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Participants walked, rode horses or drove cars to the Wounded Knee memorial site on Monday in Wounded Knee, S.D. Image 1 of 3

## Remember Wounded Knee By MAYA RAO maya.rao@startribune.com 612-673-4210

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. – They marched for more than two hours north toward this village on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation on a cold and gusty Monday morning, through the hills where their Indigenous ancestors took a historic stand against the U.S. government 50 years before.

"This valley has a lot of history," Lakota leader Wade Broken Nose said from the back of a pickup truck.

As they stopped to rest, he told the crowd of dozens how the U.S. cavalry m assacred nearly 300 Lakota people at Wounded Knee in 1890 — and then, following decades of oppression, traditional Oglala Lakota grandmothers in February 1973 called in American Indian Movement (AIM) activists from Minneapolis to help fight what they deemed corrupt tribal leadership and decades of oppression from the federal government. It led to a 71-day standoff with federal agents in which t wo Native occupiers were shot dead, a U.S. marshal was paralyzed and unprecedented public attention turned to treaty violations with American Indians and demands for Indigenous rights.

"Remember this: as you go in [to Wounded Knee], you're going in for your relatives, your ancestors," Broken Nose said Monday. "You're going in for yourself and your family, and the main thing, you're going in for that future."

Marchers shook one another's hands and began the final stretch of their walk, breaking into chants to the beat of drums. With the highest-profile leaders dying in recent years — including Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks and Russell Means — it was their children and grandchildren continuing the fight. Attendees felt a special calling to pay their respects and pass on their legacy to the youngest among them.

Lani Moran-Blake allowed her 7-year-old son to miss school for the occasion, walking next to him as a flag honoring their Omaha Tribe fluttered around his shoulders. She is secretary of the AIM Grand Governing Council who left Minneapolis in 2016 to care for family in Nebraska but still returns frequently.

"This is living, this is what our people went through," said Moran-Blake, who still recalls making the walks with Bellecourt before his death last year.

Like some other Indigenous people gathered in Wounded Knee, she noted that her elders spoke little about the occupation when she was a child, quieted by a culture of fear and trauma. Even the powwows and ceremonies held in honor of the Wounded Knee occupation this past weekend, some noted, would never have been allowed in 1973. That they could practice them so openly was a testament to activism that helped later that decade to end legal prohibitions on Native American people practicing their religion.

Just after 1 p.m. they walked up the hill of Wounded Knee, converging with parades of hundreds of Indigenous marchers coming from the west and the east and the north, over snow and mud.

Gun salutes pierced the quiet of the hills.

Bill Means, one of the dwindling number of living Wounded Knee occupiers, addressed the mass of people before him as a contingent of Minneapolis activists stood nearby. The hundreds of Lakota people buried behind them, he said, is why they resist.

"We didn't just come here to raise hell," said Means of 1973. "We had to make a statement to tell the world that Indians are still alive, this is still our land."

Bellecourt's son, Crow Bellecourt of Minneapolis, told the group that his father was there with them Monday.

Elders in the American Indian Movement, said Crow Bellecourt, made it so that "we can sing and dance, we can pray. We can do these things now because they stood up right here in Wounded Knee, so it's a proud day for me.... We're all AIM. We're all together." <a href="https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article\_popover\_share.aspx?guid=c2e1ec64-b96e-486b-92e8-f8b3ccd1b3c1">https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article\_popover\_share.aspx?guid=c2e1ec64-b96e-486b-92e8-f8b3ccd1b3c1</a>

## Reminder: EPA Seeking Input on Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) program

The EPA is still seeking input through a Request for Information (RFI) on its Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) program funded by President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act. This program provides EPA with approximately \$3 billion for ECJ program grants and technical assistance for environmental and climate justice efforts that benefit overburdened communities. The deadline to provide input is March 17, 2023.

This RFI seeks public input on new and innovative strategies and approaches for competition design, community engagement, equitable distribution of financial resources, grantee eligibility for funding, capacity-building and outreach, and technical assistance. EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights is seeking public input on multiple aspects of the ECJ Program including, but not limited to:

- ECJ Program Design
- Types of Projects to Fund
- Reducing Application Barriers
- Reporting and Oversight
- Technical Assistance

Additionally, EPA has scheduled an informational webinar on March 10, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm E.T. for this RFI for community-based organizations, environmental justice organizations, environmental justice community advocates, and community leaders. Join here: <a href="https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1600580518">https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1600580518</a>.

To view and respond to the Request for Information, visit <u>www.regulations.gov</u>. **The deadline to provide input is March 17, 2023.** 



Temple mound complex in Lousiana: "Located near Jonesville in Catahoula Parish, the Troyville earthworks [temple mounds] are a **Baytown period Native American archaeological site that dates from 400 to 700 CE.** The site once included the tallest mound in Louisiana, at eighty-two feet in height; however, throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the unprotected historical complex was haphazardly destroyed. [Agents missing, in standard use of passive voice here: settlers detroyed this historical site.] This devastation culminated in a road project in the 1930s, when earth was stripped from the main mound and used as infill for a bridge approach. Consideration has been given to replicating the largest mound \*for the benefit of tourism\*, but the destruction of Troyville is considered to be one of the most insensitive and irreplaceable losses in all of North American archaeology.

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Exonyms still dominate much of archaeology (settler placenames like Troyville, Hopewell, Fremont). "Louisiana archaeologists refer to the time between 400 and 700 CE as the Baytown period... The local culture associated with this time span is designated as the Troyville culture, named after the site [present-day Jonesville]. [It] is in the Mississippi floodplain and lies on the west bank of the Black River at its confluence with the Little River. It consisted of at least nine mounds bounded by a D-shaped earthen embankment and the high banks of both rivers.

"The principal structure was the second-tallest mound in eastern North America. When President Jefferson read of its discovery, he considered the find so important that he briefed Congress. Today, nothing of this archaeological treasure remains visible to the untrained eye. Its destruction began with the invasion of the descendants of those who survived Europe's Dark Ages.

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"Amos Stoddard, the first American commandant of Upper Louisiana after the Louisiana Purchase, described the site in 1812: 'No less than five remarkable mounts are situated near the junction of the Washita, Acatahola, and Tenza, in an alluvial soil. They are enclosed by an embankment, or wall of earth, at this time ten feet high, and ten feet wide, which contains about two hundred acres of land. Four of these mounts are nearly of equal dimensions, about twenty feet high, one hundred feet broad, and three hundred feet long. The fifth seems to have been designed for a tower or turret; the base of it covers an acre of ground; it rises by two steps or stories; its circumference gradually diminishes as it is ascended and its summit is crowned by a flatted cone. By an accurate measurement, the height of this tower or turret has been found to be eighty feet.'

"Several other influential men wrote of the site in the nineteenth century. Mark Twain visited the area on a relief boat during the flood of 1882 and included his observations in Life on the Mississippi:

'Troy, or a portion of it, is situated on and around three large Indian mounds, circular in shape, which rise above the present water about twelve feet. They are about 150 feet in diameter, and are about two hundred yards apart. The houses are all built between these mounds, and hence are all flooded to a depth of eighteen inches on their floors. These elevations, built by the aborigines, hundreds of years ago, are the only points of refuge for miles. When we arrived we found them crowded with stock, all of which was thin and hardly able to stand up.'

"The site's archaeological value continued to be ignored throughout the first third of the twentieth century—until it was too late. The larger mounds served as places of refuge for humans and livestock during years of high water. People routinely hauled soil from the earthworks to elevate house sites and to fill depressions in the growing town of Jonesville. The death knell for the grand site sounded in Baton Rouge when Gov. Huey P. Long announced his ambitious statewide road and bridge building program in a two-pronged effort to upgrade the state's infrastructure and bring employment relief to those suffering in the Great Depression. One of Long's projects was the construction of a bridge across the Black River at Jonesville.

Engineers designed the western approach to the bridge in an exact alignment with the large mound. As a source of fill for the approach, the mound was considered an appealing asset. "In the summer of 1931, when word of the planned destruction of the large mound got out, archaeologist Winslow Walker of the Smithsonian Institution hurried to Jonesville to assess the situation even as the bridge contractor began working day and night with a steam shovel to level the mound. Walker returned with his WPA field crew in November, but they were rained out and could not continue excavations until September 1932. By then, the large mound had been leveled almost to the ground.

"Walker's limited salvage work, however, provided the core of archaeological knowledge about the Troyville site. In the earthworks, he found intriguing features, such as packed layers of multicolored clays interspersed with thick, crisscrossed layers of native cane. Evidence surfaced of a stepped-ramp on the large mound and various post-supported structures. An assemblage of potsherds was recovered, as were remains of flora and fauna. Animal bones—including those of deer, squirrels, turtles, fish, turkeys, and waterfowl—were unearthed. Thirty-eight species of plant material were identified. For the remainder of the twentieth century, archaeologists who reviewed Walker's report concluded that destruction of the site was so thorough as to preclude the value of additional investigation."

I would hesitate to make such a categorical statement as the conclusion, though: There is no comparable example of wanton destruction of a world-class archaeological site in America." Not to deny the importance of this site, but there have been many.

More at https://64parishes.org/entry/troyville-earthworks

# NCRCRD's February 27<sup>th</sup> webinar, Rural Broadband Tools and Resources in the North Central Region.

If you were not able to attend the live webinar or if you would like to watch the webinar again, <u>click here</u> to view the recording. And, please pass this on to others that may be interested.

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#### **Presenter's Slides**

<u>Digital Divide Index Slides</u>

<u>BITS Provider Map Slides</u>

#### Tools & Links:

• Story Maps • Demonstration of Bits Map

# **Upcoming Webinar:**

Registration is now open for the next NCRCRD webinar, Be Prepared, NCR: A Community Planning Approach to Green Infrastructure, Hazard Mitigation, and Flooding" on **March 7**th. Learn more: Webinar description and registration.

Please <u>visit our website</u> where you will find <u>regional data resources</u>, sign up for our <u>newsletter</u>, and other helpful information.

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# Scholarships (A-N) with a April 15 Deadline

AAUW Seattle Scholarship for Women Enrolled in WA Public Colleges	\$15,000	04/15/2023
AAUW's Re-Entry Scholarship	\$2,000	04/15/2023
AKA-EAF Financial Need Undergraduate Scholarship	Varies	04/15/2023
American Legion Legacy Scholarship	Varies	04/15/2023
Americans Against Gun Violence National High School Essay Contest	\$3,000	04/15/2023
Asparagus Club Scholarship	\$8,000	04/15/2023
Bird Dog Foundation Annual College Scholarship Essay Contest	\$2,000	04/15/2023
BPWI Educational Foundation Incoming Freshman Scholarship	\$2,000	04/15/2023
BPWI Educational Foundation Returning Student Scholarship	\$2,000	04/15/2023
Brown and Caldwell Minority Scholarship	\$5,000	04/15/2023
Butkus- Sylvester Family Scholarship	\$22,000	04/15/2023
Calculated Genius STEMINIST Scholarship	\$5,000	04/15/2023
CBF At-Large Leadership Scholarship	\$4,000	04/15/2023
Chad Stovall Memorial Scholarship	Varies	04/15/2023
Credit Union of Colorado Foundation	\$5,000	04/15/2023
DeNise Scholarship Fund	\$1,000	04/15/2023
Dollars 4 Tic Scholars Tourette Syndrome Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
Ecolab Scholarship	\$2,000	04/15/2023
Emily M. Hewitt & Stephen Stocking Memorial Scholarships	\$3,000	04/15/2023
EMPOWER Scholarships	\$1,500	04/15/2023
ESA Foundation Computer and Video Game Arts Scholarship	Varies	04/15/2023
Financial Literacy Scholarship Competition	\$1,250	04/15/2023
Folsom Garden Club Scholarship	\$2,500	04/15/2023
Frank O'Bannon Grant Program	Varies	04/15/2023
Frederic H. Kass III M.D. Endowed Scholarship	\$2,000	04/15/2023
Gale Osterloh and Wilbur Woodrow Walton Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	04/15/2023
Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes	\$10,000	04/15/2023
Gloria Borges WunderGlo Foundation Scholarship in Memory of Jim Gainey	\$2,000	04/15/2023
Hagan Business Machines of Meadville, Inc. Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023

Helen Holt Mollohan Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarships Program	Varies	04/15/2023
Hopson-Laurent Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
IIASD Serving Others Scholarship	\$10,000	04/15/2023
Illinois Engineering Initiative Scholarship	\$2,000	04/15/2023
Incight Scholarship	Varies	04/15/2023
Jennifer Casey Alderman Legacy Scholarship	\$10,000	04/15/2023
Jennifer Casey Alderman Scholarship Award	\$10,000	04/15/2023
Jo Ann Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
John Cowan Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship	\$7,000	04/15/2023
Julie Keil Memorial Scholarship	\$3,000	04/15/2023
June Gill Nursing Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
Kris Paper Legacy Scholarship For Women In Technology	\$1,500	04/15/2023
Lanford Family Highway Worker Memorial Scholarship Program	\$5,000	04/15/2023
Letitia B. Carter Scholarship	\$500	04/15/2023
Margaret Ann Frans Brady Scholarship for Arts	Varies	04/15/2023
MBA Student Broadcaster Scholarship	\$3,000	04/15/2023
NADONA LTC Stephanie Carroll Scholarship	\$5,000	04/15/2023
NAWIC Chapter #96 Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
NCFRW Caring for America Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
NDS DMI Education & Communications Scholarship	\$1,500	04/15/2023
NDS Kildee Graduate Scholarships	\$3,000	04/15/2023
NDS Lager Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
NDS Maurice E. Core Scholarship	\$1,000	04/15/2023
NDS McCullough Scholarship \$1,000		04/15/2023
NDS Merton Sowerby Junior Merit Scholarship \$1,500		04/15/2023
NDS Mike Lancaster Sophomore Merit Scholarship	\$1,500	04/15/2023
NDS Student Recognition Award for Seniors	\$2,000	04/15/2023
NDS/Klussendorf/McKown Scholarship	\$1,500	04/15/2023
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#### **Frances Doherty**

Valley of Fire is a Nevada treasure and a natural monument to the Southern Paiutes from whom thousands of acres of land were stolen while they were confined to a a small reservation. The spirits of their ancestors are present in every petroglyph, canyon, water hole and cave dwelling. Such a privilege to tread lightly on these grounds.



# **Yolanda Manning**

Fayora Boney Dodge Sallee is seated at the far left, with Warm Springs, Oregon relatives - Ada Sooksoit, Adeline Miller, Wilson Wewa, Maggie Wewa, & my uncle Hugo Kelly. Have to give a big thanks to a dear friend and relative <u>Heidi Barlese</u> for sharing this picture.



"I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art that anybody could ever want." - Andy Warhol

#### **GrantStation**

**National Opportunitie** 

# **Funding Available to Protect Wild Places**

The Conservation Alliance protects outdoor spaces and wild places through the collective power of its member companies.

## **Social Justice and Anti-Racism Education Supported**

The Learning for Justice Educator Fund supports educators who embrace and embed social

justice, anti-bias, and anti-racist principles throughout their classrooms and schools.

# **Grants Benefit Domestic Violence Shelters Nationally**

The Mary Kay Ash Foundation's Domestic Violence Shelter Grant Program awards grants to shelters that are providing critical, life-saving services to women and children seeking safety from an abusive situation.

#### **Fellowship Promotes Indigenous Innovations**

The 2023 Indigenous Communities Fellowship supports innovators with community-based solutions by and for Indigenous communities that build upon traditional knowledge and technology to meet the social, environmental, and economic goals of Indigenous communities.

## **Regional Opportunities**

#### **Support Provided for Capital Projects and Endowments in 12 States**

The Gladys Brooks Foundation provides support in Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

## Basic Needs, Education, and Civic Efforts Funded in Wyoming

The John P. Ellbogen Foundation seeks to empower the people of Wyoming to lead healthy lives in thriving communities.

#### **Grants Advance Racial Equity in Washington**

The Legal Foundation of Washington aims to achieve equal civil justice for low-income people in the state of Washington.

# **Maine Arts and Environmental Initiatives Supported**

The Onion Foundation encourages conservation and stewardship of the natural environment and promotes music and the arts in the state of Maine.

#### **Federal Opportunities**

#### **Agriculture Education Funded**

The Secondary Education, Two-Year Post-Secondary Education, and Agriculture in the K-12 Classroom Challenge Grants program seeks to promote and strengthen education in the food and agriculture sciences.

# **Program Supports Wildlife on Public Lands**

The Bureau of Land Management Headquarters Wildlife Program is focused on ensuring self-sustaining populations and a natural abundance and diversity of wildlife on public lands for the enjoyment and use of present and future generations.

# **Players Coalition**

Players Coalition is committed to impacting root issues in social justice and racial inequity through targeted grantmaking to elevate the work of established nonprofits and local grassroots efforts providing direct services throughout the United States. The Coalition seeks to accelerate systemic change through policy and legislative reform. <u>Learn more</u> about the funding guidelines and application process.