leaders:

- **Amy Berry** is the CEO of the Tahoe Fund, leading the effort to secure private funding and support from individuals, foundations and corporations for environmental improvement projects for Lake Tahoe. She has raised more than \$20 million from private donors, helping to secure more than \$160 million of public funding. Berry was appointed to the Nevada Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council by governors Sisolak and Lombardo and serves as the vice-chair; she is also a federal appointee to the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee.
- **Andy Chapman** is the president and CEO at Travel North Tahoe Nevada. He has worked in the Lake Tahoe tourism industry for more than 25 years and is involved in the region's stewardship and visitor management initiatives. Chapman serves on multiple boards throughout Tahoe and Reno.
- **Julie Regan** is executive director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the first interstate compact agency of its kind in the nation, which is charged with environmental protection of Lake Tahoe. Regan has held a leadership position at the agency since 2003 and is the past co-chair of the nationally focused Network for Landscape Conservation and has contributed writings on destination stewardship to the global conversation on overtourism.

This event will be held at the
**National Automobile Museum Event Center
in Reno on Wednesday, September 4th**

Cash bar will be available starting at 5:00 p.m.
Come mix and mingle for happy hour!

Main event starts at 6:30 P.M.
We expect to wrap by 8:00 p.m.

PLUS: Thanks to the generosity of our hosts at the museum, guests can tour the museum's amazing car collection before they leave!

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[Native Blood](#)

[The Washington Commanders are being sued by The Native American Guardians Association, which has been trying to get the Commanders to change the name back to Redskins.](#)

The lawsuit states:“The logo on the Redskin’s helmet is an actual person, it’s Chief White Calf. Every time they go out on that field, they were honoring Chief White Calf and they were battling on the football field with the same honor and integrity and courage. They should continue to honor that.”
Via NBC Montana.

Jimmy Red Corn, Georgia, USA. The corn was grown by bootleggers in the islands close to Charleston, SC who found that it made spectacular hooch, or moonshine whiskey. It was brought back from the brink of extinction by renowned Southern farmer and seed saver Ted Chewning. Now, several farms grow this heritage corn.



[Native American](#) ·

Red corn is native to the Americas and is a descendant of a wild indigenous grass known as teosinte. Much of the history of Red corn is unknown, but corn in general, referred to as Maize among the scientific community, first arose out of the Balsas River Valley in south-central Mexico over 9,000

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One educator's formula for success:

5 R's: the ability to form *relationships* with community leaders, students, parents and staff; focus on academic *rigor*; making students' education *relevant* to their future career goals; emphasizing students' *responsibility* for their own education and parents' responsibility for being involved in their children's education; and *respect* for all.



The 2028 LA Games will be the first time lacrosse has been contested at the Olympics in more than a century (Credit: Alamy)

One of the fastest growing sports in North America, lacrosse is headed back to the Olympics. But the game's creators may not be invited.

When First Nations [Haudenosaunee people](#) say that someone was born with a lacrosse stick in their hand, it's not far from the truth. "We have these little [cradle sticks](#)," says Lewis Mitchell, a lacrosse stick-maker and lifelong player. "Parents who want their children to play lacrosse, they take that stick and they put it into the cradle with the baby."

Mitchell's workshop is in Snye, Quebec, a [pene-exclave](#) of Canada south of the St Lawrence River. Snye, or *Tsi Snaihne* in Kanien'kéha, the Mohawk language, is part of the Mohawk territory of Akwesasne, which straddles the US-Canada border and has portions in New York, Ontario and Québec. Lacrosse has deep roots here. The game is said to have been [invented around 1,000 years ago by the Haudenosaunee](#) – the confederacy made up of the Mohawk, Onondaga, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora nations of north-eastern North America – and Akwesasne once produced most of the world's wooden lacrosse sticks.

Since the advent of plastic sticks in the 1970s, wooden sticks are today largely made for nostalgic, decorative or ceremonial purposes, but Mitchell and his fellow lacrosse stick-maker Evan Cree help ensure that the craft is not lost. [Workshop visits](#) with both men are part of Akwesasne's emerging tourism industry, which weaves lacrosse into its tours as a lens into its culture, history and artistry. Whether viewing exhibits on the evolution of lacrosse at the

[Akwesane Cultural Center](#) or learning about log pounding while watching basket maker [Carrie Hill](#) at work, the topic of lacrosse is a frequent one in Akwesasne.

And this combination of cultural tourism and sport hits a sweet spot: not only is Indigenous tourism rapidly growing, so too is lacrosse. It's one of the [fastest growing sports](#) in North America and recently received another boost: in 2028 lacrosse [will be competed](#) at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles for the first time in more than a century – in the compact [sixes](#) format.



Karen Gardiner

Wooden lacrosse stick-making is a trade passed down through generations (Credit: Karen Gardiner)

As Mitchell leads me through the steps of turning a hickory log into a lacrosse stick – bending the top of the stick around a jig to form the head, then carving it with a drawknife on a shaving horse (a combined vice and workbench) – he fills me in on his years of playing lacrosse with Akwesasne teams and competing internationally as a member of the Iroquois (now [Haudenosaunee](#)) [Nationals](#). Mitchell was inducted into the [Akwesasne Hall of Fame](#) in 2015 and the [Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame](#) in 2019 but he's humble about his own achievements. It's when he starts talking about the lacrosse "legends" he played against during his heyday that I sense he could keep talking all day. He reminisces about the "great rivalries" with other Mohawk communities such as Kahnawáke, near Montreal, and remembers the "honour" of playing against Sid Hill, now *Tadodaho*, or traditional leader, of the Onondaga Nation.

The passion with which Mitchell speaks about lacrosse is typical of many Haudenosaunee, to whom it's more than just a game. Many believe that lacrosse was a gift from the Creator for enjoyment and healing, and it appears in Haudenosaunee creation stories. The wooden stick, traditionally made from natural materials (wood and sinew) has its own spiritual significance. To this day lacrosse is played as both competition and ceremony – during times of difficulty, "medicine games" are called to lift the spirits of communities in need, Mitchell explains.

It's because of this deep reverence for lacrosse that the recent Olympic announcement has been met with both excitement and concern. It's unclear if the Haudenosaunee, the game's creators, will play lacrosse at LA 2028.

The Haudenosaunee Nationals was founded by a group of players including Oren Lyons (Onondaga) and Richard Hill and Wes Patterson (both Tuscarora) in 1983 as the Iroquois Nationals – in 2022 the team [changed its name](#) from the once-prevalent but derogatory Iroquois.

The men's team was officially recognised by World Lacrosse (then the Federation of International Lacrosse) in 1988, and the women's in 2008.

Despite drawing from a far smaller pool than other nations, the men's and women's teams are among the world's best – currently third in the men's [field rankings](#) and eighth in the women's. But because the Haudenosaunee do not have a National Olympic Committee – or a government recognised by the United Nations – they're not recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). So Haudenosaunee players are left with the choice of playing for the US or Canada, or not at all.

But they do have support. Notably from President Biden [who said](#): "Their ancestors invented the game. They perfected it for a millennium... they should be granted an exception to field their own team at the Olympics." And there is precedent for the IOC to make an exception: the Refugee Olympic Team was created in 2015 to, as [the IOC states](#), send "a message of hope and inclusion... and inspir[e] the world with the strength of their human spirit".

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The Haudenosaunee road to LA 2028 may not be straightforward but, as Rex Lyons, former Nationals player and current board member (and Oren's son), reminds me, "all these hoops and hurdles are not of our own making."

Not being recognised, Lyons says, "is beyond our control. We travel on our own [Haudenosaunee] passports. We're [sovereign](#)... we're still operating on original treaties [and] we were sovereign long before our European brothers stumbled onto our shores."

Abenaki scholar [Christine O'Bonsawin writes](#) that the IOC "forces Indigenous athletes to assume the identity of the colonizing settler citizenry." In 1904, a lacrosse team made up entirely of Mohawk players competed at the Olympics, but under Canada's flag. An Indigenous team has not yet competed under its own flag. Individual players who hold dual passports could qualify for the US or Canada squads, but that's not really the point. To many Haudenosaunee, competing as a nation means as much as competing at the Olympics.

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Having played for the Nationals and followed its evolution, Mitchell has seen first-hand how having a national team has affirmed Haudenosaunee identity and place in the world. He recalls travelling to Australia to play with the team and seeing the Haudenosaunee flag raised on an equal level alongside those of other countries. "That was just something I had never seen in my life: to have our flag up there with these other nations. It was just amazing."

Mitchell believes that the existence of a national team has been transformative. "I look around our communities today and see more and more pride in the Haudenosaunee flag," he says of the flag that was designed for the national team and has since been adopted as a Haudenosaunee symbol. "I think it's helped to bring us all together and give us a sense of who we really are."

After visiting his workshop and seeing how a traditional lacrosse stick is made, Mitchell recommends visitors catch a game at A'nowara'kó:wa Arena where, in summer, [Akwasasne Thunder](#) takes on teams from the [Ontario Junior B Lacrosse League](#) – indoor, or box, lacrosse is a particularly fast-moving form of the sport, which lives up to its Mohawk name, *teiontsikwaeks* ("they bump hips"). In September the Haudenosaunee Nationals will contest the [2024 World Lacrosse Box Championships](#) in Utica, New York, three hours south of Akwasasne.

For now, Lyons says the Nationals are focused on putting their "ducks in a row, so that when we actually submit for Olympic inclusion, we have a very strong position." Although the IOC has issued discouraging statements over recent months, Lyons remains optimistic, saying that once they "get some information about who we are," the IOC will understand that Haudenosaunee participation at LA 2028 would be "a win-win for everybody."

"The IOC can really hang their hat on this, because they're using such language as 'diversity, inclusion'... we check a lot of boxes."

For the Haudenosaunee, lacrosse is more than a sport – and they want to honour that by competing as one people (Credit: Alamy)

Lyons also points out that a Haudenosaunee mantra is "peace, friendship and healing through sport". That sounds a little like the Olympic movement's ideals.

"We don't have to choreograph any of this. This is who we are," says Lyons. "Can you imagine the opening ceremony of the Olympics?" he asks, then paints a picture of the team entering the stadium in full regalia: "Very colourful – we're dancing and we uplift the spirit. Because that's what lacrosse is [for]: to lift the human spirit."

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What lurks beneath Olympic waters?

[British windsurfers, sailors and rowers have been helping in the fight against invasive species – showing big sporting events like the Olympics can leave a legacy of biodiversity.](#)



[NATIVE AMERICANS LONG AGO](#)

[A stunning image of a swamp turtle encountering a dragonfly.](#) Photo credit: [Tzahi Finkelstein.](#)

Scholarships with September 9 -29nDeadlines

Future Clinicians Scholarship	\$20,000	September 09, 2024
Harold and Muriel Berkman Marketing Scholarship	\$1,000	September 09, 2024
Wayne Anthony Butts Scholarship	\$5,000	September 09, 2024
ACHE Student Grant Program	\$3,000	September 15, 2024
Alaska Space Grant Program- Undergraduate	Varies	September 15, 2024
Catching The Dream Program	\$5,000	September 15, 2024
CDGA Foundation Veteran Scholarship	\$5,000	September 15, 2024
Chickasaw Nation Scholarships	Varies	September 15, 2024
Don & Roy Splawn Charitable Foundation West Scholarship	\$2,750	September 15, 2024
Heart Warrior Achievement Scholarship	\$5,000	September 15, 2024
Inter-Tribal Council Johnson-O'Malley Scholarship	Varies	September 15, 2024
J.C. Cote Scholarship	\$1,000	September 15, 2024
Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grants	\$2,500	September 15, 2024
Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers & Firemen Scholarship	Varies	September 15, 2024
Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant	\$1,000	September 15, 2024
Sponsoring True Advocacy for Challenged Youth Scholarship	\$1,000	September 15, 2024
The Gates Scholarship	\$160,000	September 15, 2024
Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. Founders Fund Scholarship	\$5,000	September 15, 2024
University of Wisconsin Balanced Man Scholarship	\$1,000	September 15, 2024
College Photographer of the Year Award	\$5,000	September 16, 2024
Samuel Robinson Award	\$2,000	September 16, 2024
UNCF Chevron Corporate Scholars Program	\$15,000	September 16, 2024
Annual Video Contest Scholarship	\$1,500	September 17, 2024

Balanced Man Scholarship- University of Virginia	\$1,500	September 18, 2024
UT Austin Acacia Fraternity Fall Leadership Scholarship	\$1,000	September 20, 2024
UT Austin Acacia Man of Faith Scholarship	\$1,000	September 20, 2024
Acorn Equality Fund Scholarships	\$4,000	September 23, 2024
John Conley Ethics Essay Contest	\$5,000	September 23, 2024
Rose Bowl Game Keith Jackson Postgraduate Scholarship	\$10,000	September 23, 2024
Marshall Scholarship	\$85,000	September 24, 2024
D.O.O.R.S Diversification Of Our Research Scientists	\$5,000	September 27, 2024
Licensing International's Scholarship Program	\$10,000	September 27, 2024
QuestBridge National College Match	\$200,000	September 27, 2024
George J. Mitchell Scholarship	\$27,000	September 28, 2024
John J. Nelson Sr. Legacy Scholarship	\$10,000	September 29, 2024
Tedric A. Harris Bearing Internship Scholarship	\$2,500	September 29, 2024

