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Sareya Taylor is a 21-year-old White Mountain Apache and Dine' writer. Her parents are Denise and Lyle Sands. Her grandparents are Rita and Danny Taylor Sr.

Sareya was selected as Miss American Indian Higher Education Consortium on March 7th, 2023. Sareya will serve as an ambassador on behalf of the tribal colleges across the nation. She will be attending the AIHEC basketball tournament in New Town, North Dakota and hopes to travel to share her poetry and appreciation for tribal colleges. Alongside her serving as Mr. AIHEC is Rj Maiingan from Red Lake College in Minnesota.

Previously, Sareya has served as the Inaugural Youth Poet Laureate of Phoenix, an honorary 25 under 25 Unity youth leader, a DREAM scholar and has been named an Indigenous Changemaker in Teen Vogue. Her work has been published in Thin Air Magazine and included in an online exhibition titled "BLACKLIST ME" by LA Chapter House. She is currently attending the Institute of American Indian Arts, a public tribal land-grant college in New Mexico, studying to obtain her Bachelor's

of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

Sareya is thankful to her aunt Shannon Taylor (owner of Blackwater Creations) and family-friend Vanda Cervantes for their hardwork in providing campdresses for the interview process and awards night. She is extremely grateful to the Institute of American Indian Arts for selecting her to represent the school in the competition and to the school community for their support and help in running. She expresses her deepest gratitude to her grandmas, grandpas, parents, aunts, uncles and siblings for always standing by and supporting her through all her endeavors. Special thanks to her peoples for continuously inspiring her and being there for her.

If you would like to extend any support or invitations, you can email [missaihec23@gmail.com](mailto:missaihec23@gmail.com)

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*Suggesting native american, american indian or your own tribe or community name as beginning search terms; and hope you surface in a few days!!! sdc*

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<https://www.aclu.org/news/racial-justice/my-sons-hair-is-part-of-a-thousand-year-old-tribal-culture-his-school-called-it-a-fad>

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[Anne Willie Susan](#)



Preparing for a May, 2023 graduation from the University of Southern California (USC) with a Master of Arts in Public Relations-Advertising and Statistics. The two years in Los Angeles went fast and I am proud of Justin. He is a Bill Gates Millennium Scholar, USC Honors Program and has been on the Dean's List all 4 years at NAU as well as the 2 years at USC. Proud of all three of my kids. We have a Trojan, a Wild Cat, and a Sun Devil amongst us... and a Golden Bear...



Photo courtesy of the San Diego Museum of Man

two week summer class

# NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM STUDIES

## NAS 399

Aug 21 - Sep 3

10am - 3:20pm

Class Meets:  
M,T,W,TR

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Students in the class will examine the colonial history of museum archives and collections. This will involve discussions about the capacity of Tribal communities to protect, conserve, and reclaim cultural heritages from museum archives and collections, while also evaluating Tribal representations in exhibits, and opportunities for partnerships. And finally students will participate in designing a museum exhibit in partnership with Tribal leaders.

As a part of this class, students gain hands-on, practical experience in cultural preservation and respectful handling and management of Native American cultural materials. Students engage in discussions concerning Native American representations in museums, and research efforts to reform Native American representation by examining topics such as NAGPRA, repatriation, the Antiquity Act and land-back. Students discuss the best practices in Museum Studies when working with Tribes and Tribal Patrimony.

## [Public meeting set for BLM project spanning 4 area counties \(kolotv.com\)](https://www.kolotv.com)

The Bureau of Land Management is holding a public meeting for a project that will span four northern Nevada counties.

The Greenlink North Project will be a 525kV line that spans approximately 235 miles from Ely to Yerington through White Pine, Eureka, Lander, Churchill, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe counties.

The meeting will be held via Zoom on March 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The link to watch it can be found [here](#).

The BLM will be preparing an environmental impact statement for the right of way application submitted by NV Energy for the project.

“These workshops are part of a pre-planning phase that is not part of the formal National Environmental Policy Act public scoping comment process that will begin in May 2023,” said BLM project manager Greg Helseth. “We hope that by providing information to the public in advance, people are able to learn about the project and provide suggestions on topics and issues to be considered during the development of the draft environmental impact statement.”

Stacey Montooth, Nevada Indian Commission Executive Director 775/291-2665  
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## **EPA Issues Fiscal Year 2022 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution Annual Report**

The Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights' [Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center \(CPRC\)](#) has issued this year's annual report on environmental collaboration and conflict resolution (ECCR) at EPA. This report highlights the EPA's key achievements in providing ECCR in fiscal year 2022 and the infrastructure that supports this work. ECCR continues to be an essential tool used to advance the Agency's goals, including tackling the climate crisis, taking decisive action to advance environmental justice and civil rights, and strengthening tribal, state, and local partnerships.

[Read the Fiscal Year 2022 Environmental Collaboration and Conflict Resolution Annual Report](#)

### **Background:**

The CPRC supports EPA's regulatory, enforcement, and voluntary programs by providing [alternative dispute resolution \(ADR\)](#) services to the entire agency. Expert CPRC staff, specialists in ADR in the EPA's 10 regions, as well as professionals engaged through the [CPRC's Conflict Prevention and Resolution Services contract](#), help EPA and its stakeholders exchange ideas and information, identify areas of concern and common interest, develop recommendations, prevent and overcome disputes, and reach agreements. Every office at EPA has access to this contract to quickly hire professional neutral facilitators and mediators to assist with preventing and reducing conflict associated with their environmental projects. The CPRC supports ADR across the Agency, pursuant to [EPA's ADR Policy](#).

If you have any questions about CPRC or its services, please [contact the CPRC team](#)

# Stewart "S" Repainting Project



**Wednesday, March 31**

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**Thursday, April 1**

**8:30 a.m.**

Let's meet at the **intersection of Clearview and Gentry lanes**

*The Stewart "S" was first painted by the Stewart Indian School tenth grade class in 1934 and is a historic and visible mark of the former Stewart Indian School. Today, the "S" also reflects the location of the Stewart Community which is part of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California Nation. Please consider joining our restoration efforts.*



If you would like to volunteer, please contact:

**Marty Meeden**

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Apply by March 30th, 2023 at 4:00 pm MST. Apply here: [www.akiptan.org/scholarship](http://www.akiptan.org/scholarship)  
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A flyer for the Okhichanye Scholarship. The top section has a dark brown background with the title 'OKHÍČHANYE SCHOLARSHIP' in a serif font, followed by '(O-KHI-CHAN-YE - The Lakota word for cultivation)'. Below this, on a lighter brown background, is a paragraph: 'Akiptan is currently accepting applications for the 2023 Okhichanye Scholarship. This scholarship supports Native American high school seniors who are graduating in the Spring of 2023 and are pursuing a degree that will support the Native Agriculture Industry.' A dark brown box contains the following details: 'Award Amount: \$1,000.00', 'Number of scholarships to be awarded: 20', 'Scholarship Closes: March 30th, 2023 at 4:00 pm MST', and 'Eligibility Guidelines & Application available here: www.akiptan.org/scholarship'. The bottom section features a circular logo with a horse, a bison, and a teepee, with the word 'AKIPTAN' above. The background of the bottom section is a photograph of a bison grazing in a field. At the bottom, it says 'For more information email dawn@akiptan.org'.

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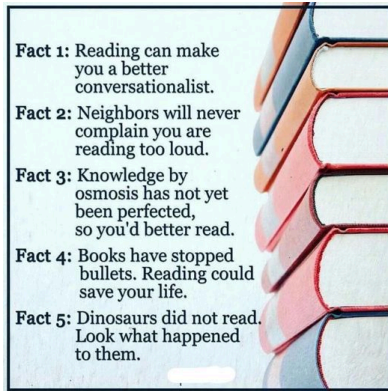
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[Kanatsiohareke Mohawk Community](#)

Mohawk Language classes for April are now open for registration! Here's the flyer. For a registration form, please visit our website: [www.mohawkcommunity.org](http://www.mohawkcommunity.org).





### **The FBI framed this Native American activist. It's time for President Biden to intervene**

Indigenous rights activist Leonard Peltier has been locked up in federal maximum security prison since 1975. Peltier, now 78 years old, is the longest serving political prisoner in U.S. history.

Peltier was convicted of the 1975 murders of two FBI agents in a shootout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. This shootout was the culmination of a targeted harassment campaign against the American Indian Movement and folks of the Pine Ridge Reservation after their occupation of Wounded Knee and refusal to be violently forced off their land.

Leonard Peltier, an AIM activist, [took the fall](#) for the deaths of the FBI agents, despite the lack of any physical evidence connecting him to those deaths. In fact, there *is* documentation that the FBI intimidated witnesses into false statements and withheld key bullet ballistics evidence that would have exonerated Peltier.

[Sign the petition to President Biden: Free Leonard Peltier.](#)

**SIGN THE PETITION**

Now, a former FBI agent familiar with the case has come forward urging President Biden to release Leonard Peltier. This agent has concluded that the arrest, trial, and conviction are a revenge-fueled [FBI vendetta](#) for the death of their "family" and Peltier must be released.

Even a former federal prosecutor in the case has written to President Biden asking for clemency, [saying](#): "the prosecution and continued incarceration of Mr. Peltier was and is unjust. We were not able to prove that Mr. Peltier personally committed any offense on the Pine Ridge Reservation."

Leonard Peltier's conviction was a complete miscarriage of justice, and his continued incarceration is cruel punishment from a government that refuses to admit its wrongdoing.

What's worse is that the COVID pandemic has worsened Peltier's health issues which already included diabetes and kidney disease. Peltier lost some of his best years to this vendetta. He should be able to live out his remaining years in freedom on his ancestral homelands.

[Sign the petition: President Biden, it's time to bring Leonard Peltier home.](#)

**SIGN THE PETITION**

Keep fighting, The Daily Kos

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**We recently marked the 50th anniversary of the occupation at Wounded Knee in 1973.**

After the occupation, the FBI continued harassing members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and people at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for years -- including when a massive shootout in 1975 ended with three people dead: a young Native man and two FBI agents.

AIM activist Leonard Peltier was there that day, and was arrested despite a complete lack of evidence connecting him to the FBI agents' deaths.

**Leonard Peltier is still serving time in a maximum security prison 48 years later.**

Peltier continues to maintain his innocence -- and there's a LOT of evidence to back him up. We now know that the FBI coerced witnesses and threatened their families to get false statements, all of which the witnesses later recanted. The FBI also withheld key evidence showing that the bullets that killed the FBI officers did not come from Peltier's gun. And during the trial, one of the jurors even admitted to prejudice against Peltier for being Native.

A former FBI agent familiar with his case has written to President Biden asking to release Peltier. A former federal prosecutor who oversaw Peltier's post-trial sentencing and appeals also wrote to Biden asking for clemency, saying: *"I have realized that the prosecution and continued incarceration of Mr. Peltier was and is unjust. We were not able to prove that Mr. Peltier personally committed any offense on the Pine Ridge Reservation."*

This misconduct and constitutional violations have stolen years from Peltier's life. At 78 years old, he is the longest-serving political prisoner in the U.S. He suffers from many health issues including diabetes and kidney disease, and his condition has worsened since getting COVID last year in prison.

**The only way Leonard Peltier can get his freedom restored is through public pressure on President Biden. Fortunately, we're not alone in this fight.**

UN experts, U.S. Congressmembers, Amnesty International, the Democratic National Committee's Native American Caucus, the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators, the National Congress of American Indians, human rights leaders (such as Nelson Mandela, Coretta Scott King, and the Dalai Lama), and many others are calling for Peltier to be released.

**Peltier should be able to live out the rest of his life in dignity, with his family on his ancestral homelands.**

Now, together with a broad coalition of organizations representing millions of people across the country, we're asking you to join the fight. Please sign the petition to President Biden and demand the release of Leonard Peltier from prison now.

***Full petition text:***

President Biden,

*You are Leonard Peltier's last and best hope for freedom. The longest-serving political prisoner in the U.S., Peltier is now 78 years old and in deteriorating health. Years were stolen from his*



*life due to FBI misconduct, including coercing and threatening witnesses to make false statements (which were all later recanted), and withholding key evidence showing that the bullets that killed the FBI officers did not come from Peltier's gun. During the trial, one of the jurors even admitted to prejudice against Peltier for being Native.*

*As you know, a former FBI agent familiar with his case has written to you asking you to release Peltier. A former federal prosecutor who oversaw Peltier's post-trial sentencing and appeals also wrote to you asking for clemency, saying: "I have realized that the prosecution and continued incarceration of Mr. Peltier was and is unjust. We were not able to prove that Mr. Peltier personally committed any offense on the Pine Ridge Reservation."*

*Please commute Peltier's sentence and grant him clemency immediately so he can live out the rest of his life with his family on his ancestral homelands.*

*He wants to be reunited with his family and to hug his grand-children. Only you can commute the remainder of his sentence on compassionate grounds. Only you can ensure he gets to live out the rest of his life with dignity. Please do the right thing and release Peltier from federal prison immediately.*

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**Sign to demand President Biden free Native activist Leonard Peltier**



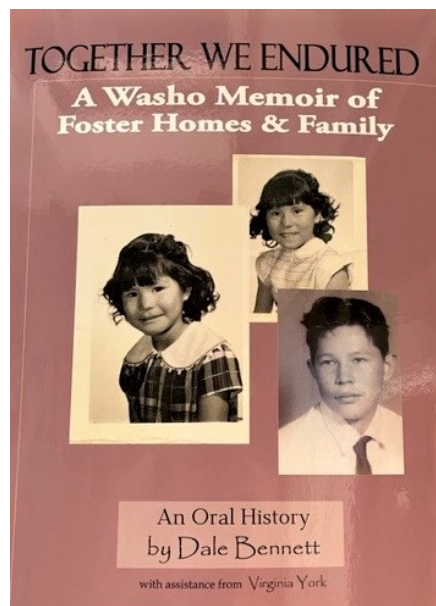
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### Native American Warriors

Olivia Poole was raised on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota. She was inspired by the traditional practice of using a bouncing cradleboard to soothe babies. In 1957, she patented her invention of the baby jumper, under the name Jolly Jumper, making her one of the first Indigenous women in Canada to patent and profit from an invention.

Susan Olivia Davis Poole

born: April 18, 1889, Devils Lake, North Dakota      died: October 10, 1975 in Ganges, BC.





**Tribal Whispers**

**Spring cleaning** is a definite thing, especially if you have experienced a winter where you have been closed-up most of the winter season. Open those windows, declutter and reorganize. If you want to include Indigenous teachings in your spring cleaning, do a deep smudge. Get that wonderful sage smoke going and offer a prayer in every room of your house. Happy cleaning and delight in your smudging.

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**HOST DRUM:**  
Truckee Paiutes

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Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows  
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