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## *A Letter from the Publisher*

Shekóli. Consultation is a familiar term in Indian country. The federal government’s obligation to consult with our nations on numerous fronts—resource usage, economic development, the disbursement of health or education funds—can appear as a fundamental point of agreement during hard-fought negotiations. Like any partnership or legally binding contract, it is up to both sides to honor and uphold terms of the agreement. Readers of *This Week From Indian Country Today* will recognize how vital consultation is to our nations. The presence or lack of proper consultation can determine whether the relationship between governments and agencies is contentious or beneficial. Consultation may have differing interpretations from different sides of the bargaining table. But to paraphrase U.S. Supreme Court Judge Potter Stewart’s remarks about obscenity, “We know it when we see it.”



language restoration give all of our readers—not just tribal leaders—a sense of the opportunity that exists within the political and economic partner we know as the U.S. government.

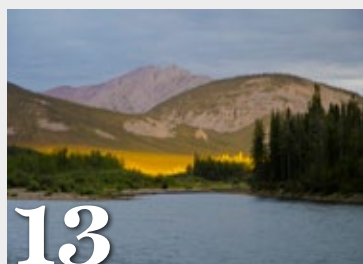
Most importantly, Tester speaks frankly about his proposal for a clean *Carciari* fix. He minces no words when it comes the importance of passage of a proper bill, and why there cannot be two classes of Indian nations in the eyes of the federal government. He is also clear about soliciting support within Indian country for the best interests of our communities. Because his office openly engaged in consultation and outreach before presenting his version of a clean fix, the senator gave his legislation a chance to be heard and promoted. Sharing the information is the first step in building a coalition. Now it is time for our nations to band together to see that the job is completed.

To date, the tenure of Jon Tester (D-Montana) as chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Indian Affairs has been marked by a high degree of transparency, communication and, yes, consultation. As ICT-MN’s Washington, D.C. correspondent Rob Capriccioso remarks in this week’s extensive interview with Tester, he comes across as a “candid, common-sense man who is focused on Indian stuff because he cares about it.” Tester’s responses to questions about the government’s role in tribal economic development, self-determination and

*Na ki wa,*

Ray Halbritter

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### Confusion on Self-Determination

*The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) should grasp the true definition of self-determination, says Steven Newcomb (Shawnee, Lenape), co-founder and co-director of the Indigenous Law Institute:*

As this is being written, an Interactive hearing is taking place at the United Nations in preparation for the drafting of a High Level Plenary Meeting Outcome Document. The NCAI has not cleared up its confusion about self-determination. Yet it has placed itself front and center in the discussions. Ironically, the NCAI, the In-

dian Law Resource Center and the federal government are all calling for “U.S. federally recognized tribes” to be recognized at the U.N.

The right of self-determination in international law includes the right of every people to define its own political status. What happens if the U.S. succeeds in making it look as if our Original Nations and Peoples have freely chosen as a political status only a “domestic” U.S. policy “concept of self-determination,” instead of an international right of self-determination?

What happens if the U.S. succeeds in making it seem as if our originally free and independent Nations and Peoples have freely chosen to define our own po-

litical status as that of “subservient sovereigns”—namely, “U.S. federally recognized tribes,” a status that originates in the U.S. constructed conceptual framework of U.S. federal Indian law and policy? What happens if we are being “led” to a “destination” that is the opposite of political reform, in the name of political reform?

The danger would then exist that federal Indian law and policy system will end up being reaffirmed and accepted, rather than fundamentally challenged, internationally. We are in perilous times in the international arena, and those who ought to heed this warning are the ones who are least likely to do so. <http://bit.ly/1mGa92n> ☞

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### Why Hasn't Obama Visited California's Tribes?

*President Obama may have made a historic visit on July 3 to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, says T Robert Przeklasa, a research associate with the California Center for Native Nations. But he is sorely neglecting the tribes of California:*

For outsiders, including the president, it can be easy to lose California Indians amid the urban sprawl that has enveloped their lands, and misconstrue their success operating in two worlds as mere assimilation. Such a misconception is both a great mistruth and tragedy. Whether for a national park or world-class resort, the people of *sec-he*

(the boiling waters), never gave up their homeland; and while Harry Truman and Gerald Ford enjoyed the sunshine and golfing, the Cauhilla fought valiantly against the injustice and poverty that at times engulfed them.

Indeed, as President Obama enjoyed golf at Palm Springs' famous Thunderbird Country on July 4, tribal people gathered around a half-moon altar across the Coachella Valley. Several individuals recently formed the non-profit Páayish Néken to revitalize the Cauhilla language across the nine Cauhilla reservations and the region. The tireless efforts of elders, present and past, have ensured that traditional cultures of the people of Southern California are finding new life.

At the end of the month, the Morongo Reservation will hold its 12th Annual Cultural Heritage Days, with traditional foods, barbecue, rodeo, birdsinging and dancing, cultural demonstrations and workshops, followed by a night of peon games. Similar events happen in the area throughout the year.

Americans, especially those within Indian Country, should not overlook the Cauhuillas, Chemehuevis, Cupeños, Kumeyaays, Luiseños, Mohaves, and Quechans, their culture, and their contributions. To do so is to deny the truth, forget history, and trample upon the sovereignty these Nations have preserved against incalculable odds over the centuries. <http://bit.ly/1of4WKi> ☞

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### The Identity of Chris Stevens

*New disclosures about the 2012 al Qaida attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya have prompted Texas trial court judge Steve Russell (Cherokee) to reflect on the mixed ancestry of Chris Stevens, which the murdered ambassador could just as easily have claimed was white as Chinook:*

Chris Stevens was everything we should want an ambassador to be. By “we,” I mean both tribal governments and colonial governments. It strikes me that it is important that he claimed to be Chinook by blood

and by citizenship.

Chris Stevens descended from a famous Chinook chief in fact rather than legend. But he could have been exclusively a white man if he wished. By self-identifying as white, Stevens would have ratified the termination of his people. But he chose to enroll and maintain his Chinook citizenship. Stevens' decision to claim his birthright of dual citizenship made him an ambassador for the Chinook Nation to the U.S., and that decision was in the best interests of the Chinook.

It would be good if fewer people were distracted by the political nonsense de-

ployed around Ambassador Stevens' death. To call it a “scandal” is to accord the incident a dignity it does not deserve. What does deserve dignity is the significance of his life and the honor he is due not just by the United States, but also by the still unfairly terminated Chinook Nation and Indian country in general.

Without regard to the veracity of family legends or the existence of affirmative action, those of us who clear the wickets of higher education and professional careers have decisions to make if we care to keep faith with our people. <http://bit.ly/1k0AUZI> ☞

### \$50 Million in Land Buy-Backs for Rosebud Reservation

In another step to fulfill President Barack Obama's commitment to help strengthen Indian communities, the Interior Department announced on June 25 that offers have been sent to nearly 11,000 individual landowners with fractional interests at the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.


Totaling more than \$50 million, these offers will give landowners the opportunity to voluntarily sell their fractionated interests in land, which will be consolidated and held in trust for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

The Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations implements the land consolidation component of the *Cobell* Settlement, which provided \$1.9 billion to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value within a 10-year period. Individuals who choose to sell their interests will receive payments directly into their IIM accounts. Consolidated interests are immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

There are almost 245,000 owners of nearly 3 million fractional interests, spanning 150 Indian reservations, who are eligible to participate in the program. However, many see little or no economic benefit from what are often very small, undivided interests in lands that cannot be utilized because of their highly fractionated state.

In addition to receiving fair market value for their land-based, on-objective appraisals, sellers also receive a base payment of \$75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land. With these offers, the Buy-Back Program has sent more than 33,000 purchase offers to owners of fractionated interests. The program has successfully concluded transactions worth more than \$67 million and has restored the equivalent of nearly 190,000 acres of land to tribal governments.

Rosebud landowners will have until August 16 to return accepted offers.

<http://bit.ly/1tk5Ltv> 

### Mountain Pine Beetle Infestation Looms Over Pit River Tribe Gathering

As the Pit River Indian Tribe's annual gathering approaches, environmental officials are working to curtail an infestation of mountain pine beetles that is decimating lodgepoles at the Medicine Lake Recreation Area.


Although the Pit River Tribe's annual gathering at Medicine Campground from July 18-21 is not threatened by the invasion, the infestation has been slowly worsening over the past few years.

"Mountain pine beetle activity has increased throughout the Medicine Lake basin over the past few years and is now considered at outbreak levels in some locations causing the death of a large number of lodgepole pines (*Pinus contorta*) in and around the campground areas," the U.S. Forest Service said.

The pine beetle—*Dendroctonus ponderosae*—kills trees by boring into the bark and sucking out the nutrients. The lodgepole is its main victim, though the insect also affects limber pines and whitebark

pinus, noted the Big Sky Owners Association, a Montana conservation group.

Nationwide, the beetles have decimated 38,000 square miles of forest in the western U.S. alone. This includes 25 percent of the forest in the Black Hills of South Dakota. While cold winters normally kill the beetles off over the winter and give trees a fighting chance, the warmer overall temperatures have enabled the beetles to flourish at both higher elevations and altitudes, *Bloomberg BusinessWeek* reported. The dead trees in turn are prime fuel for wildfires, especially in drought conditions.

Modoc National Forest officials are working hard to keep the outbreak in check by using a three-pronged approach. The first stage, conducted in mid- and late June, was to mark and remove infested trees. Phase two entailed applying bark beetle pheromones to infested trees around the lake and the wetlands, which was accomplished over June 25-26, the U.S. Forest Service said. For phase three, the trees will be sprayed with insecticide, most likely this fall, the Forestry Service said. <http://bit.ly/1IRCAUZ> 

### Report: Alberta Oil Sands Contaminate Wild Food, Give Aboriginals Cancer

The Alberta oil sands are contaminating the wild food downstream in Fort Chipewyan with toxic metals, causing elevated cancer rates among residents, particularly members of the Athabasca Chipewyan and Mikisew Cree First Nations, according to a recently released report by the University of Manitoba's Environmental Conservation Lab.

Of 94 study participants, 23 had cancer. "Cancer occurrence increased significantly with participant employment in the oil sands and with the increased consumption of traditional foods and locally caught fish," said the report, *Environmental and Human Health Implications of Athabasca Oil Sands*.

The report follows three years of research by two Alberta First Nations and University of Manitoba scientists, funded by the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) and the Mikisew Cree First Nation.

Higher than normal levels of industrial heavy metals, like arsenic, mercury and cadmium, have been found in wild-caught foods like moose, duck, muskrat and beaver, posing concerns for both children and adults.

"These communities are facing a double bind," said Dr. Stéphane McLachlan, who headed the team that prepared the report. "On one hand, industry, notably the Oil Sands, cause a decline in the health of the environment and ultimately of community members. On the other hand, the existing health care infrastructure is unable to address these declines in human health. The communities are caught in the middle, and the impacts are clear and worrisome."

In April, Alberta's chief medical officer Dr. James Talbot acknowledged that there is an unusually high number of cancer clusters in the area, particularly in bile ducts, cervixes and nearby lungs of subjects, reported [commdreams.org](http://bit.ly/1qguSYz).

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## Scholar Launches Google Doc Campaign to Oppose 'Redskins' Name

BY SIMON MOYA-SMITH

A recent graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education has launched a Google Doc to combat the specious argument that a majority of Native Americans do not consider the team name of the Washington, D.C. National Football League Franchise to be offensive.

"Our voices as Indigenous Peoples are often silenced on this issue, so we need to be able to make our voices heard and have our own space to come together," Dr. Adrienne Keene (Cherokee) told ICTMN.

Keene says the Google Doc is not a petition. "It's a collective voice, thousands of indigenous peoples saying, 'We're here, and we care about the ways we are represented,'" she said.

Keene said that proponents of the team name continue to cite a 2004 Annenberg survey, which states that 90 percent of Native Americans do not find the name "Redskins" offensive—and whose findings have been called into question. "I wanted something to counter that," she said. In addition, she said, "[Team owner] Dan Snyder keeps talking about the 'hundreds' of letters he's received from Natives in support of the team, when I know there are thousands against the name and mascot."

The Google Doc currently has more than 3,890 signatures from citizens of a variety of Native American nations, Keene said.

Keene is not sure of her next steps. She predicted that "The list will continue to grow, and as a living document, can offer a visual counter-narrative to what is constantly being said about native peoples in the media—that we 'don't care.' Clearly we do."

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## Nevada Indian Tourism Commission Celebrates 10-Year Presence in China

The Nevada Commission on Tourism is celebrating 10 years of its presence in China. Sherry Rupert, director of the Nevada Indian Commission, and other officials joined Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki in Beijing for the occasion.

The group will mark the occasion by meeting with Chinese government and tourism industry leaders and reaffirming Nevada's commitment to China, NevadaAppeal.com said. The group will also continue to promote Nevada as a business and tourist destination.

Ben Rupert, Sherry's husband, and John Rupert, her son, will perform traditional Native American dances for conventions in Beijing, Chengdu and Guangzhou, the Appeal said. "It's going to be really great," said

Sherry, who plans to narrate some of the dances in traditional regalia.

Rupert, who also serves as president of the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association and sits on the U.S. Department of Commerce Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, told NevadaAppeal.com that she will be interested in sharing Native American culture and exploring tourism opportunities.

"We see it's an emerging market for the United States," Rupert said. "It would be great to see the interest in Indian Country."

China ranks seventh in number of visitors to the U.S. and sixth in amount of money spent while here, averaging \$6,000 per person, per trip, according to the Department of Commerce's Office of Travel and Tourism Industries. <http://bit.ly/1j9GdLc> ☞

## Cherokee Nation Receives \$3.7 Million Grant for Out-of-Work Citizens

The Cherokee Nation has been awarded a \$3.7 million federal Job-Driven Nation Emergency Grant to provide training for workers who have lost their jobs in high-demand industries. The Nation, the only tribal government recipient in the current round, joins 32 states and Puerto Rico in receiving a two-year grant from the Department of Labor, which awarded a total of \$155 million.

"The best way to help our unemployed citizens is to help them get back to work as soon as possible," said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill

John Baker. "That's why it is so important to equip Cherokee Nation citizens with the training and skill sets that employers in Oklahoma are searching for. These funds support the tribe's workforce department's capacity to deliver critical job training to hundreds of Cherokees."

The grant allows the tribe's Career Services department to develop new programs to help long-term dislocated workers and those likely to exhaust their unemployment with work-based training.

A new welding apprenticeship with the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Union, for instance,

will give participants the opportunity to earn a year's worth of apprenticeship credit in a 10-week program. The grant also allows for existing programs to be expanded. An additional 100 spots will open for both on-the-job training and vocational training. Overall, the grant will give more than 300 citizens the opportunity to obtain necessary skills to fill in-demand jobs.

"This grant is a big step in the right direction in order to expand our services throughout our 14-county tribal jurisdiction," said Diane Kelley, Cherokee Nation Career Services executive director. "Our goal is to find jobs for as many people as we possibly can." <http://bit.ly/1pVuNha> ☞

## ICWA Case In California

*Dispute over Choctaw custody*

A California appeals court heard oral arguments on July 8 in *Children and Family Services v. J. E. et al.*, a case involving a Choctaw father who is fighting for custody of his child under the Indian Child Welfare Act. The foster parents hope to terminate the parental rights of a father, who is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, under the legal doctrine of having become “de facto parents”—even though theirs is the third foster home in which the child in question has resided since being placed in foster care. A decision is expected on or about July 18. <http://bit.ly/1sx1mz9>

## Resignation Over Redskins Message

*Team consultant steps down*

Ben Tribbett has resigned as a media consultant with the Washington Redskins amid controversy over offensive Tweets he had written about Native Americans in 2010. Tribbett, who rose to prominence by derailing Sen. George Allen’s 2006 re-election campaign over the use of the slur “macaca”, had been a consultant for only two weeks. Shortly after being hired, Tribbett told local radio audiences that the debate over the NFL team name was “mostly sort of a p.c. campaign.” He also said he was responsible for conveying the message that the Redskins were “really

supporting what the fans want them to do, which is to keep the name.” <http://bit.ly/TSFv94>

## Records Unsealed In Hedgepeth Death

*But many questions remain*

Selected records of the investigation of the 2012 murder of Faith Hedgepeth (Haliwa-Saponi), a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, were released by a superior court judge on July 2. However, the autopsy report, among other documents, will remain sealed. The new information does little to answer many questions, said Hedgepeth’s father, Roland: “There was nothing released that brings any closure for the family.” Hedgepeth, 19, was found dead on September 7, 2012, in her off-campus apartment. No one has been arrested or charged for her murder. But police said they believe the crime was not random and that her murderer likely knew her. <http://bit.ly/1mz1OvO>

## Australian Stake In Tribal Slots

*A bet on American Indian casinos*

The Australian gaming machine maker Aristocrat Leisure Ltd has agreed to buy the privately owned firm Video Gaming Technologies (VGT) for \$1.28 billion. VGT, based in Franklin, Tennessee, manufactures slot and bingo machines primarily for tribal casinos; it has approximately 20,200 machines

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on lease to Indian casinos in Oklahoma, Washington, California and elsewhere. VGT has long-term relationships with the major tribal casino operators in its key regions of operation. Many of its relationships extend more than 10 years, from the time that VGT released its first Class II gaming product in 2002. <http://bit.ly/1qK4N6t>

## Indigenous Justice In Mexico

*Government must pay for illegal imprisonment*

For the first time, a Mexican high court has ordered the federal government to recompense and apologize for illegally imprisoning an indigenous woman. The victim, Jacinta Francisco Marcial, was arrested

in August 2006 for allegedly kidnapping six federal agents in Santiago during a public disturbance. But in late May, human rights lawyers with the Miguel Agostin Human Rights Center compelled the federal government to concede that the arrest had been wrongful. “This sentence doesn’t just apply to Jacinta,” said Guillermo Chao, a spokesman for Mexico’s Federal Fiscal and Administrative Tribunal. “It will potentially apply to all people who are wrongly incarcerated.” <http://bit.ly/1zpuioG>

## EPA Seeks Climate Stories

*Emphasis on personal experience*

The Environmental Pro-

tection Agency (EPA) on June 25 launched a “Climate Justice In Action” blog series that will focus on the unequal burdens that climate change places on low-income and minority communities and the innovative solutions that communities are taking to fight climate change and prepare for its effects. As part of the series, the EPA has created an Interactive Climate Justice Map that allows for environmental justice and climate change stakeholders from all backgrounds to upload stories about actions being taken in their communities to combat climate change. The EPA will collect and spotlight the stories throughout the summer.

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**Health Award For Taos Pueblo**

*Traditional farming wins plaudits*

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded the Taos Pueblo its \$25,000 Culture of Health Prize for outstanding and innovative efforts to improve health locally. The community’s efforts began in 2007, when the tribe took control of programs that had previously been managed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the initiative culminated in the 2010 formation of the Red Willow Community Growers Cooperative. Since then, the pueblo has instituted a number of health programs, including the farming of food locally for use in schools. The Taos Pueblo is expected to use its prize money to help fund its early education and elder programs.

<http://bit.ly/1k5BeX2>

U.S. Department of the Interior

LAND Buy-Back Program for TRIBAL NATIONS

The Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, created to implement part of the *Cobell Settlement*, is offering fair market value to landowners for voluntarily restoring fractional land interests to tribes. All sales are voluntary, though landowners will only have **45 days** to accept offers.

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**1(888)678-6836**

**More information is also available from your local Fiduciary Trust Officer (FTO) at the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, or on the web at:**  
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# The Passion of Jon Tester

The Senate Indian Affairs Commission chairman is a man on a mission

BY ROB CAPRICCIOSO

**Bottom Line:** *Sen. Jon Tester (D-Wyoming) has only been chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee for a short time. But to speak with him, you would not know it.*

Compared to those who have led the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs before him, Jon Tester (D-Montana) is a different creature. He's not too prickly, nor harsh with staff. He's not seen as overly idealistic, nor super controlled. And he doesn't appear to have merely a passing interest in Indian issues. He's not intent on leaving his Native constituents behind when he finds bigger political fish to fry.

He has been in the Senate since 2007 but is still a farmer. So is his wife. He has been a teacher of music with a B.S. degree in that discipline. Not only has he visited Montana's reservations, he knows why the Indian vote matters, especially now as the political composition of the Senate—part of a currently dysfunctional Congress, he laments—hangs in the balance.

A visit to Tester in the Hart Senate Office Building reveals him as a comfortable, candid, common-sense man who is focused on Indian matters because he cares about them and wants to get them right. In person, he seems jollier than he comes across during committee hearings. He is a tribal ally who has a chance to show real power in this domain for years to come if he so chooses, and if the voters in his conservative state

continue to keep him in office.

Tester has been in the Senate for a rather short time to be leading a committee. But it appeared to be his destiny after senior Montana Democratic Sen. Max Baucus retired to become Ambassador to China, and Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Washington) decided to move on early this year to chair

perhaps his biggest challenge will be to not flood the engine.

On a humid late June day in Washington, D.C., Sen. Tester received a visitor wearing a white dress shirt with its top buttons unbuttoned. He wore no tie and no jacket. His famous crew cut was front and center. His desk was simple, and there

were no ornate decorations on his office walls.

"Welcome," he said, first looking at the reporter's colorful tie, lamenting that he has been instructed to wear toned-down ties when appearing on the air. "That's a tie I'd like to wear on TV."

And, with that, the interview began, touching on a range of pressing issues Tester says he wants to accomplish alongside his Indian allies—making clear

that he can only be successful if Indians are willing to take responsibility and lead the way on improving their own prospects.

**You have really started out of the gate running. How are you feeling at this point in your chairmanship?**

I think we are in pretty good shape. We have pushed a lot of bills out of the committee. We really have taken some of the less controversial bills and moved down the line. I think our next challenge is taking the bills that we've gotten out of committee and the ones that don't get taken up by unanimous consent, figuring out a strategy for the lame duck. Maybe an omnibus Indian bill going forward that



*Tester: Neither prickly nor harsh; not overly idealistic or too controlled*

the Small Business Committee.

Cantwell has been criticized for not moving as much critical legislation as Indian country would have liked during her year holding the gavel. That is one reason why Tester has already passed 15 pieces of committee legislation on housing, education, water rights, and an assuredly complicated legislative fix to the 2009 Supreme Court *Carcieri* decision—a ruling that limited the Department of the Interior's ability to take lands into trust for tribes. With four hearings scheduled for July alone on some touchy subjects, including gaming and the Cobell settlement—at a time when many senators are prepping for their summer break—per-



Tester, deeply involved with constituents, attended the Arlee Pow Wow.



A senator on the move: Tester rides in the Crow Fair parade

could include a lot of stuff, including, potentially, a *Carcieri* fix. Secondly, particularly related to the hearings we've held on education, we need to write up an education bill, get it out of committee. The same thing may be true of economic development: get a bill that deals with economic development in Indian country, and get it out of committee.

**Was Sen. Cantwell's tenure last year—which some people criticized as moving too slowly—necessary to get you to this point of action?**

Maybe it was. I never thought about it that way. I think Maria did a great job as chairman of the committee. When she stepped aside and I took over the committee, knowing Mary [Pavel, staff director of the committee] for many years, I asked her to characterize the easy bills, the medium bills, and the tough ones. And we proceeded from there. Because we kept the same staff, it allowed Mary to have a solid scope of the landscape because she had worked a year with Maria on the committee.

**How are you getting along with these staffers who you didn't choose?**

They're all really good folks. I like them. They all bring different levels of expertise to the table; like to have fun; easy to be around. It's a very good staff.

One thing that some in Indian Country were worried about, given the rapid exit of Sen. Cantwell, was that it might take you another year to build your own machine.

Thankfully, I have known Mary since I got here [to the Senate]. And I was confident that she would not put substandard people around here, and she hasn't.

**You mentioned an omnibus Indian bill that would hopefully tie in several Indian-focused legislative efforts. When would something like that happen, and are you talking about a stand-alone bill focused just on Indian issues?**

Yeah, there are two ways to approach it. We could look for different bills to attach things on as amendments. Or we could put a stand-alone together. To be bluntly honest with you, I've got to talk to Harry [Reid, Senate Majority Leader (D-Nevada)]. I haven't talked to him yet, because we haven't talked as a staff yet on what we want to do. If Harry says no, we can't do an omnibus bill, then we fall back to tell him that we want to attach them to bills to get votes on them.... We didn't do all this work just for show. We are going to try to get something functionally done at the other end.

**Do you worry, if it's a stand-alone bill, that that would present too many opportunities for other senators to want to get their compromises in there, whereas if it is attached to another bill, it might be less likely to be tinkered with?**

There are some advantages and disadvantages going both ways, and you have touched on them. The advantage of a stand-alone Native American bill is that it has never been done before, and you have some great Native bills out there right

now that have been carried by both Republicans and Democrats. So I think we could have a truly bipartisan effort moving forward here. I think the big issue is going to be whether there is going to be enough time. Will Harry give me enough time to do a Native American bill?

**You recently held a hearing on tribal economic development. Everyone talks about wanting to fix the economies of struggling reservations. But that kind of talk has happened throughout American history, really. How do you change that?**

I tell you how to change it. We don't fix it from Washington, D.C., and they don't fix it on the ground. We have to work together. That's one of the reasons why we have tried to be as transparent and as encompassing as we can be on this committee. We need Native Americans' input. The programs that we set up and potentially fund, they have to be held responsible for doing the right thing to be sure their kids are getting an education, or the money is being spent right for economic development.

If tribes think that I can fix their economy, I can't. The whole Congress can't fix their economy. The truth is, with good communication, working together, we can fix it together. I've also got to find Indian leaders who are willing to step up. And I think we've found some who are willing to step up and say this is what we need to do in Indian country to make things work, and then we [Congress] need to support it.



**The principle of self-determination has been around for a long time, and some tribes have been able to more successfully take advantage of the opportunities involved with it. Why have some tribes not been able to take advantage of those opportunities?**

I don't know. Sometimes the federal government holds them back. Some tribes have done it better than others. We had a hearing in Montana on Indian healthcare, and it was very apparent to me that the tribes that were block granted the money were doing a better job than the others. That's about self-determination and them taking responsibility.

**The tribes that are doing very well have now been able to become a part of the American political system, hiring strong lobbyists, making big campaign finance donations. What is your role in thinking about all that and how it juxtaposes against the needs of the most struggling tribes?**

Every one of those tribes that are struggling has opportunity, and I think we have to figure out ways that they can expand on that opportunity. But it really has to be driven from the local level. You know, I can't walk onto [the] Crow [reservation] and say, you know, "You guys have great opportunities in tourism, and we need to do this, this, and this." That isn't going to work. They need to come with the program and ask if there is any way for the federal government to help out.

You want tribes, especially ones that are struggling, to be bold in taking advantage of self-determination opportunities.

Yes, that's right. Make no mistake: I know how difficult it is. When you're poor, you're poor. It's hard to come up.

**Is Congress being bold enough in pushing new economic endeavors?**

No, and part of it has to do with the economic constraints we have on us due to the debt, wars and everything that has

transpired over the last 15 years. There are limited opportunities now, but we need to take advantage of the limited opportunities that we have.

**Does this situation change for the better while you are serving in Congress?**

Well, I hope so. But this is a pretty dysfunctional place. I wish I could tell you this place is running like a Singer sewing machine, but it ain't. It's pretty tough. We can have the best ideas, and somebody will put a hold on them, and then that's that. But that doesn't mean you don't keep trying. And, by the way, if you keep trying, I think that sets a really good example for the folks in Indian country.



*Tester learns to say "Hello" in Salish at the Salish Language Institute.*

**Would you support the president creating a Cabinet-level Native affairs position?**

I think, absolutely, it would be a great idea. Number one: they would have a better understanding of the challenges in Indian country than I would. Second: that voice out there talking about what needs to be done is important because it not only helps Indian folks, it helps everybody.

[Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs] Jodi Gillette and others in this administration have focused on Indian issues that are not the Cabinet level.

I tell you, Jodi Gillette has as much influence right now as any Cabinet person. She's got the president's ear. I think, re-

gardless of what the position is called, you have to have someone that the president trusts and will listen to.

**You've said your clean Carcieri legislative fix, which would help reservation economies, still faces a lot of hurdles.**

Yes, and it's no different now than ever before.

**What does that mean?**

That means that we've got to find 60 votes, and there are people out there on the Democratic side who don't like it, and I'm sure there are people on the Republican side who don't as well. This is truly going to have to be a bipartisan effort, or it isn't going to work to get a clean fix. Our challenge is going to be finding those 60 votes. I think a clean fix is the way to go, but I am not stupid about the legislative process. We need to get it through. I don't think that two classes of Native Americans is a good idea. So we've got to find the 60 votes. We've got to do some serious talking with Sens. [Dianne] Feinstein, Jack Reed, [Chris] Murphy, [Richard] Blumenthal—these are all friends of mine—to let them know that I do not see the boogeyman out there in this bill that they do. We'll see how effective I am in that.

**Three SCIA chairmen before you have said the same thing about trying to build a coalition—**

It's never happened.

**What makes you the one?**

I'm a better guy. (Laughs) No, I don't know. A lot of it is timing; a lot of it is luck, too. Just as everything else, you push forward, and maybe the key will fit the lock.

**So you're working your Democratic friends?**

We haven't started yet. We've passed it out of committee. I have not had the hard conversation with Dianne [Feinstein] or any of the other four.

**What is the hard conversation?**

The hard conversation is to sit down with them and say I want to make this real. We need to figure out a way to allay their fears. If we're successful in doing that, fine. If it comes to a point that we can't be successful, then it becomes a little more difficult. Feelings get hurt and all that stuff. But I think that we're all grown-ups here, and I think this issue has been around long enough that we should be able to get to the root problems and get them resolved.

**How important is you vice-chair, Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyoming), in all this?**

He is very important. He and [Sen. Jerry] Moran [R-Kansas] are the two keys to this puzzle—Moran because he is a co-sponsor. And if Barrasso were to come out hard against it, it would make this thing very difficult to pass.

**In your ideal world, would he be working arm and arm with you on this?**

In my ideal world, he would be.

**And he's not?**

Well, we haven't had that conversation yet, either. I don't know where he's at. I know where Jerry is. And Jerry is willing to go to the mat for us. Hopefully he will go to the mat with Barrasso. At the very least, Barrasso has to be neutral. If he's opposed to it, we've got a problem. We don't absolutely need him, but it would make life easier if we have him.

**In committee, Sen. Barrasso recently proposed an amendment to study *Carciari* and its effects on tribes, and it passed. More study?**

Yeah, that's something we do here all the time. We study stuff all the time, and then we study it some more. I think *Carciari* is a known entity, and I don't



Here, Tester meets with the Blackfeet Tribal Council in Browning, Montana.

think it necessarily needs to be studied anymore.

**Turning to your focus on Native education, all these hearings—is it because you were a teacher?**

Yes, I think that's fundamentally the root of it all. My folks strongly believed in public education, that it was a key to success. My grandmother moved to this country because of education. My mother and her three sisters and brother got degrees. Both my brothers have degrees. Education was pounded into us as being very important. It is the key to our democracy. It is the key to economic development. It is the key to our future. If we are able to unleash the minds in Indian country, Indian country will flourish.

**And you have proposed a Native language restoration bill. I know you didn't grow up speaking a Native language, so why was that component meaningful to you?**

It's because of the information I have learned since sitting on the committee. Native language speakers do better in school, and they stay in school. Those are two big problems in Indian country—academic achievement and dropping out. If we can fix those two with language, we need to push language.

**Over at the Indian Health Service, is Dr. Yvette Roubideaux going to be re-****confirmed as director?**

I don't know. I think there are some communication issues that need to be worked out, and I've told her exactly that. There needs to be a lot better communication between tribes and her. I think she is trying to do that. But the well may be a bit soured because there are a lot of Native folks out there who don't like her. I believe from a personal standpoint that I don't have a problem with her. She is a delightful

woman. But the Indian Health Service is in tough shape, and there needs to be the leadership there that pushes the envelope and listens to the people on the ground—tells them no when they have to tell them no, but comes up here and tells us [Congress] no when we need to hear that, too.

The reason I say I don't know if she'll be confirmed is I don't know if she has the votes on the committee. That's the problem. By the way, when Sylvia Burwell [the new director of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Roubideaux's new boss] was in here, I talked to Sylvia specifically about her and asked her to do an assessment.

**At the Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn has pushed some progressive proposals lately—improving the federal recognition process, wanting to get lands put into trust for Alaska tribes, thinking about Native Hawaiian recognition—what do you think about all that?**

I think it's very, very, very good. I think Kevin Washburn is a great guy. I wish other members of the agency would push us harder at the congressional level, because I think there are people here who want to be pushed harder. [Sen. Heidi] Heitkamp [D-N.D.] is a prime example. I'm a prime example. If you come in and demand more, we're probably going to deliver more. <http://bit.ly/1xMfyxC> 📧



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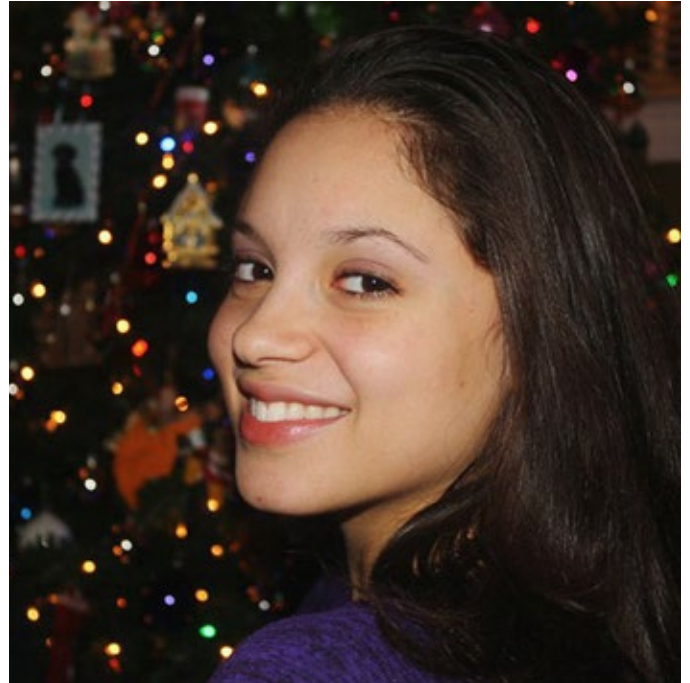
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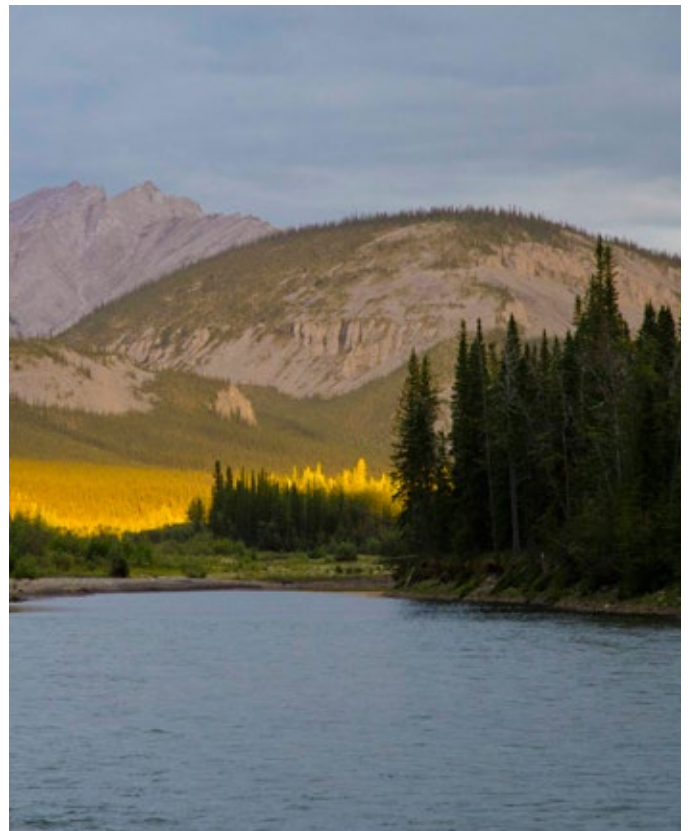
*Cherokee Nation businesses have pledged \$120,000 to Dwight Mission in Oklahoma to restore its nearly 100-year-old schoolhouse.*



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## TRIBAL CASINOS COULD MOVE FORWARD WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL

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## DENTAL CARE TOO LATE OR ELUSIVE FOR MANY NATIVE ADULTS AND ELDERERS

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## TRIBE RAISES THOUSANDS FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

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## NEW DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT TO SERVE LOCAL TRIBAL CUISINE

<http://bit.ly/1n7VozB>

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PUSH GLENDALE TO 'STRIKE DEAL' OVER CASINO

<http://bit.ly/1qk5XTW>

## Upcoming Events

### CENTER FOR NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH SAFETALK SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING JULY 16

The Center for Native American Youth and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will co-sponsor two free, three-hour suicide prevention training sessions to prepare participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Student interns, tribal organization and federal agency staff, congressional staff and other non-profit partners are invited to participate. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Location:** One DuPont Circle NW, Washington, D.C.

### REFORM OF FEDERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGULATIONS JULY 17 AND JULY 22

This series of hearings is being held in regard to a proposal that the Interior Department reform its 35-year-old process for

officially recognizing Indian tribes. The existing regulations, known as “the Part 83 process”, were originally adopted in 1978 and were updated only once 20 years ago. The 1978 regulations have been widely criticized as being too time-consuming, sometimes arbitrary and generally “broken.” Key features of the proposed rule would promote transparency by updating the Part 83 criteria to include objective standards; promote efficiency by requiring a petitioner to show community and political influence/authority from 1934 to the present rather than from as early as 1789; and eliminate the need for a petitioner to demonstrate that third parties identified the petitioner as a tribe from 1900 to the present.

**Location:** Menominee Casino Resort, Keshena, Wisconsin and Cache Creek Casino Resort, Brooks, California

### INDIGENOUS PEACEMAKING INITIATIVE JULY 20-25

“Journey to the Headwaters of Restorative Justice”, part of a program initiated by the brothers Phil and Harold Gatensby of the

T’lingit Nation, who introduced Peacemaking Circles into contemporary society, is a wilderness retreat for restorative justice practitioners and the helping professions. The program will emphasize advanced Peacemaking Circle training and reflective wilderness-based programming.

**Location:** Carcross, Yukon Territory

### POLES, POSTS AND CANOES CONFERENCE JULY 21-22

“The Preservation, Conservation and Continuation of Native American Monumental Wood Carving” will gather Native and non-Native museum professionals, tribal members, and contemporary Native carvers to discuss the challenges of preserving and exhibiting historic monumental wood carvings from both a Native and non-Native view point. It will also serve to connect Native carvers and the museum community in the hope that the resulting dialogue will help support the continued development of this traditional art form.

**Location:** Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Reserve, Tulalip, Washington

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I recently read one of your excellent articles by Lee Allen (“Pow Wow in the Pines to Offer Greetings, Bless Corn Pollen”, May 11) and could not help but think of the contrasting way that the United States celebrates Independence Day.

I hope that one day, every American city has a powwow for the Fourth of July,

instead of polluting their air and water with fireworks displays. Fireworks are dangerous to people and wild and domestic animals. Powwows would allow non-Native Americans to learn about the spirituality, culture and history of Native Americans.

Native Americans who are close to nature should take this issue up

and convince governments to start supporting powwows instead of exploding chemicals over our water and land.

Thank you for Indian Country Today Media Network.

Ewa Bandura  
Nokomis, Florida

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## TOP NEWS ALERTS

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### **KIT CARSON PARK KEEPS NAME—IN PART**

Taos, New Mexico has voted to rescind a major portion of the naming of its centerpiece park for adventurer Kit Carson. In June, the town council voted to rename the entire establishment "Red Willow Park". But on July 8, the council modified its decision, separating the park into two parts, and keeping the name "Kit Carson Memorial Park" for the site where the explorer and his wife are buried. Carson directed the forced removal of thousands of Navajo Nation, during which more than 3,000 died.

### **REBURIAL OF INDIAN PATIENTS**

The remains of 22 Native American patients at Oregon State Hospital, where much of the Oscar-winning 1978 film *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest*

was shot, are being returned to their families for internment. The deceased are among some 3,500 bodies, dubbed the "forgotten souls," whose cremated bodies were stored in copper urns. Hospital officials have long tried to return the remains to their families; the 22 Native ashes will be returned to their tribes for burial ceremonies.

### **NEW PONCA TRIBE MUSEUM**

The Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma has opened a cultural museum in Niobrara. The highlight of the holdings is a headdress belonging to Chief Standing Bear. Tribal historic preservation officer Randy Teboe is on the lookout for more artifacts. "It's just about locating them and bringing them home," he told the *Norfolk Daily News*. "The hard part is that they've become part of private collec-

tions." The tribe, terminated by the federal government 50 years ago and subsequently recognized anew, now has nearly 4,000 enrolled members.

### **WHITE EARTH TRIBE PROCEEDS ON BIOMASS**

The Environmental Protection Agency has granted the White Earth Nation of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe provisional permission for a biomass power system at its Shooting Star Casino and Event Center. Supplementing the center's existing four oil- and propane-fired boilers, the new system would provide heat to the center and its various facilities. The tribe is awaiting a response from the Energy Department regarding additional funding. "Hopefully, that decision will be made by the end of September," said Mike Triplett, the White Earth

tribal council's economic development department planner.

### **SUPPORT FOR CATAWBA TRUST LAND**

Three longtime congressional friends of Indian country have urged the Interior Department to approve the Catawba Indian Nation's trust application for land in North Carolina, where it plans to build a casino. In recent letters to the department, Reps. Jim Moran (D-Virginia) and George Miller (D-Calif.), along with former Democratic Congressman and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, called upon Washington to fulfill its trust responsibility and the promises made in the 1993 Catawba Indian Land Claims Settlement Act. The Catawba face fierce opposition from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, which wants to lock out all gaming competition in the state.

# UPCOMING POW WOWS

## **World Eskimo Indian Olympics**

7/16/14 — 7/19/14  
The Carlson Center  
Fairbank, AK  
907-452-6646  
[alex@weio.com](mailto:alex@weio.com)  
[WEIO.org](http://WEIO.org)

## **64th Annual Quannah Parker Reunion and Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Fort Parker State Park  
194 Park Road 28  
Mexia, TX  
Quannah Parker Society  
[parkerreunion@gmail.com](mailto:parkerreunion@gmail.com)  
[ParkerReunion.com](http://ParkerReunion.com)

## **Quileute Days**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
La Push, WA  
[Facebook.com/quileute.days](http://Facebook.com/quileute.days)

## **Honor the Earth Homecoming Celebration and Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
LCO Pow Wow Grounds  
13394 West Trepania Road  
Hayward, WI  
715-634-8934, ext. 287

## **25th Annual Seneca Veterans Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
520 Broad Street  
Salamanca, NY  
[SenecaPowWow.org](http://SenecaPowWow.org)

## **Virginia City Treaty Days**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Virginia City, MT  
406-843-5555  
[info@virginiacity.com](mailto:info@virginiacity.com)  
[VirginiaCity.com](http://VirginiaCity.com)

## **Marvin "Joe" Curry Veterans Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Salamanca, NY  
716-532-4900, ext. 4200  
[SenecaPowWow2014@gmail.com](mailto:SenecaPowWow2014@gmail.com)  
[SenecaPowWow.org/page/2/](http://SenecaPowWow.org/page/2/)

## **Robert Woolery Senior Memorial Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Missouri State Fair Grounds  
1600 South Limit  
Sedalia, MT  
660-826-5608  
[dwoolery@aol.com](mailto:dwoolery@aol.com)  
[Facebook.com/pages/Robert-Woolery-Sr-Memorial-Pow-Wow/286601222675](http://Facebook.com/pages/Robert-Woolery-Sr-Memorial-Pow-Wow/286601222675)

## **Kihekah Steh Pow-Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Javine Hill Road, then west on 193  
Skiatook, OK  
918-396-3702

## **Cow Creek Tribal Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
South Umpqua Falls

Tiller, OR  
541-672-3861  
[twoodruff@cowcreek.com](mailto:twoodruff@cowcreek.com)  
[CowCreek.com](http://CowCreek.com)

## **Comanche Homecoming**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Sultan Park  
129 East Colorado Street  
Walters, OK  
580-492-3240  
[ComancheNation.com](http://ComancheNation.com)

## **Children of Many Colors Intertribal Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Moorpark College  
7075 Campus Road  
Moorpark, CA  
805-217-0364  
[redbirds\\_vision@hotmail.com](mailto:redbirds_vision@hotmail.com)  
[RedbirdsVision.org](http://RedbirdsVision.org)

## **6th Annual Sacred Visions Competition Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
Big Bend Ranch  
Wadsworth, NV  
775-686-3257 or 775-240-8128  
[sacredvisions09@clearwire.net](mailto:sacredvisions09@clearwire.net)  
[SacredVisionsPowWow.com](http://SacredVisionsPowWow.com)

## **52nd Annual Mii-Gwitch Mahnomen Days Traditional Pow Wow**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
US 2, 6 miles west of Deer River  
Ball Club, MN  
218-244-6474 or 218-244-2999  
[LLOjibwe.org/powwow/schedule/miigwitchmahnomen.html](http://LLOjibwe.org/powwow/schedule/miigwitchmahnomen.html)

## **24th Annual Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration**

7/18/14 — 7/20/14  
70956 Whiskey Creek Road  
Wallowa, OR  
541-886-3101  
[tamkaliks@gmail.com](mailto:tamkaliks@gmail.com)  
[WallowaNezPerce.org](http://WallowaNezPerce.org)

## **Annual Colorado Springs Native American Intertribal Pow Wow**

7/19/14  
Freedom Financial Services  
EXPO Center  
3560 North Nevada Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO  
719-559-0525  
[rhetta\\_walter@hotmail.com](mailto:rhetta_walter@hotmail.com)  
or [wldrdr@hotmail.com](mailto:wldrdr@hotmail.com)  
[OneNationWT.org](http://OneNationWT.org)

## **Summer Moon Pow Wow**

7/19/14 — 7/20/14  
Endicott Park  
57 Forest Street  
Danvers, MA  
617-642-1683  
[mcnaa@aol.com](mailto:mcnaa@aol.com)  
[MCNAA.org](http://MCNAA.org)





*Dave Shaddix's LEGO version of the pictorial textile Angry Birds Tree of Life, by Navajo artist Marlowe Katoney. Shaddix, left, stands with Phoenix television meteorologist Cory McCloskey next to the completed mosaic in the Heard Museum's Lincoln Gallery.*

CAESAR CHAVES

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