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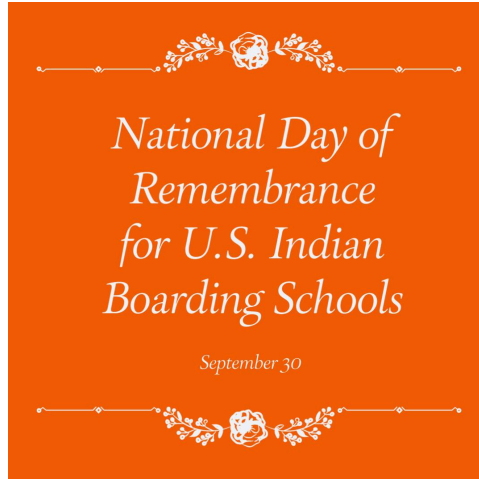
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Join First Nations in wearing orange on Monday!



Monday, September 30, is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Originating in Canada and adopted in the U.S. as the National Day of Remembrance – the annual event is a time to remember and honor all those who attended Indian boarding schools and their families and communities.

We encourage you to wear orange on Monday, and learn more about how to participate: <https://bit.ly/3ZExKIE>

Valarie Moon

Finally getting home from the 4th annual 1863 Ruby Valley Treaty Conference & planning committee debrief. There aren't a lot of words to describe the gratitude I feel from the outpouring of support & community involvement to help put the conference together. Traveling out to Ruby and hearing old stories and songs about Harrison Pass taking the ancestors' old trail then going to Fort Ruby and hanging the Western Shoshone Flag was incredible! Going to the prayer rock. And breaking bread with the LDS in Ruby Valley was really coming full circle for a lot of us Newe who hadn't gotten to learn from a Newe who lived life in Ruby after the Treaty. Seeing all the people in sunrise ceremony. Hearing Autumn Harry talk about maps and Edward Villandra talking about restorative justice and Cliff Bañuelos telling the blunt truth about having to sit through meetings with disgusting and disrespectful departments in our society to protect our Newe way of life; to healing my soul wounds by having an inherited trauma healer help to facilitate dialogue between my late mother and I. I am so Thankful to be Newe and to be surrounded by my mentors and to my spiritual leaders and guides and teachers I can't give enough thanks to my higher power for guiding and supporting everything. Another treaty conference in the books . Beyond grateful to be apart of this !

How Century-Old Paintings Reveal the Indigenous Roots and Natural History of New England Landscapes

Seven guest collaborators bring new eyes to a Smithsonian museum founder’s collection of American art

Extract:

Another collaborator who shared a personal document to help contextualize her appreciation of these paintings is Elizabeth James-Perry, an Aquinnah Wampanoag artist and writer who has a degree in marine science. A reproduction of James-Perry’s 2021 painting [Bear Map](#), a depiction of the regional landscape in the shape of a bear, is on display.

[https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/how-century-old-paintings-reveal-the-indigenous-roots-and-natural-history-of-new-england-landscapes-180985104/?](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/how-century-old-paintings-reveal-the-indigenous-roots-and-natural-history-of-new-england-landscapes-180985104/?spMailingID=50200666&spUserID=OTYyNTc5MzkyMTQyS0&spJobID=2782391134&spReportId=Mjc4MjM5MTEzNAS2)

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World's largest sugar pine discovered in Yosemite

“On August 25, 2024, big tree hunters Michael Taylor, Carl Casey and Martin Crawford measured a massive sugar pine that they knew about in Yosemite National Park. The team calculated that it was not only the largest known sugar pine, but the largest pine tree on Earth. I recently spoke with Taylor – who is the original and lead “discoverer” of this and many other champion trees and has recently pioneered that use of LiDAR to find tall trees – about how he

found this incredible sugar pine. He initially put it very simply and said, “It has an unusual background, actually.” He then proceeded to relate an almost unbelievable discovery story. ... ”
[Read more from the Tahoe Daily Tribune](#)

Fetching Fossils and Unwrapping Mannequins: Here’s What Happens When a Museum Exhibition Closes

In the wrap-up of “Objects of Wonder,” hundreds of the museum’s most treasured specimens are returning to the collection

“Objects of Wonder” features some of the museum’s most awe-inspiring objects. Several, like this historic Tsimshian house front, will require a coordinated effort to deinstall. Smithsonian Institution



<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-of-natural-history/2024/09/19/fetching-fossils-and-unwrapping-mannequins-heres-what-happens-when-a-museum-exhibition-closes/>

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Did you know that an acre of Sierra Nevada meadows can capture and store as much [#carbon](#) from the atmosphere as an acre of tropical rainforest? Learn how

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is working with researchers at the University of Nevada, Reno to study carbon storage at new wetlands the Conservancy has created on its land near Lake Tahoe. [#ClimateWeekNYC](#)
[#ClimateChange](#)



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GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (477 Grantee)

Collette Fleck, a long-time teacher at Standing Rock Community High School is empowering North Dakota students to explore radio broadcasting careers. WIOA students participate in all aspects of setup to production in the Warrior Radio Show airing on local radio in the Stand Rock and Cheyenne River Nations. While offering opportunities for career exploration, the project also gives voice to students to talk about topics of interest in their communities.

Please see the article below for more on this exciting project for Native youth.

<https://www.kfyrtv.com/2023/12/19/standing-rock-students-put-radio-show/>

Welcome Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI)!

The DINAP team is excited to welcome to Chickasaw Business Solutions (CBS) as our new contractor. We look forward to working with this new group to continuously enhance workforce development services for tribal communities in which we serve.

Chickasaw Business Solutions is a native American tribally owned 8(a) certified LLC. Chickasaw Business Solutions has capability in a variety of information technology services, financial services management, management consulting, and other administrative services. Chickasaw Business Solutions stands ready to help your agency or department address your needs in a cost-effective, innovative and comprehensive manner.

THE DINAP JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

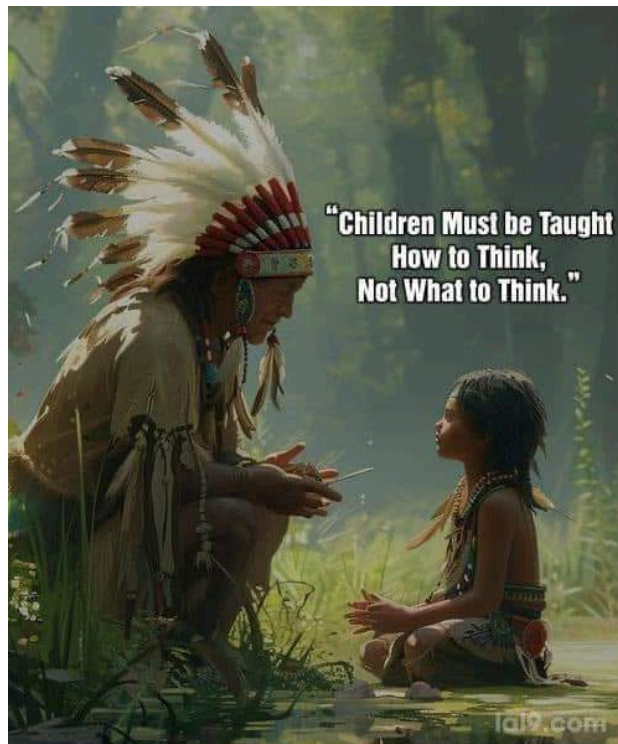
DINAP continues to seek a Workforce Development Specialist to manage WIOA section 166 grants. The Department of Labor may hire from a pool of candidates for the Opportunity of Workforce Investments (OWI) "Pathways" positions. These positions are open to recent college graduates within the last two years. Special consideration is also provided for qualified Native

Americans by emailing required documents directly to the DINAP Chief. Please see more information about this position in the links below and please help share this opportunity far and wide. This position is critical to our mission of supporting Native American communities and promoting economic development.



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"I am tired, I want to go home. I want to continue my art work, I want to plant a garden, I want to walk in the forest, I want to walk in the fields, I just want to lie down on the grass and feel the sun against my skin. I want to be able to hold my family close to me and not have someone tell me time's up." - Leonard Peltier



Big lithium plans for Imperial Valley, one of California’s poorest regions, raise a bigger question: Who should benefit?

“Imperial County consistently ranks among the most economically distressed places in California. Its Salton Sea, the state’s biggest and most toxic lake, is an environmental disaster. And the region’s politics have been dominated by a conservative white elite, despite its supermajority Latino population. The county also happens to be sitting on enough lithium to produce nearly 400 million batteries, sufficient to completely revamp the American auto fleet to electric propulsion. Even better, that lithium could be extracted in a way consistent with broader goals to reduce pollution. In a region desperate for jobs and income, the prospect of a “white gold rush” is appealing. ... But Imperial Valley residents who have been on the butt end of get-rich schemes around water and real estate in the past are worried that their political leaders may be giving away the store. ... ” [Read more from The Conversation.](#)

SEE ALSO: [Opinion: Imperial County residents deserve to benefit from a potential lithium boom](#), from the LA Times

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**[Biden-Harris administration marks major progress for Colorado River system health, signs five new water conservation agreements](#)**



“The Department of the Interior today marked major progress for the short and long-term health of the Colorado River System. In Santa Fe, New Mexico, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton joined leaders from the Imperial Irrigation District (California), Bard Water District (California), Metropolitan Water District (California) and Gila River Indian Community (Arizona) to sign five water conservation agreements that will leverage funding from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda to help advance water conservation across the West. Short-term agreements with the Imperial Irrigation District, Bard Water District and Metropolitan Water District are expected to conserve over 717,000 acre-feet of water by 2026. The agreements with the Gila River Indian Community are the first long-term agreements to be signed and have the potential to create system conservation of over 73,000 acre-feet within the next 10 years. ... ” Read more from the Bureau of Reclamation

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[A tiny tribe is getting pushback for betting big on a \\$600M casino in California's wine country](#)

https://apnews.com/article/california-tribes-land-dispute-casinos-09b9dd72423ca09baa0e71dedad54c32?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=share

A Northern California tribe's chances of owning a Las Vegas-style casino seemed like a dream as unlikely as hitting the jackpot.

“Before a child talks, they sing. Before they write, they draw. As soon as they stand, they dance. Art is fundamental to human expression.”

KL - Journal reader



Ormat presents the **PBS Reno Screening Room**

Showing Wild Nevada "Pyramid Lake"

When
Thursday, October 17th,
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Where
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Join us in the Joe Crowley
Great Room for a reception
before enjoying a special
screening of *Wild Nevada* in
the Theatre followed by an
engaging panel discussion!
Heavy appetizers will be served.

Ormat presents the PBS Reno Screening Room hosted at the Joe Crowley Student Union Great Room & Theatre on October 17th!

Enjoy the beauty of Pyramid Lake during this special screening of *Wild Nevada* before an engaging panel discussion.

We'll discuss local tribes and what they are doing to preserve their language and traditions!

RSVP by October 10th below!

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Tasking IHS to be voter registration sites

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Current voter registration opportunities, such as those at DMVs or state social service agencies, are less accessible to Native communities as many Native peoples use Tribal IDs and federal programs that fulfill the federal government's treaty obligations. Additionally, these offices are state-run and less used by Native Americans who live on reservation lands, while other voter registration sites are often located over 50 miles from reservation communities.

Unfortunately, as we're working to ensure Native peoples have equal access to the ballot box, a lawsuit brought by the right-wing America First Policy Institute is attacking the Biden administration's executive order that encourages IHS facilities to apply for voter registration designation.^[4]

This lawsuit is part of a long history of disenfranchisement, the legacy of colonization, and ongoing structural racism and hostility that prevent many Native peoples from registering and voting.

[In the face of continued attempts to suppress the Native vote, take action and urge Indian Health Service facilities to move quickly to apply for voter registration designation now](#)

Strong Native voter turnout in 2020 and 2022 resulted in important increases in Native representation in both federal and state governments and major federal policy actions.

In response to the increased Native voter turnout, dozens of states across the country have implemented voter suppression laws intended to silence the Native vote -- including attempts in Arizona, Nevada, Montana, and Utah to make it a crime to assist people with mail-in ballots, which disproportionately impacts Native peoples.^[1]

Right now, roughly one-third of eligible Native voters are not registered to vote -- that's 1.2 million people.

The best way to increase Native voter registration and turnout is for Indian Health Service facilities (IHS) to provide voter registration resources, just like the Department of Voter Vehicles (DMV) and Medicaid offices already do.

So far, four IHS facilities in Arizona, New Mexico, and California have applied for and received voter registration designation under the *National Voter Registration Act* of 1993 -- also known as the Motor Voter Act. IHS facilities utilized a 2021 executive order by the Biden administration, which urges other federal agencies like IHS to provide increased access to voter registration and voter information.

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Ensuring Native communities can fully participate in our elections is vital to building a multiracial, inclusive democracy.

Hawwih (thank you) for taking action today,

Judith LeBlanc (Caddo)
Executive Director



The Great Salt Lake is disappearing

The Great Salt Lake is the largest saltwater lake in the Western Hemisphere and an iconic American ecosystem. It provides habitat for millions of migratory birds and supports a variety of industries. If the lake goes dry, it could threaten human health for generations. This week, Earthjustice went to court to save it.

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After 100 years, fish will now swim freely in the Puyallup River

Thanks to an Earthjustice lawsuit, a court has ruled in favor of the Puyallup Tribe, ordering a portion of Electron Dam be removed because of the harm it poses to the endangered salmon that spawn and migrate in the river.

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The Cool Down

[Austin suburb to house world's largest 3D-printed neighborhood complete with high-tech features: 'An architectural revolution is quietly taking place'](#)

"Better design, higher strength, higher energy performance and comfort, and increased resiliency."

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Despite recent water supply improvement, more cuts expected for Colorado River, feds say "After Lake Mead hit an all-time low two years ago, the Colorado River's water supply is in a much better position this summer, but it hasn't improved enough to prevent further cuts this year. While conservation efforts and two hardy winters have improved the short-term outlook for the Colorado River, Lake Mead is currently at 33% of capacity, meaning cuts are still likely, said Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton. "Where we're going to be, most likely, is in a tier reduction. But the good news is it's not where we were two years ago, and the lake is in a better place," Touton said. ... " [Read more from the Capital Press](#).

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**Lake Mead will rise 10 feet by 2026**, officials say. Here's why

"Five U.S. Bureau of Reclamation conservation agreements targeting California farmers were signed on Wednesday with a big intended impact. "These 'bucket one' agreements celebrated today will collectively add 10 feet to Lake Mead's elevation by 2026," Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton said. "Our collaborative efforts are certainly paying off." The agreements involving the Imperial Irrigation District, Bard Water District and the Metropolitan Water District represent the last conservation efforts from "bucket one," or the first round, of funding from Congress' Inflation Reduction Act. ... " [Read more from the Las Vegas Review-Journal](#).

**Seeking security in scarcity: Officials emphasize need for action as Colorado River faces dwindling water supply**

“Water availability on Colorado’s Western Slope is under increasing pressure and uncertainty from climate change, population growth, and ongoing negotiations. “We’re seeing a shrinking resource, and one trend that is likely to continue to accelerate whether we have more precipitation or not ... is the warming temperatures are going to drive less water available for human use,” said Andy Mueller, general manager of the Colorado River District. “The question is: Can we as a society come together and plan for that? We haven’t done a great job of doing that so far, but perhaps we can.” He posed this question to a room full of water managers, agricultural producers, and elected officials in Grand Junction on Friday, Sept. 20, for the Colorado River District’s annual water seminar. This year’s seminar encouraged attendees to “meet the moment” and to find clarity, solutions, and opportunities amid water insecurity in the West. ... ” [Read more from the Aspen Times.](#)

**‘There is enough water’ UNLV startup aims to bring atmospheric water harvesting tech to the marketplace**

“According to researchers at UNLV, atmospheric water harvesting may pose a solution to our valley’s water woes, and a new startup called WAVR aims to push the technology into the real world. “WAVR is a company that we’ve launched based on UNLV technology that is addressing the biggest challenge I think for our community, which is access to water,” said Rich Sloan, CEO to WAVR and UNLV Entrepreneur in Residence. “Atmospheric water harvesting is going to be a big part of the future.” Sloan said there’s more than enough water available, even in dry climates of the Southwest. “There is enough water in the first 30 feet of atmosphere to handle 100% of the daily needs of Las Vegas,” he said. ... ” [Read more from Channel 13.](#)

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**California tribes to testify against Sites Reservoir water right on September 30**

“On Monday, Sept. 30, representatives of California Tribes will present testimony before the California State Water Resources Control Board opposing the Sites Authority’s application for a new water rights permit to withdraw up to 15 million acre-feet per year from the Sacramento River. Representatives from the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians, and the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, along with multiple Tribal attorneys and experts, will testify. “Tribes will testify to address significant concerns regarding the proposed reservoir’s impacts,” according to a press advisory from Save California Salmon and Friends of the River. “They will highlight the lack of meaningful Tribal consultation on the project and advise that the reservoir would flood Tribal cultural resources, Native American graves and sacred sites, and further degrade water quality and salmon runs, harming an important Indigenous food source and traditional lifeway systems.” ... ” [Read more from the Daily Kos.](#)

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**The election is under way. Absentee voting kicked off on Sept. 21. If you’re a military service member, a Nevada resident living outside the U.S., a tribal member who resides on a reservation or colony, or if you’re disabled, the time to vote is now. You can learn more on the [Effective Absentee System for Elections](#) page.**

### More History to Acknowledge this week

- 1493 Oct 4** Columbus invaded Guadalupe in the Carribean.
- 1712 Oct 5** The Spanish government appointed Jan Ignacio Flores Mongollon Governor and Capitan-General of all the vast empire embraced within the limits of the (now known as) Texas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada , California, Arizona and New Mexico.
- 1808 Oct 1** Confederate Congress Tribal Representative Robert McDonald Jones was born in Mississippi.
- 1833 Oct 4** First battle between whites and Indians at Humboldt Sink.
- 1837 Nov 1** The steamboat *Monmouth* carrying 700 Creek tribe members to be relocated was struck by the *Trenton*, a sailboat being towed by the steamboat *Warren*, breaking apart and killing from 240-400 Creek.
- 1847 Oct 3** Settlers in the Salt Lake Valley ratify High Council as a form of executive, legislative and judicial government.
- 1863 Oct 1** The Treaty of Ruby Valley between the Shoshone Nationa and the United States was signed (under duress).
- 1873 Oct 2** Kintapuash (Captain Jack of the Modoc) was executed at Alcatraz.
- 1887 Oct 2** Dr. Rodney Richardson of Delaware arrived at the Pyramid Lake Reservation to take up his duties as tribal agency physician.
- 1931 Oct 2** Nevada Tribes were expected to earn \$22,500 (more than \$237,000 in 2003 dollars) for the 1931 pinenut crop, shipping upwards of 1,500 sacks from Reno alone.
- 1932 Oct 4** The Mountain City Copper Company which was developing mining at Rio Tinto, southwest of Mountain City, filed its articles of incorporation.
- 1964 Oct 5** Pyramid Lake tribal chair, Allen Aleck, made a plea for public support in protecting the Lake against the effects of the Washoe Project (a water managment project created by whites) and against a recent US Interior Department report.
- 1966 Oct 1** RSIC kicked off a drive for improvement and beautification of the Colony, including a community center and park.
- 2002 Oct 1** Circle of Stories, a Native American storytelling web pages, was launched on PBS'' web site.