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# HOPI TUTUVENI

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## Kyelmuya

Going Home Moon  
the month of summer warmth and  
summer solstice

## HOPI CALENDAR

KYAAMUYA- December  
PAAMUYA- January  
POWAMUYA- February  
OSOMUYAW- March  
KWIYAMUYAW- April  
HAKITONMUYAW- May  
WOKO'UYIS- June  
TALANGVA- July  
TALAPAAMUYA- August  
NASAN'MUYAW- Sept.  
TOHO'OSMUYAW- Oct.  
KELMUYA- November

## This Month In Hopi History

- July 20, 1942 Hopi potter Nampeyo died
- July 20, First Spanish contact with Hopi at Awat'ovi by Pedro de Tovar, 1540
- July 22 PL 885-547 signed into law, 1958, resulted in start of Healing vs Jones case
- Orayvi is the oldest inhabited village in North America
- Hopi Ancestors cultivated corn, squash, beans, cotton and turkeys, A.D. 1-700

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Hopi Headstart Recruitment**  
Accepting application for 2015-2016 School Year  
Contact # 928-734-3513
- Christian Hopi Camp Meeting**  
7/8 -7/12 Five Houses  
Polacca, AZ
- Hopi Early Childhood Fair**  
7/8: 10-1pm Second Mesa Day School  
Contact 734-3513
- Climbing 3<sup>rd</sup> Mesa Run/Walk**  
7/8: 5pm Bacavi Village  
Contact 928-734-7111
- 100 Mile Club Fun Run/Walk**  
7/13: 5pm Hopi Mission Sch  
7/20: 5pm Hopi Veterans Memorial Center  
Contact #928-734-3432
- Bobcats Summer Beats**  
7/22: 4-9pm Second Mesa Sch  
Contact 928-737-2571
- 2015 Hopi 10K Run**  
8/8: 6am Old Oraibi  
Contact #928-401-0821
- 2015 Farmers Market & Exchange**  
8/15: 8-2p Hopi Veterans Memorial Center  
Contact 928-637-3465
- Climb the Mesa to Conquer Cancer**  
9/13: 7a Hopi Cultural Center  
Contact # 928-734-1151

## Tribal Members Certified as Structural Fire Fighters



Ivan Nuvamsa Paul Saufki, Darwin Lomayaktewa, Kevin Dennis, Darren Tungovia

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With the increased priority need for a structural firefighter crew on the Hopi Reservation, Department of Emergency Services Director Roger Tungovia began researching and organizing a training program, subsequently partnering with Hubert Sekayumtewa, BIA certified fire safety instructor with wealth of knowledge in fire management and trainings.

Tungovia and Sekayumtewa implemented the Structural Firefighter training program with nine volunteers; however, only five completed the intense 12-week training program. The Five were recognized and awarded Certificates of Completion at a Tribal Council meeting on June 22. Hopi Chairman Herman G. Honanie and members of the Council expressed their congratulations and gratitude for their dedication and commitment to the program. One

of the firefighters said he was asked why he would want to run into a burning building and risk his life (he shrugged his shoulders) and quietly said, "I still don't know why." The firefighters echoed their desire is to protect and serve their community.

This is a volunteer program with no compensation. Structural Firefighters are: Ian Nuvamsa, Paul Saufkie, Darwin Lomayaktewa, Kevin Dennis and Darren Tungovia.

## Hopi Reservation Celebrates July 4th



Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from Great Britain

The Hopi Reservation celebrated the Fourth of July with multiple activities - hosted by the First Mesa community.

A Rodeo (Team Roping) was held in the newly constructed rodeo arena; a pow-wow was held at the Hopi Housing Authority; arts and crafts and food vendors kept participants happy; a softball tournament took place at the baseball field near the Tewa Administration building; two nights of Country Western Dancing to the music of three local bands was held in a large tent; and a home show was also held in the same area. The fourth of July celebration ended with a grand finale of a spectacular fire work show on July 4.

Hopi families enjoyed themselves and many encouraged similar future activities for families and their children.

"With the cost of gas and hard economic times, it is difficult for families to travel off the reservation to attend events," said a community member. "We need to have more events like this here on the reservation for our children and families"



## First Mesa Youth Center and Equestrian Center Open with Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies



Pictured: Youth Construction Apprentices, Instructors, HTHA BOC Sandy Whitehair, HTHA Director Chester Carl, Youth Center BOD members and Vice Chairman Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr.

David Lee, Intern  
Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) coordinated two Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies on July 1, for the First Mesa Youth Center and the Youth Equestrian Center, adjacently located east of

the Hopi Health Care Center. Both projects were worked on by Youth enrolled in the Hopi Construction Apprenticeship program, in conjunction with HTHA coordinators and other Hopi tribal leaders.

The Youth Center, sustained major damage to the original foundation and had to be stabilized.

Through diligence and collaboration of all involved to solidify the structure of the Youth Center and establish the Equestrian Center, planning efforts have now begun to host youth events and family activities. The Equestrian Center had its first rodeo on July 4.

Paul Sidney, First Mesa Youth Center (FMYC) Board member said the purpose of the facility is to provide for youth and families. Sidney said by reestablishing the Center, many new opportunities have opened for the community and respectively, the Youth. There is great hope for growth amongst children and teens with new possibilities brought about by the opening of the Center.

Similarly, the Equestrian Center holds many of the same hopes and values. The ribbon cutting saw many supporters, cheering on this great step forward for the Hopi/Tewa community.

Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremonies, opening remarks were made by Hopi Vice Chairman Alfred Lomah-

quahu, Jr, FMYC board members, and Sandy Whitehair President of the HTHA Board of Commissioners.

With the equestrian center now open, people are welcome to bring their horses to learn the disciplines and values of horsemanship and roping.

"This [roping] teaches responsibility," said Ivan Sidney, Business Manager for the First Mesa Consolidated Village office.

Sidney emphasized that the Hopi community needs more traditional leaders to support unity among the Hopi people, and this Center is a step forward towards that goal.

Additionally, Hopi Chairman Herman G. Honanie, who also attended the event, showed great excitement for the 4th of July roping, calling it "The first event in the longest time." With this new exciting comeback, Honanie hopes that these types of events will only get "bigger and bigger."

These two Youth Centers show great promise for the future, and are ready to be used by the public.

## Early Childhood Fair Focuses on Parents as a Child's First and Most Influential Teacher



Early Intervention Readiness Screenings



Books available for children to read and take home



Child receives a friendly Dental Checkup

David Lee, Intern Hopi Tutuveni

An Early Childhood Fair was held at the Moenkopi Community Center on June 24, where various programs explicitly focused on supporting families with young children. The organizer of the fair, *First Things First*, brought together several programs to present to both parents and children alike. Programs had booth displays where they handed out resource material and gave away free items. Program personnel did short presentations and gave free dental checkups and developmental assess-

ments on the young children. The children enjoyed reading a book, playing games, and receiving gifts after their friendly dental checkup.

Cynthia Pardo, *First Things First* Community Outreach Coordinator, expressed that the programs were meant to fortify children's foundations of learning and education, as well as guide parents into becoming better motivators and teachers in their own homes. By partnering with numerous other programs at the fair, Pardo expressed that this is all to support the livelihood of children. Particularly, Pardo mentioned the role of the parent in their child's development.

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1. Action Item 067-2015 – Council approval of Amendment #4 covering cost increase of \$11,790.02 to Amendment #3 TPS Contract. – Author/Andrew Gashwazra, Director, Office of Community Planning & Economic Development – 6/3/15 @ 1:30 p.m. – **APPROVED**
2. Action Item 068-2015 – To ratify the Consultant Agreement for Appellate Court Justice, Patricia Sekaquaptewa – Author/Chairman Honanie, Office of the Chairman – 6/2/15 @ 3:30 p.m. - **APPROVED**
3. Action Item 069-2015 – To ratify the Consultant Agreement for Appellate Court Justice, Justin B. Richland – Author/Chairman Honanie, Office of the Chairman – 6/2/15 @ 3:30 p.m. - **APPROVED**
4. Action Item 070-2015 – To ratify the Consultant Agreement for Appellate Court Justice, Robert N. Clinton – Author/Chairman Honanie, Office of the Chairman – 6/2/15 @ 3:30 p.m. – **APPROVED**
5. Action Item 071-2015 – A Resolution to Approve an Appropriation of Monies to Pay Ongoing Legal Fees and Expenses – Author/Fred Lomayesva, General Counsel – 6/4/15 – **APPROVED**
6. Action Item 072-2015 – To approve an Employment Contract with Frederick Lomayesva, as General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe – Author/Chairman Honanie, Office of the Chairman – 6/3/15 – **DISAPPROVED**
7. Action Item 073-2015 – HIR 506 (1) Sipaulovi Streets Second Mesa – Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) Project Construction – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation – 6/4/15 – **APPROVED**
8. Action Item 074-2015 – Obtain approval to purchase Police Units and approval of Budget Modification #1 – Author/Ronald Honyumtewa, Chief Ranger, HRES – 6/23/15 @ 9:30 a.m. – **APPROVED**
9. Action Item 078-2015 – Approve submittal of Grant Application to Department of Justice (DOJ) – Author/Amanda Lomayesva, Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Courts – 6/23/15 - **APPROVED**

### REPORTS – Complete

1. Hopi Health Care Center – Update/Introduction – Daryl Melvin, P.E., CEO/HHCC – 6/2/15 @ 2:30 p.m. - COMPLETE
2. Hopi Telecommunication Inc. 2014 Annual Report – Carroll Onsaec, General Manager – 6/2/15 @ 1:30 p.m. - COMPLETE
3. Deputy General Counsel Assignments Update/General Counsel – 6/3/15 @ 9:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
4. Assisted Living Facility – BOD – 6/22/15 @ 10:00 a.m. COMPLETE
5. District 6 Update Report – Priscilla Pavatea, Range Management - 6/22/15 @ 2:30 p.m. COMPLETE

### OTHER – Complete

1. Reorganization Task Team and Budget Oversight Task Team – Re: Status of organization and the budget – 6/2/15 @ 9:30 a.m. (all morning) – COMPLETE
2. General Counsel Evaluation – 6/3/15 @ 10:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
3. Presentation of Certificate of Completion to the Structural Fire Fighters – Roger Tungovia, DPSES – 6/22/15 @ 9:30 a.m. COMPLETE
4. Renewable Energy Work Session- by: Wayne Taylor, Executive Director – 6/23/15 1:30 p.m.& 6/24 COMPLETE

### ACTION ITEMS- Week of 7/6

1. Action Item 075-2015 – IHS Project PH 15-U69 Scattered Water, Sewer & Plumbing Facilities – Author/Lydell Yazzie, Project Engineer, IHS, OEH&E, EADO – 7/6/15 @ 9:30 a.m.: Approved
2. Action Item 076-2015 – IHS Project 15-U72 Shungopavi Line Q & Dump Stations – Author/Lydell Yazzie, Project Engineer, IHS, OEH&E, EADO – 7/6/15 @ 10:30 a.m.: Approved
3. Action Item 077-2015 – Resolution for Grant FY 2013-2018 – Author/Rayma Duyongwa, Director, Head Start Program – 7/6/15 @ 1:30 p.m.
4. Action Item 079-2015 – Student Apprenticeship Program - Author/Chester Carl, Executive Director, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority – 7/6/15 @ 2:30 p.m.
5. Action Item 080-2015 – Disenrollment of a Tribal Enrolled Member - Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Enrollment Department – 7/7/15 @ 1:30 p.m.
6. Action Item 081-2015 – Approve modifications to Hopi Ordinance 17A Revised, License and Fees – non-Hopi Business Practices regarding Reservation Business Licenses – Author/Danny Honanie, Chief Revenue Officer, Revenue Commission – 7/7/15 @ 2:30 p.m.
7. Action Item 082-2015 – Resolution for Approval of the Hopi Strategic Highway Safety Plan – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, HDOT – 7/7/15 @ 3:30 p.m.
8. Action Item 083-2015 – Additional Unexpended Bennett Freeze Escrow Settlement Funds – Author/Hubert L. Lewis, Governor & Jeannette Honanie, Chairperson, Upper/Lower Village of Moenkopi – 7/8/15 @ 10:30 a.m.
9. Action Item 084-2015 – To approve Attorney Contract with Franklin Hoover – Author/Chairman Honanie, Office of the Chairman – 7/8/15 @ 1:30 p.m.
10. Action Item 085-2015 – Resolution to Approve Revised and Restated Moenkopi Developer Corporation Loan – Author/Leroy Sumatzkuku, Chairman, MDC Loan Oversight Committee – 7/8/15 @ 2:30 p.m.

### OTHER- Pending

1. I-40 Corridor Feasibility Discussion
2. Discussion of Contract between Peabody & Hopi Tribe
3. EverGreen Building Solutions – Carey DePalma – Andrew Gashwazra - Update Monthly
4. Letter to Council – RE: Vice Chairman
6. Hopi Tribal Housing Authority – RE: Youth Center – First Mesa Villages 7/8/15 @ 9:30 a.m.
7. Hopi Mission School Operations
8. Legislative Update – Senator C. Begay - 7/27/15 @ 1:30 p.m.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT - John W. Boone Eligible for Parole

Chairman Herman G. Honanie informed the Tribal Council that he received correspondence from the U.S. Federal Corrections Office informing the Hopi Tribe that John W. Boone, who is serving a life sentence in prison, will soon be eligible for parole.

Chairman Honanie said the Tribe will send a response to the Federal Corrections opposing his parole and demand that he continue serving his time in prison and pay for the harm and irreparable damages he caused upon the lives of the many young Hopi children and their families.

Boone, a former teacher at the Polacca Day School on the Hopi Reservation, was sentenced to life in prison in 1987 after pleading guilty to one count of aggravated sexual abuse and abusive sexual contact with children. Boone is now eligible for parole after serving 30 years.

Any questions and/or comments should be directed to the attention of Chairman Herman Honanie, Chairman of the Hopi Tribe.



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## from Pg.1 Early Childhood Fair

“They [Parents] are their child’s first and best teacher,” said Pardo. “We would like to help with that.”

Reflecting on this viewpoint, many of the exhibitors gave positive reinforcement to the many parents and children who came through the center’s doors. *First Things First* can be contacted through Hopi representative Twila Gaseoma, at (928) 313-3300.

The *Growing Up Great* program, presented by Marilyn Michael, helps parents raise Arizona’s children, by providing a series of classes in villages throughout the Hopi Reservation. These classes teach parents how to provide a stimulating environment for their children with homemade toys, easy to learn games, and much more. This series of classes is available for free, for all parents with children 5 or younger. Classes are currently being scheduled for Fall 2015. For more information, Marilyn Michael can be called at (928) 734-0278.

*Reach Out and Read*, another program at the fair, works with pediatricians to give books to children in order to promote reading. Their exhibit had book related activities and free bookmarks. Its representative, Pam Flake, actively encouraged parents to read to their children while reiterating its importance in childhood.

“When parents actively support reading,” Flake said, “We [*Reach Out and Read* program] found that children are then much more encouraged to read into adulthood.” Like many of the other programs, *Reach Out and Read* has been supporting

families on the Hopi Reservation, throughout Arizona, and across America for over a decade. For more information on reading and its effects, visit reachoutandread.org.

The *Hopi Women Infant and Children’s Program (W.I.C.)* specifically works to provide food for eligible families. Sandra Ami, W.I.C. Program Manager, emphasized that all parents were welcome to apply and subsequently stop by for additional support. W.I.C. is available through the Hopi Health Care Center where their office is located. They may be contacted at: (928) 737-6364 or (928) 737-6361.

At the fair, *Parenting Arizona* encouraged parents to be teachers for their children in and outside of their homes. As a home-based program for moms and guardians, this program supports children 5 and younger, by teaching parents to be motivators through books, games, and other stimulating activities. *Parenting Arizona* continues to help bolster family interconnections throughout the Reservation.

Similarly, the *Hopi Child Care Services* helps emphasize early education by teaching academics and motor skills. As a program built for helping low income families, *Child Care Services* provides Hopi Language and other academic classes for young children. They can be contacted at (928) 734-3583. Both are currently welcoming any applicants who are considering joining.

A child’s first formal education usually starts Head Start. The *Hopi Head Start*

program enrolls children between 3-5 years old. Classes include social skills, science, music, math, and much more. With an enrollment of 195 students in the 10 classrooms, with 5 centers throughout the reservation, the *Hopi Head Start* program is currently accepting any and all students willing to learn. Though they are low-income based, they haven’t refused any child, and are currently welcoming any new applicants to join today.

From the *Public Health Services* District in Coconino County, a Poison Prevention Program had several displays and educational information on how to prevent child poisoning. The exhibits displayed several different toxic substances unsafe for child consumption. This program educates parents to look at the world through their child’s eyes, and accordingly keep poisonous and toxic items that could be mistakenly handled or viewed as candy, out of their reach. The program said that an important number to remember is 1-800-222-1222, or the poison control central hotline, in the circumstance of a toxic emergency.

At the fair, a dental program was seen giving free screenings to all children who stopped by. After these simple yet comprehensive checkups, children were given small gift bags to take home, leaving with wide smiles on their faces. This program works throughout the Reservation, giving free oral health screenings to children throughout Hopi communities. The program would especially like

to emphasize that parents should have their children see their dentists after their first birthday, to make sure they are showing healthy and powerful teeth.

Similarly to the dental program, the *Early Intervention Program* led by the Office of Special Needs was providing screenings to assess child readiness. The program performed free developmental assessments, to see if the children were meeting their milestones for their age, as well as provided specific goals for children to meet over the years, up to 5. For more information, The Office of Special Needs can be contacted at (928) 734-3000.

The *Public Health for Children Immunization Program* works with families to educate parents on the importance of immunization. They provided lists of the recommended shots that children should receive up to the age of 16, as well as presented an exhibit of possible diseases that children could be susceptible to, without these proper immunizations. The program recommends calling a Pediatric Clinic to schedule an appointment at (928) 283-2679.

All programs displayed the common goal of improving collective health amongst young children throughout the Reservation and America. In order to improve their livelihood, *First Things First* and its partnered programs underscores the importance of parent participation.

The next Early Childhood Fair will be held on July 8 at Second Mesa, where there will be more free programs to support families.



Children Learn Importance of Immunizations



Mariyn Michael, Growing Up Great Program



Lynette Shupla, Hopi Head Start Program



Bernita Kuwaninvaya, Hopi Child Care Services

# Hopi Department of Health and Human Services Advocates to Provide the Best Services to the Community

## Interview with DHHS Manager

**Lori Josehweseoma**

by Crystal Dee, Hopi Tutuveni

The goal of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is to advocate, educate and promote holistic health concepts for individuals. Their vision is to empower tribal members to become motivated by using healthy concepts in line with cultural mission and vision.

“Our philosophy is to communicate and collaborate to provide the best service to the community,” said Lori Josehweseoma, Director of DHHS.

There are ten programs under the DHHS program and currently operates off of 19 grants/sub contracts with four H-13 accounts. Josehweseoma said they are constantly renewing grants; applying for grants is very competitive because they are competing with other tribes for grants.

**Transportation Program/ Felix Harvey Jr., Transportation Manager-** The program provides individuals within the Hopi community access to medical services on and off the reservation. There are specific guidelines established to provide quality transportation.

“People have a misconception that the transportation program is CHR, Community Health Representative, but it’s not,” said Josehweseoma. “CHR is another program under DHHS.”

**Office of Special Needs-** There are two programs: 1) Hopi Vocational Rehabilitation Program provided services to individuals with disabilities who are seeking employment by providing vocational and guidance counseling. 2) The Early Intervention Program assists children between the ages of 0-3 years in looking at the developmental growth and needs they may have; and provide services to Hopi children with disabilities, developmental delays and/or at-risk for delays.

**Community Health Representatives (CHR)-** The CHR Program is funded by the Indian Health Services (I.H.S) and tribally contracted. Their goal is to provide basic health care to individuals with their homes and provide education within the Hopi community through health promotions and prevention activities.

**Tribal Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Program/ Greg Sehongva, Injury Prevention Specialist-** This program provides seat belt and child safety seat education to Hopi Community members and provides car seats to those living on the reservation. This project will not receive a grant and will end in July.

**HOPI (Hopi Office of Prevention & Intervention) Cancer Support Services/ Dana Russell, Manager-** Under the Cancer Support Services there are five programs: 1) Screening Program - provides cervical and breast screening to women in the community. 2) Colorectal Program – provides colorectal screening for individuals in the community, however this program will

come to an end on June 29 because the program wasn’t awarded any funds for the upcoming year. Josehweseoma said they will need to find some money to keep this program operating as they have had this program for 5-6 years. This is a subcontract through the state that applies for the grant and then subcontracts to the program. 3) Hopi Cancer Assistance Fund – provides funds to cancer patients in the form of gas, food and lodging. 4) Tobacco Project – this program provides evidence based tobacco education and prevention in the community and partner with Hopi youth to advocate against commercial tobacco. 5) Native American Cancer Prevention Program – Provides outreach and education in the community. This program received a grant to provide case management for Hopi men through peer mentorship.

**Veteran’s Services/Geno Talas-** This program provides services to the Hopi Veterans on the Hopi reservation. This program is an H-13 program and Josehweseoma said they need to look for grants so they are not reliant on H-13 funds.

**Office of Adult and Ageing program/ Beatrice Norton-** This program has five programs that provide services to elders within the Hopi communities.

1) Ombudsman Advocacy Program provides mentoring and advocates for elders in long term care facilities. 2) Case Management Program is responsible for assisting elders, families and villages in obtaining service to provide for the needs of elders. 3) Personal Care Aide Program performs welfare checks, provides socialization and assists individuals age 60+ in accessing bathing services on the reservation. 4) Nutrition Program has two locations; one in Moenkopi and Kykotsmovi and they provide free hot meals to elders and individuals with disabilities. 5) Public Benefit Outreach Program works to educate, advocate, counsel, and empower individuals to make informed health care and benefit decisions.

**Wellness Center/Joyce Hamilton-** Under the Wellness Center there are four programs: 1) Special Diabetes Program provides community education and opportunities for improving individual wellness in the effort to prevent Type 2 diabetes in the Hopi Community. 2) Fitness Center provides participants with the highest quality fitness services to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. 3) The Kids Corner provides quality child-care services to users of the Hopi Fitness Center at no cost. 4) Hopi Veterans Memorial Center functions as a multi-purpose use facility in the community and can be rented for public or private events.

**WIC/Sandra Ami-** WIC offers quality nutrition services for eligible women, infant and children. They also provide education and advocate for breastfeeding.

**Public Health Compliance-** This program works with the Hopi Health Care Center Environmental Health Department to ensure compliance with existing Hopi safety and

sanitation Ordinances by providing education and trainings.

With the budget cuts being implemented next year, Josehweseoma said she is preparing her staff by following directives from the Executive Director, Wayne Taylor Sr. by having her staff fill out the Position Description Questionnaire.

The DHHS has leadership team meetings and they are looking at how the budget cut will impact their programs. In 2012, they started looking at duplicate programs within their department and have eliminated some positions.

“I guess its fortunate and unfortunate that our department receives grants and when you write out grants you include positions you wish to create and utilize funds for,” said Josehweseoma. “But it is unfortunate that grants are not guaranteed.”

It’s important for DHHS to always look for grants but with the Hopi Tribal audits it has an impact in applying for grants. DHHS has always worked with grants; Josehweseoma said she credits Leon Nuvayestewa because he always used to say, “We need to think about the future for our kids and what money will be available from the tribe.”

DHHS has had many accomplishments within their department. They developed a team with their organization, developed a health compliance program and realigned department through organizational change and teaching staff to be accountable.

Along the way they encountered some challenges; Josehweseoma was appointed as the Executive Director of the Hopi Tribe for a few months and is trying to get back into the role as the DHHS Director.

“I know I can help where help is needed and I have an open door policy and I help with brainstorming, challenges and give my staff feedback,” said Josehweseoma.

She is proud of her staffs that are dedicated and go above and beyond working hours to provide services within the communities.

“They do a good job and they understand their duties and responsibilities even though they get criticized a lot.”

Data supports the work of DHHS programs from January 1- March 31, 2015. The second quarterly report will be submitted by July 1.

WIC program had 398 participants.

CHR client case load total is 1,308.

Motor Vehicle Injury Prevention Project distributed 68 car seats.

Nutrition program meals served a total of 4,238 at both locations in Kykotsmovi and Moenkopi Nutrition Center.

Diabetes group clinic served 117 patients.

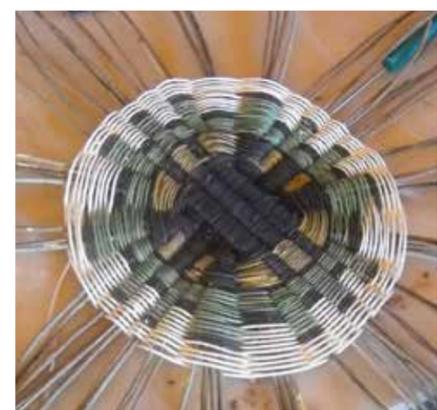
Fitness Center had 1,571 participants.

Transportation Program transported 1,120 patients.

Veteran’s Services provided direct services to 46 clients.

# LOCAL NEWS

## Hopi Tutuqaiki Receives \$19,724 Grant for Summer Arts Program and Pre-School Classes



Hopi Wicker Basket



Hopi Sifter Basket



PreSchool Program



Hopi Sash Belt

Hopitutuqaiki  
By: Robert Rhodes

The Hopitutuqaiki recently received a \$19,724 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of the Hopitutuqaiki 2015 Summer Arts Program Weaving and Preschool classes.

The weaving components of the Hopitutuqaiki Summer Arts Program emphasize textile, sifter basket and wicker plaque weaving, encouraging the continuation of those craft skills. The classes emphasize the Hopi language and culture while encouraging students to complete at least one kilt (pitkuna), sash (mutsapnguenkwewa), sifter (tutsaya) or wicker plaque (yungyapu). Dr. Rhodes, the school facilitator, said "there are becoming fewer artists competent in each of these areas, so the grant from First Nations Development Institute helps perpetuate those skills."

The Hopi language immersion preschool emphasizes Hopi language

and culture for 3-5 year old Hopi children. Those children are immersed in Hopi language from the beginning, using their Hopi names for classroom activities including science, math, art, and pre-reading skills. The students take weekly field trips to local areas and people to further learn Hopi terms and activities. With the concern of Hopi language loss, the grant will give students an introduction to Hopi language and culture that can then be followed up in the family. The grant encourages Hopi language development.

Hopitutuqaiki has begun its eleventh Summer Arts Program, hosting classes in both traditional and contemporary crafts. "Many classes fill quickly each year, but there are always some classes with room," according to Rhodes. Hopitutuqaiki materials say that it is working to provide a school for Hopi children that is based on Hopi language, values, culture and strengths. At present it offers mostly summer classes, but is working toward a year-around presence. The school may be contacted at 928-734-2433 or by email at [rwrhodes@quixnet.net](mailto:rwrhodes@quixnet.net). There is also information on the school's website: [www.hopischool.net](http://www.hopischool.net).

## Gregory Sehongva Completes Fellowship Program and is Recognized for Establishing Local Management System



L-R: IHS Injury Prevention Director Captain Nancy Bill, Gregory Sehongva and IHS Director, Admiral Gary Hartz (IHS retired)

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

Gregory Sehongva, Hopi Tribal Motor Vehicle Prevention Program (TMVPP) Coordinator, recently attended an Injury Prevention Fellowship Summit in Rockville, MD where he was recognized for his project in establishing a local management system to ensure that sufficient Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians are consistently available for all CPS related activities. The Summit was the graduation of the Fellowship program. Sehongva said three individuals who have worked and represented the Hopi reservation graduated from the Fellowship Program.

The Injury Prevention Fellowship is provided by the Indian Health Services (IHS) since 1987 and has provided the highest caliber training to tribes. The

Fellowship program was initiated to address the high disparities of injury among Native Americans and Alaskan Natives.

Dr. Larry Berger, Fellowship Instructor gave Sehongva assignments in February of last year and then began his project last June. He developed a tracking system to monitor and aid technicians in completing certification renewal requirements, researched CPS Instructor requirements, coordinated CEU/recertification trainings and scheduled car seat check events. He obtained his CPS Instructor status to provide local resource for conducting CPS trainings and assisting technicians in completing seat checks required for certification renewal. Since he began his project, 13 tribal mem-

bers have received their CPS Technician certification and five existing CPS Technicians have renewed their certification.

The project began with Sehongva becoming a CPS Instructor and certifying CPS Technicians.

"The CPS Technicians are from various departments such as Social Services, Public Health, Out Patient Care and local Law Enforcement," said Sehongva.

During his project he collected data for the Hopi reservation. Sehongva said for the first part of 2015, 28.8% of Hopi children use a child safety seat and this does not include the proper use of a car seat, the national average is 75%. Sehongva said this number is horrible for the Hopi reservation. The national average for seat

## Greetings from Kids Korner "All Things are Possible"



Children enjoy Kids Korner while parents work out in the Fitness Center

Doris Hoyungowa,  
Hopi Wellness Center Kids Korner  
DHHS

It has been a fun and busy month. Kids Korner has new toys, books, play food, and a bright colored carpet with pictures of numbers, shapes, and colors on it; it is used as part of the children's learning tool, counting, learning their numbers, and colors. We also have new tables, and chairs.

Kids Korner has various types of clothing for the children to play dress up; policeman, mailman, fireman, and a chef.

Kids Korner provides snacks for the children; during snack time children share

stories of events that happened, and they also learn their table manners.

We serve children ages 1-7 years of age; our services are free while parents/guardians use the Hopi Fitness center. We encourage all parents and guardians to continue to bring their children to the Kids Korner; we take applications Monday -Thursday from 12pm-7pm with the requirement of bringing an updated immunization record for each child. "Get Fit, We'll Sit!"

belt use is 90% and 58.8% for the Hopi reservation; this number has improved from 38.8%. He found that older adult and young males do not wear their seat belts.

"The reason why motor vehicle issues are important is because the death rate for Native Americans is twice as high as any other race," said Sehongva. "My goal is to reduce the fatality in motor vehicle crashes by increasing seat belt and child safety seat

use." The TMVPP is under the Hopi Tribe Department of Health and Human Services program under the Direction of Lori Joshweseoma. The TMVPP receives funds under the Center for Disease Control Prevention, a four year grant. They were given a no cost extension up to June 29, 2015 to spend funds from the previous years; however the program did not apply for a grant for the upcoming

year. Joshweseoma said they are looking for funds to keep this program from closing.

The TMVPP provides seat belt and child safety seat education to Hopi community members and they also have a car seat distribution service available to anyone who lives on the Hopi reservation.

# Hopi Office of Aging and Adult Services Program Provides a Wide Array of Services for the Elderly

By: Stan Bindell  
Hopi Tutuveni

KYKOTSMOVI, ARIZ.---The Hopi Tribe offers a wide array of services for elders including meals, transportation, Arizona long-term care, personal care, public benefits outreach, family caregivers support and ombudsman.

Funding for the various programs comes from the federal government, state government, Hopi Tribe and the Intertribal Council of Arizona.

Beatrice Norton, program manager for the Hopi Tribe's Office of Aging and Adult Services, said their services are available to any Hopis who live on the reservation.

"My effort is to collaborate with the elder village coordinators because they have an important role," she said. "The trend is to keep the seniors in the community and deliver home-based services. We want to keep them at home as long as they can be."

Norton said the tribe needs to think about how they are going to serve the aging elders in the community because many of the baby boomers are entering their seniors years and living longer.

"The elder village coordinators are crucial to monitoring elders to make sure they are safe and well, then they can be referred to other agencies," she said.

Norton said one concern is declining government budgets for elder programs in general with cutbacks in federal, state and tribal funds.

"We're going to be hit hard, and the question is how do we deal with that," she said. "Because of cuts from federal agencies we don't have the full-time staff we need to serve the people."

Norton said any deeper cuts could cut down on services the elderly programs provide to the seniors.

"We can't do more if we don't have the funds," she said.

## **\*\*Many services available for Hopi elders**

Norton said the Arizona long-term services program is offered through Arizona Health Care Containment System and if seniors are eligible they can receive home-based services or be placed in nursing homes or assisted care facilities.

The Hopi Reservation doesn't have any nursing homes, but about 18 months ago an assisted living care center opened in Moenkopi. This facility has 16 beds, but so far there are about six Hopis living there.

The senior center in Kykotsmovi offers four lunches and one breakfast for seniors each week. Due to the lack of drivers and vehicles, their transportation rotates taking seniors from different villages there each week. Seniors from all villages are invited, but they can only supply transportation to the villages on a rotating basis.

The Upper Moenkopi senior program also supplies meals for seniors. The idea is not only to supply nutritious meals, but to give seniors a place to socialize.

Norton said the tribe's elderly

program doesn't provide medical care, but makes referrals to transportation companies to help get the elders to their appointments.

The tribe's ombudsman, Maude Yoyheoma, will look into complaints Hopi elders have about nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Yoyheoma will visit clients in the nursing homes or assisted facilities to see if they are getting the services that are supposed to be provided to them.

The personal care program will transport Hopi elders to Shungopavi for showers or bathing if it isn't available in their homes. The personal care program can also help elders with simple tasks.

Louise Pavinyama runs the public benefits outreach program which helps Hopi seniors apply for benefits. They will do an assessment to see what benefits the Hopi seniors are receiving and see if they are eligible for other benefits. This program can also help the seniors apply for social security as well as helping them guard against fraud. They also have periodic shred a thons so seniors can shred whatever they need.

The Hopi Tribe's family caregivers support program helps caregivers who are not being paid to take care of a family member with training, how to relieve stress and how to communicate with other family members. They can also refer them to support groups.

Norton said these services are important because it helps the seniors in their homes.

"Our family system isn't what it used to be. A lot of seniors are living alone or with their grandkids. A lot of the seniors are on limited income. Some have trouble feeding themselves, some may be neglected or home alone without family support because the family is living off the reservation," she said.

Norton said it's important for elders to know they are important and valuable.

"Elders need to age with integrity. That's why we are there to provide them with services. Some of them are vulnerable and we don't want them to have social problems like alcoholism."

The Hopi Elderly Committee works as an advisory group to OASS.

Norton has worked with elders her entire career, mostly with the Department of Human Services.

"I was raised here so I know the language and culture. I know the population. I know how to treat them with the values they have," she said.

Norton said there isn't any duplication between the tribe's program and the villages' programs for seniors. She said many of the villages programs offer arts and crafts programs for the elders.

## **OASS STAFF**

Beatrice Norton:

OASS Program Manager

Crystal Tawahongva: Secretary

Clarenda Lomayestewa: Office Mgr

Maude Yoyheoma: Supervisory

ALTCS Case Manager/Ombudsman

Laurinda Pahovama:

ALTCS Case Manager

Claude Bakurza: ALTCS Case Mgr

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fits Outreach Coordinator

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Kykotsmovi Nutrition Center

Brent Charlie: Assistant Cook/

Kykotsmovi Nutrition Center

Karilyn Talashoma: Head Cook/

Moencopi Senior Center

Doris Joshhongva: Assistant

Cook / Moencopi Senior Center

Elva Humeypmteawa:

Transportation Driver

## **\*\*Hopi Tribe lacks elder abuse code**

One of Norton's other concerns is elder abuse because the Hopi Tribe lacks an elder abuse code. Several Hopi leaders have been working toward adopting one. Different Hopi departments have been reviewing the draft.

"A lot of the elders have been exploited, neglected or not treated well," she said.

Norton said the Hopi Tribe's Executive Director Wayne Taylor Jr. wants to see this done so the elders will be protected.

The proposed ordinance is being reviewed by the tribe's general counsel. Norton hopes the proposal will go before the villages in either July or August. The police chief and prosecutor have been given their input as well.

The draft ordinance was written with the assistance of Therese Yann, an attorney with the American Disability Law Center in Shiprock, N.M.

## Hopi Jr/Sr High School Superintendent Supports Common Curriculum For Student Achievement

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

At a Tribal Council meeting last September, Hopi Department of Education Director Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa and Hopi BIE Line Officer David Talayumteewa proposed a Study to support a consolidated Grant School initiative. The proposal will redesign the Bureau of Indian Education system and transform the current Hopi Education system to make it a one-school district with a standard curriculum across the reservation.

When Greg Sackos, Superintendent of Hopi Jr/Sr High School (HJSHS) Greg Sackos was asked his position on this initiative, Sackos said his philosophy is to improve student achievement.

"The more we can work together, in other words having a common language, common assessment or common curriculum, we can improve a student's achievement," said Sackos.

All the Hopi elementary schools are feeder schools to the only high school on the Hopi reservation and each school has its own curriculum. There is no database showing which school curriculum is most effective in their students' transition. Sackos said it would be great to know this information; so if a school is failing there could be assistance for curriculum improvement.

HJSHS has been working with feeder schools and their administration on the Northwest Evaluation Assessment (NWEA), which measures student growth in math, reading, language,

and science skills to improve student achievement.

Hopi High students are under the Common Core State Standards Initiative, "*it is the highest, most effective standards from states across the U.S. and countries around the world. The standards define the knowledge and skills students should gain throughout their K-12 education in order to graduate high school and to succeed in entry-level careers, introductory academic college courses, and workforce training programs.*"

"Common core allows teachers to go deep into a topic and emphasize how kids learn reading and writing to work with other students" said Sackos.

He said kids need processing skills, thinking skills, writing skills, reading skills and the ability to work with others to survive and pursue careers of their choice in the real world. He feels the school and teachers have effectively done their jobs, if a student has established employment, received an education or enlisted in any military branch, after five years of receiving their high school diploma.

Hopi High offers support to students with learning disabilities through Response to Intervention (RTI) classes, after school tutoring and extended classes. Sackos said he would like to see the school go deeper by identifying student academic levels and give them support where needed.

By implementing a multi-tier system to help student academics and success-

ful in the real world, Sackos said the school needs to provide an academic offering and positive behavior.

"If we can challenge students academically and help them make the right decisions, kids will be more successful," said Sackos.

This is taking into account social issues students are faced with at home such as alcohol, drugs and other factors that prohibit students from coming to school.

"My job as the Superintendent of Hopi Junior Senior High school is to outsource so that I'm working with community officials, other schools and agencies in making a connection to help our students," said Sackos.

His goal is to increase rigor and course offerings, continue his duties as Superintendent and increase post high school student employment, student enlistment and post-secondary education. Sackos said the community supports these achievements and are understanding of what they want their students to do.

"If I asked a parent what they want for their student they will say they want their child to get educated to go off into the real world and/or to get educated so they can come back to the reservation," said Sackos. "But in order for them to come back, they need opportunities here on the reservation."

He said there are a lot of opportunities such as summer youth employment, internship programs and financial support. Students just need to be made aware of these opportunities.

## Keams Canyon Elementary Last BIE School on Hopi to Convert to Grant School

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

Keams Canyon Elementary School (KCES) was the last school, on the Hopi Reservation, to become a Tribally Controlled school on July 1 and currently in transition. KCES is one of the oldest schools on the reservation. It was a boarding school in the early 1900's and later a day school.

Gary Polacca has served as KCES Chief School Administrator (CSA) for the last four years and recently signed a contract for the upcoming school year under the new grant.

"I was released from my duties under the Bureau of Indian Education and I was hired under the grant," said Polacca.

Prior to KCES, Polacca was CSA at Second Mesa Day School (SMDS) and has some knowledge of running a tribal funded grant school.

In School Year 2014-15, KCES had an enrollment of 101 students. Polacca said becoming a grant school is beneficial and gives more flexibility in academics. Their goal is to have one teacher per grade level. This past school year they had two multi-grade classes. A grant school allows them to have a teacher for each grade as opposed to the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) school where they had to justify the need for one teacher for each class.

KCES offers a 21<sup>st</sup> Century after school program for students on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The after school program offers enrichment classes. This

past year students also went on field trips to Northern Arizona University (NAU) where they took part in science and math activities.

KCES is involved in the STEM program and worked with the National Petrified Forest Park. Students did a research project on the effects the ozone layer has on local plants.

"In the academics area we utilize Story Town for reading and Envision Math," said Polacca. "The school no longer uses the AIMS test (Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards). We now use what is called the AZ Merit test for grades three through six and the Stanford 10 for Kindergarten through second grade."

Polacca said one of the uniqueness of KCES is that 48% of the students are Navajo and the rest are Hopi.

"We want to create an environment that is welcoming of both tribes and to find a balance where it's focused on academics," said Polacca. "We want a safe working environment for staff, students and parents."

With smaller class sizes, students receive one-on-one with their teachers which helps with student achievement. This year they had 15 sixth graders who promoted.

Polacca has worked at SMDS for about 16 years and says the conversion is going very well. "I do have some knowledge in what needs to be in place and I feel we are ready for the conversion," said Polacca.

There were a few obstacles and one of significance was the financial account-

ing system and identifying a bank for the grant funds.

"We need to figure out the procedures for draw-downs and create payroll," said Polacca. "Because we will do our own hiring we need to do background checks and prepare benefit packages for employees, including salaries."

When the conversion began, the school had a Reduction-in-Force (RIF) of all its staff. They were all given the opportunity to reapply if they wanted to. This year they will have a total of 18 staff compared to last school year's staff of 16 of which twelve have reapplied and will return for the next school year. Those who did not reapply are looking for positions at other BIE schools so they can retain their pay status. The conversion affected the pay scale with a decrease in salaries. Staff will be allowed to stay in the BIE housing quarters and pay rent to the BIA.

The School Board says there will be more opportunities and flexibility in what they want for their school. They have been very instrumental in the conversion process and their goal is a quality school for KMES.

"They had to possess a lot of knowledge and learned a lot in how to operate a grant school," said Polacca.

Because KCES is technically still a BIE school until July 1, Polacca couldn't comment on the proposed "One Grant School Initiative."

"We have a good school here and we do our best," said Polacca. "We have met the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) the last couple years."

# ADS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hopi Independent Chapel Kykotsmovi Village

The members and Pastor welcome you to the Hopi Reservation. We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you will receive a blessing from our worship service at 10 am every Sunday morning. Now that you are away from your church and are looking for a church to continue your faith journey, we would love to be a Church to help you continue your faith journey. I am an ordained Presbyterian Minister and a Retired Army Chaplain.

Chaplain Caleb Johnson, Pastor

## Hopi Tutuveni Summer Journalism Interns

(volunteer positions)

The Hopi Tutuveni Office is currently seeking 2 High School Seniors (or recent H.S. graduates) for Volunteer Summer Intern positions.

Positions are Voluntary--No compensation/No benefits are available. Students, however, will gain practical experience in journalism.

Positions are available immediately through July 31. Work Hours are 20 hours per week.

If interested, contact the Tutuveni Office at 928-734-3282.

## LEGALS

### Letter of Apology To: Shungopavi Village

I would like to apologize to the community for my recent negative behavior and actions. Intoxication is a problem in our community and I do take responsibility of being a part of this problem. I committed the crime, did the time, and am now paying the consequences for my behavior and actions. Once, again I sincerely apologized to the Shungopavi Village community.

Richard Kagenveama

## FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE FOR HOPI-TEWA COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Hopi Tribal Grants & Scholarships Program announces the extension of the 2015 Fall semester deadline. Students are encouraged to submit a completed application and required documents to the HTGSP office no later than Friday, July 24, 2015 by 5PM MST. For more information contact the HTGSP Program at 734-3541 or, 800-762-9630 or Program Administrator Kathlene Sumatzkuku at 734-3531; 928-205-8750 or ksumatzkuku@hopi.nsn.us

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## CORRECTION

In the June 16, 2015 issue of the Tutuveni, Dwayne Secakuku was erroneously identified as being from the Paqapwungwa clan. His correct Clan is Depwungwa. The Office of the Vice Chairman sincerely apologizes for this error.

Donna Humetewa-Kaye, Executive Staff Assistant  
Office of the Vice Chairman

## IRS News Release

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### Regional Tax Practitioner Meeting In Farmington

PHOENIX - - The New Mexico Society of Enrolled Agents, the New Mexico Small Business Development Centers, the National Association of Tax Professionals and the Internal Revenue Service are offering seven hours of continual professional education (CPE) by attending a one day seminar on Tuesday, July 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at San Juan College, Small Business Development Center, Suns Rooms, 4601 College Blvd., in Farmington, N.M.

Register online at [www.nmsbdc.org/farmington/showevent.html](http://www.nmsbdc.org/farmington/showevent.html) or call 505-566-3528.

Tax topics to be covered include: tax related identity theft, reporting foreign assets and offshore accounts, reporting undisclosed foreign financial assets, Individual Tax Identification Numbers (ITINs) and filing a tax return, the IRS Appeals Office and two hours on Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) information.

Tax preparers with valid Practitioner Tax Identification Numbers (PTINs) may earn seven hours of CPE credit depending on the requirements of their organizations. The registration fee is \$70, which includes seminar materials and lunch. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Seating is limited, please register early.

A similar seminar is being offered in Santa Fe, N.M., on Friday, July 24. To register for the Santa Fe tax seminar, go online at [www.nmsbdc.org/santafe/showevent.html](http://www.nmsbdc.org/santafe/showevent.html) or call 505-428-1343 for more information.

## Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarship Program Accepting Applications for the 2015-2016 School Year

Submitted by: Cecilia Shortman, HTGSP Higher Education Advisor, Hopi Department of Education

The Hopi Tribal Grants and Scholarship Program (HTGSP) is an educational financial assistance program that helps Hopi enrolled members who have obtained a High School Diploma or GED certificate pursue a degree, or achieve others areas of educational enrichment. Our mission is committed to promoting opportunities for "self-determination" and "self-sufficiency." By doing so, HTGSP offers various types of Financial Assistance such as...

**BIA Higher Education Grants/Hopi Education Award:** This award is for eligible Full-time students who are enrolled in 12 credit hours or more per semester and pursuing an AA, BA, BS, Masters, Doctoral, or professional degrees based on financial need. DEADLINE DATE: EXTENSION FOR FALL SEMESTER IS JULY 24, 2015; for Spring semester is December 1<sup>st</sup>; Summer session is May 1<sup>st</sup>. All documents need to be received in our office by 5pm (MST) by the deadline dates shown.

**Tuition and Books:** This is to provide funding for those recipients who are not eligible for any other program awards and part-time students who are enrolled in less than 11 credit hours for the semester. DEADLINE DATE: EXTENSION FOR FALL SEMESTER IS JULY 24, 2015; for Spring semester is December 1<sup>st</sup>; Summer session is May 1<sup>st</sup>. All documents need to be received in our office by 5pm (MST) by the deadline dates shown.

**Tribal Priority Scholarship:** This scholarship is a competitive merit-based scholarship that is available to eligible Hopi college students pursuing graduate and PhD degrees in subject areas of priority interest to the Hopi Tribe. For Tribal Priority listing please contact the HTGSP office. DEADLINE DATE: July 1 by 5pm (MST).

**Hopi Academic Achievement Award:** This merit-based scholarship is awarded to eligible graduating high school seniors (on or off reservation) for high academic

achievement in maintaining a 3.50 CGPA, scoring a minimum 1040 SAT combined, or 22 ACT composite score and must be admitted at regionally accredited college or university. DEADLINE DATE: June 15 by 5pm (MST).

**Educational Enrichment Award:** This award is utilized for students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade through post-secondary to learn practical, technical, academic and research skills to enhance their future educational or career goals. DEADLINE DATE: 30 days prior to date of activity by 5pm (MST).

**Standardized Test Fee Award:** This award is available to students who are required to take an entrance exam for school or a career certification test. Examples of test covered by the scholarship include, but not limited to; Graduate Record Exam (GRE), Law School Admission Test (LSAT), Arizona Teachers Proficiency Exam (ATPE), Bar Exam, GED exam etc. Open year round (pending availability of funds). DEADLINE DATE: 30 days prior to test date by 5pm (MST).

In addition, through a partnership with Arizona Public Service (APS), we are pleased to announce a unique scholarship opportunity entitled the APS Hopi Scholars Program. The program provides scholarships valued at \$4,000 per academic year (\$2,000 Fall/\$2,000 Spring) for students in the sophomore thru senior level pursuing an AAS, AS, BA or BS at an accredited college or university for the Fall/Spring 2015-2016 academic year. Students must also be pursuing a degree in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math), Education or Nursing fields to be eligible. DEADLINE DATE FOR THE APS SCHOLARSHIP IS AUGUST 14, 2015. All these different types of financial assistance listed can be found on the Hopi Education Endowment Fund website at [www.hopieducationfund.org](http://www.hopieducationfund.org) or you can call the HTGSP Office at (928) 734-3542 for detailed information.

# Basic Sign Language SERIES

1:30—3:30 p.m.  
Shungopavi Community Center

### DATES

- June 9, 2015
- July 21, 2015
- August 18, 2015
- September 15, 2015
- October 20, 2015
- November 17, 2015

- Learn basic sign language
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Limit of 20 individuals for these classes.

Please call Trinette @ 928-734-3419 to confirm your attendance

## Safety Tips from KidsAndCars.org

Below are some simple tips parents and caregivers can follow to prevent heatstroke tragedies.

- Never leave children alone in or around cars; not even for a minute.
- "Look Before You Lock" - Get in the habit of always opening the back door to check the back seat before leaving your vehicle. Make sure no child has been left behind.
- Create a reminder to check the back seat.
- Put something you'll need like your cell phone, handbag, employee ID or brief case, etc., in the back seat so that you have to open the back door to retrieve that item every time you park.
- Keep a large stuffed animal in the child's car seat. When the child is placed in the car seat, put the stuffed animal in the front passenger seat. It's a visual reminder that the child is in the back seat.
- Make sure you have a strict policy in place with your childcare provider about daycare drop-off. If your child will not be attending daycare as scheduled, it is the parent's responsibility to call and inform the childcare provider. If your child does not show up as scheduled; and they have not received a call from the parent, the childcare provider pledges to contact you immediately to ensure the safety of your child. (this is very similar to the 'absence-line' used by most elementary, middle and high schools)

Everyone involved in the care of your child should always be aware of their whereabouts.

- Keep vehicles locked at all times, even in driveways or garages. Ask home visitors, child care providers and neighbors to do the same.
- Keep car keys and remote openers out of reach of children.
- If a child goes missing, immediately check the inside passenger compartments and trunks of all vehicles in the area very carefully, even if they are locked. A child may lock the car doors after entering a vehicle on their own, but may not be able to unlock them.
- If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved. Call 911 immediately. If the child seems hot or sick, get them out of the vehicle as quickly as possible.
- Be especially careful during busy times, schedule changes and periods of crisis or holidays. This is when many tragedies occur.
- Use drive-thru services when available (restaurants, banks, pharmacies, dry cleaners, etc.) and pay for gas at the pump.

Please share these important safety tips with your childcare providers, teachers, relatives, friends, family and neighbors... It could save a life! For additional information, statistics and charts specific to child vehicular heat stroke visit <http://www.kidsandcars.org/heatstroke.html>. For further details about ways to keep children safe in and around vehicles, please visit [www.KidsAndCars.org](http://www.KidsAndCars.org).



## HOPI CREDIT ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF COLLECTION

The following individuals need to contact the Hopi Credit Association to take care of outstanding debts owed:

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- Carmel Dewakuku
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## Native American Heritage Night

Phoenix Mercury  
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FIRST THINGS FIRST

# LOCAL NEWS

## Hopi Youth Attend Tobacco Summer Youth Conference



**"Youth at Awards Gala. L-R Leland Pooyouma, Emilda Thomas, Abigail Manheimer-recipient of the MVP Award, Povi Dahe, Rain Lynn Nash, Nicholai Bolus, Sean Bolus, and Monica Sahmea (not pictured – was with the video crew)."**  
 PHOTO by: Eldon Kalemsa JR.

Submitted by: Eldon Kalemsa, Jr.  
 Hopi Tobacco Program Coordinator DHHS

For the start of the summer there were (8) eight youth from Hopi who attended the 2015 STAND Tobacco Summer Youth Conference through the Hopi Tobacco Youth Coalition. This year the conference was held in Litchfield, Arizona from June 11-13, 2015. This is just one of the many activities that the Hopi youth coalition members are involved with, whether it's locally or within the State of Arizona along with all the other 26 Tobacco youth coalitions. There were approximately about 450 plus youth in attendance at this conference representing different counties and cities from the State of Arizona who are involved in this commercial tobacco-free campaign. The youth attended several educational breakout sessions including presentations from very notable speakers who were once marketers or employees of "Big Tobacco" industries. A couple of the youth also had the opportunity to be part of the video track which gave them the opportunity to be part of the team who captured and videoed the whole conference to learn about video documentation/media. The first evening was a formal Awards Gala which highlighted youth on MVP awards for their outstanding participation and commitment to the STAND Youth Coalition, one of our very own youth was one of the recipients of this award and it went to

Abigail Manheimer, member of the Hopi Youth and from the Village of Mishongnovi. The second evening was an incorporation of a "Super Hero event and a fun activities event, the super hero event was geared toward youth dressing up as super hero that are against tobacco or villains who use tobacco and the fun activities was geared toward exercise for the youth. To say that the STAND youth did an outstanding job in planning, organizing and coordinating this summer event, this conference was youth driven with support and assistance from their adult leaders. Our Hopi youth participated in this planning at the "Winter Summit" which was held in January 2015 in Prescott, Arizona. The Hopi Tobacco Program encourages other youth to join and participate in the Hopi Tobacco Youth Coalition which targets youth ages from 12-18 years of age. Our emphasis is having our youth be the advocates, educators, and leaders within our communities to make changes, initiate/implement policies to make our communities smoke-free for better healthier Hopi communities for generations to come. These coalitions also provide leadership and mentorship trainings to community members and adults to create adult leaders and advisors. For more information, contact Eldon Kalemsa, Jr. Hopi Tobacco Program at 928-734-1151.



**Kids participate in Hopi Stick Games**



**Hotevilla Youth play "evaporation" game**

## Finding Balance In Your Lives



**Special Moments with Family** (PHOTO by Valerie Nuvayestewa)

By: Valerie Nuvayestewa, Hopi Special Diabetes Program DHHS

Realizing the importance of finding balance in our lives has proven to be the most challenging obstacle for many people in today's fast paced world. If we aren't at every school event for our children, meetings, fundraisers, banquets, games, etc., we feel we are dropping the ball. On top of that we are balancing our work schedules, meetings, and appointments for ourselves and our children; not to mention we still have to put food on the table, clothes on their backs and pay the bills. Let's not forget our ceremonies that keep us busy as well. We are running around like headless chickens trying to check off our "to do" list! Whew! It's exhausting just writing this all down. It's no wonder that many of us put our health and our sanity on the back burner. We neglect ourselves until we find out that we have a serious health problem that can no longer be ignored. In most instances it is not too late to undo the damage we have inflicted on our bodies. Our bodies are resilient, self-healing organisms. They are brilliantly equipped with natural self-repair mechanisms that kill cancer cells we produce every day, fight infectious diseases, repair broken proteins, keep our coronary arteries open, and naturally fight the aging process. Daniel Wood, well known speaker and writer on, *Personal Development, Sales Technique and Motivation*, says that four major areas of your life need balance and success. Health, family, career, and finances all flow together to create a successful path. Success in one area usually means that you are neglecting another area. Neglecting one area can destroy your success. The power to overcome this lies in our hands. We need to slow down and take a look at our lives and see what areas we are neglecting, and actually do something to improve those areas. Stay mindful of all aspects and you will start improving in them all, and success in one will fuel success in all the other aspects of your life. Set goals for yourselves. Once you achieve those goals, success and self-confidence allows you to grow and develop your talents more. All this leads to a more positive outlook on life; it helps to build character and lift your spirits. So take some time out, sit down and evaluate your life. What is most important to you? Where do you see yourself down the road in life? Will you be living a quality life when you retire? Enjoying yourselves, traveling, spending time with your grandchildren, OR will it be constant visits to the hospital or dialysis, because you failed to take action **now** to change your life journey. The choice is yours to make. "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside thoroughly used up, totally worn out and proclaiming, WOW!! WHAT A RIDE!" -author unknown

## 100 Mile Club - Feeling Positive After Exercise

Jessica Quamahongnewa  
 Diabetes Prevention Educator DHHS



**Archery during Spring Break**

We began a wellness journey with all the 100 Mile Club participants on May 4<sup>th</sup> by walking, jogging, running or the use of a treadmill to reach a goal of 100 miles by Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. That last day to record mileage is right around the corner; ten of our participants that have turned in their mileage logs, and for the record, have reached their 100 miles! A round of applause for a job well done! Exercise is good for you on so many levels. The feeling of accomplishment you experience manifest from not only in the way you look and feel physically, but in the way you handle your life. There's no doubt that daily exercise that contains aerobic and strengthening elements, along with a healthy diet, will help you lose weight if you're overweight, and maintain your weight goal once you get there. More importantly, you're going to feel great in your own skin. Your accomplishments are going to make you shine within. Goal setting and exercise accompany each other. From the novice exerciser who is determined to get through 30 minutes of brisk walking without gasping; to the long time exerciser who enjoys challenging them self; goals are a part of the process. The trick to sustaining the feelings of accomplishment that reaching an exercise goal incites to make the journey itself the goal. Every aspect of exercise, from recording your workouts to hitting milestones, can enhance your feelings of accomplishment. Making exercise a part of your daily routine with no other objective than being healthy and strong for the rest of your life will give you the greatest feeling of accomplishment. Channel the positive feelings that exercise engenders to spur you on from one feat to the next. Develop the kind of mental fortitude that will help you deal with challenges more easily and pursue your dreams with gusto. Feeling accomplished at life is a byproduct of exercise daily. Participants are encouraged to turn in mileage logs on a bi-weekly basis. All mileage logs must be post marked, dropped in a drop box or turned in to the Hopi Special Diabetes Program by July 31, 2015. All inquiries regarding mileage must be made on or by July 31<sup>st</sup>; after this date the program is officially closed. Please contact our office at (928) 734-3432 if you have any questions.

# ADS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2015 BE HOPI BE HEALTHY Summer Youth Camp

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# ADS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hopi Tribal Courts Host Court Summit Meeting

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni  
The Hopi Tribal Courts hosted a Court Summit Meeting on Jun 19 at the Hopi Wellness to reach out to village representatives, service providers on and off the reservation and Hopi Tribal Administration in hopes of working towards better communication and collaboration to help the Hopi Tribal Courts provide better services for the Hopi people and others who come through the Hopi Court system.

The summit began with introductions of those in attendance and a brief introduction of various programs on and off the reservation, and a background of the Hopi Tribal Courts followed by discussions facilitated by the Hopi Tribal Court Judges in a group setting to identify issues, priorities and goals of the Hopi Courts.

The Hopi Tribal Court was established in 1972 with the passage of Ordinance 21, the original law and order code, by the Hopi Tribal Council (HTC). Ordinance 21 was replaced by Resolution H-086-2012; the Hopi Tribal Code.

The Hopi Courts includes; Children's Court which oversees juvenile cases and Minor In Need of Care (MINOC) issues; and the Hopi Appellate Court. The Hopi Courts adheres to the Hopi Code which is compliant with the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA), a federal act that enhances sentencing authority.

The Hopi Tribal Courts also abides by the Hopi Children's Code that was enacted by Ordinance 35 passed by HTC in 1981, and its purpose is to preserve the unity of families and to provide care and protection for

Hopi children. Villages have the original jurisdiction in this area; when a children's court case arises the villages will receive a notice and they will decide if they will waive their rights and other villages will take jurisdiction and the courts will stay out of it.

The Hopi Tribal Court consists of four departments. Court Administration: Michelle Mutz, Cheryl Polingyumptewa and Kathy Kooyahoema. Judges: Chief Judge Amanda Sampson Lomayesva, Senior Associate Judge Craig Wallace, Associate Judges Delfred Leslie and Walter C. Edd. Court Clerks: Carol Ovah, Chief Court Clerk and Deputy Court Clerks Martina Honie, Belena Harvey, Margene Namoki and Imalene Polingyumptewa. Probation: Jack Penn, Chief Probation Officer; Probation Officers Leon Beatty, Tracey Honani and Theodora Pavatea. Bailiffs: Hawthorn Dewakuku and Hilton Polacca.

The Hopi Tribal Courts receives funds from H-13 and 638 Contracts; Lomayesva said she is seeking outside funding sources due to the proposed budget cuts next year. She recently went before council to get permission to apply for a grant. The court also did a Tribal Court Assessment which the Bureau of Justice Services sets up and sends other tribal court judges to assess the Hopi Courts in areas that need improvement.

The goal of the Hopi Tribal Courts is to provide justice for people on the Hopi Reservation in a fair and impartial manner; and to work closely with villag-

es & communities to help connect people with service providers on and off the reservation.

There are many agencies that frequently appear in the Hopi Tribal Courts such as the Hopi Prosecutors Office, Domestic Violence Program, DNA Legal Services, Outside Public Defenders and Hopi Social Services. The court handles civil cases (divorce, child custody, land, probate, guardianship, protective order, name changes and repossession), children's court cases (MINOC and Delinquency), traffic cases and involuntary commitment for those who have mental health issues.

Currently the detention facility at the Hopi Police Department is not functional due to structural problems; inmates are sent to Yuma and Holbrook, AZ and Towaoc, CO. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Hopi Agency has a contract with each of these facilities. Lomayesva said the only facility that has a treatment center is Yuma and they usually send inmates who have longer sentences there.

"The tribe is trying to get funds for a jail on Hopi, but it's not an easy task and it costs an estimate of \$30 million," said Lomayesva.

Previous to TLOA, tribes could put an individual in jail for a maximum of only one year if they committed aggravated assault or homicide, but TLOA changed that by allowing the court to impose a sentence of up to three years for each crime they commit; if they commit multiple offenses they can get up to nine years.

"In order to impose that sentence, the courts must provide the defendants with certain rights similar

to those in the U.S. Constitution because tribes don't have to follow the Constitution exactly, they follow the Indian Civil Rights Act," said Lomayesva. "So the TLOA says if you provide defendants with a public defender and a law trained Judge then you can impose these sentences, which the Hopi Court has been doing since 2012."

In serious cases, the Federal Government takes jurisdiction over those and prosecutes them, but Lomayesva said they don't always do it and the tribe picks up those cases. Besides incarceration, there are alternatives and the court has been exploring different options. Lomayesva said putting people in jail isn't always the solution. Some ideas include probation, deferred prosecution, suspended sentence, treatment and re-entry programs that will help inmates transition back into the community or villages.

"As judges we don't know what services are out there that we can utilize for sentencing options," said Wallace. "For instance if I had a defendant that didn't graduate from high school I would recommend he get his GED."

Lomayesva covered goals, policies and funding. She said their goals are in accordance with the 2011 Potskwaniat and those goals have been accomplished and feels they need to amend it and establish new goals and objectives. She also said there is a need to improve mental health services on the reservation. The tribe doesn't have very many licensed therapist or Psychiatrist on the reservation.

"When we have a situation where someone is hav-

ing real issues where they are in danger to themselves or other people by being homicidal or suicidal; under the Hopi Code Ordinance 51, the person has to be seen by a Psychiatrist or a Medical Doctor within 72 hours and it's impossible for us to get those services because they are far away or very busy," said Lomayesva.

Other issues they are working on are revising the Hopi Code; Lomayesva hopes that at the end of the year they will have it finalized. She also said the court finds it helpful and hopes to increase mediation for some cases like divorce and child custody because they have better results. The Hopi Courts will be implementing a Veterans' Court to provide services for veterans who are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the idea is to get help for vets. Lomayesva said the progress is going good and they have received a grant from the Vet Court Grant Initiative.

Lomayesva was appointed by Hopi Chairman Herman G. Honanie; she is not working under a contract until she has gone through her one year probationary period. She would like to get reappointed as the Chief Judge.

The idea of the summit is to get the villages and community involved, Leslie's group discussed village involvement in court processes.

Leslie has been a Judge with the Hopi Courts for over 30 years and said there have been dramatic changes in the Hopi Judicial system where cases have become complicated.

"We have new areas of litigation from what we used to have 30 years ago,"

said Leslie. Leslie said he was happy with the outcome of the summit and was happy to see and hear village leaders speak. He emphasized what village leader Sam Tenakhongva said at the summit.

"Sam said there are situations where a person is preparing for a ceremony and that person should follow through with that preparation by being law abiding, kind, nice, don't do bad things and be nice to yourself and everyone."

Wallace has been employed with the Hopi Tribe since 2013, first as the Chief Prosecutor until last June when he was appointed as the Senior Judge. Judge Wallace handles the most serious cases.

"It appears when the Hopi Code was enacted that many of the villages didn't fully understand what the Code was about and I think to this day people who live in the villages don't understand what we do at Court," said Wallace. "Our goal as Judges is to have the villages involved in what we do in court, both on the criminal side and civil side because it's in your villages."

The Hopi Courts was pleased with the outcome of the summit and to be able to interact with the Hopi community. Lomayesva said there was well over 90 people who attended the summit.

"Learning more about the Hopi culture and traditions will help us in sentencing so that it reflects cultural values and traditions of the Hopi people."

The next Hopi Court summit is scheduled for August 14, location to be announced and everyone is welcomed to attend.

## Hopi Department of Transportation Projects Update Report

Crystal Dee, Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Department of Transportation (HDOT) has provided the public with an update on several projects that are in process. Michael Lomayaktewa, Director of HDOT said they have started several gravel projects across the Hopi reservation. The project is a Memorandum of Agreement between HDTO and Navajo County who identified an amount for HDOT to purchase gravel material.

The locations of the gravel projects are on the Low Mountain road residential areas, Shungopavi village,

Hotevilla and the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center. This project is expected to carryout till the end of the year.

HIR- 504: Shungopavi Project is on hold due to issues with contractor finding a vendor to purchase asphalt specific to the needs of the project. The timeframe in which the project will be complete is unknown and HDOT recognizes concerns of dust and health issues. Another challenge is the supply of water.

HIR – 506: Sipaulovi Housing project is going through a pre-bid process. HDOT will tell if contractors have low bids and will award contractor to start construction. This

project will have a 90 day timeframe.

HIR-603: Sand Clan is going through the formalities of construction in obtaining Right of Ways and a temporary construction easement.

HIR – 60 (1): Low Mountain Road will begin in August starting in phases because of the size of the project.

HDOT is currently pursuing a facility but is having issues with land sites; they hope to further expand the program.

For more information on these projects you may reach Lomayaktewa at (928) 734-3181.

## US Senator Jon Tester: We Must Do More to Address Youth Suicide in Indian Country

(U.S. Senate)—Senator Jon Tester, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, today held a committee hearing on efforts to prevent youth suicide in Indian Country.

During the hearing, Tester heard from administration and tribal leaders about the lack of resources accessible to Native American youth struggling with mental health issues.

**"Unfortunately, this year it seems like Congress can provide more spending for Defense budgets, but we can't put more resources towards saving the lives of native youth,"** Tester said. **"To say that this is troubling doesn't even begin to characterize the**

**situation."**

Native Americans have the highest suicide rate of any ethnic group in the United States, and Native American youth commit suicide at twice the rate of their non-Native peers.

Currently, IHS only employs 0.44 mental health providers per 100,000 Native American youths and only 1.3 percent of the total clinical service budget for IHS is allocated for mental health services.

Earlier this month the Senate [passed](#) two Tester-backed bills that will increase safety and provide additional resources for children in Indian Country.

## 9th Annual Arizona Rural Policy Forum, Aug 6-7, Clarkdale

Clarkdale, AZ (June 24, 2015) - The 9th Annual Arizona Rural Policy Forum will be held at the Clark Memorial Clubhouse in Clarkdale, Arizona during August 6 through 7, 2015. This annual forum, hosted by the Arizona Rural Development Council (AZRDC), a program of the Local First Arizona Foundation (LFAF), will connect rural economic development professionals, nonprofits, community leaders, business owners, and other rural stakeholders who are interested in sustaining rural communities.

"Our goal will be to hear strategies from national experts as well as learn about success stories around Arizona that will give our rural leaders the tools, resources and relationships they need to face current challenges," said Kimber Lanning, Director of the AZRDC and LFAF. "We are looking forward to a dynamic event to further drive economic development and success stories in rural Arizona."

The 2015 Rural Policy Forum will provide an opportunity for skill-building, networking, resource development, building relationships and educating each other about the needs and services in rural Arizona. Activities include capacity-building sessions, receptions, workshops, keynote presentations, and roundtable discussions.

Breakout sessions and workshops will focus on a variety of important topics pertaining to building thriving rural com-

munities of all sizes. Topics include tourism, nonprofits, international trade, policy, rural downtown main streets, civil discourse, financing and funding, education, economic development, arts and culture, capacity building, regional collaboration, and volunteer service. Forum attendees will have the opportunity to join many of these workshops throughout the two-day conference. A continuously updated agenda can be found at <http://azrdc.org/2015-rural-policy-forum/agenda/>.

Registration for the 2015 Rural Policy Forum is now open. Early bird registration is \$99 until July 15 and includes attendance at the two-day conference, four meals, and many opportunities to network with stakeholders from around Arizona. Pricing increases to \$119 after July 15. Attendees can find more information and register here: <http://azrdc.org/2015-rural-policy-forum/>.

Attendees will also have the option of attending three outside events associated with the Rural Policy Forum:

On Wednesday, August 5, Rural Policy Forum attendees can participate in a tour of the area aboard the Verde Canyon Railroad. This four-hour wilderness adventure will take place in the living room-style comfort of a refurbished train car and will feature stunning views, great company, heavy appetizers and a champagne toast. Cost per person is \$29.

Following the train tour on August 5, guests can join other

Rural Policy Forum attendees at a social dinner at the Copper Art Museum at 7:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$20.

On Thursday, August 6, guests are invited to dinner and a show at 6:00 p.m. at Blazin' M Ranch in Cottonwood following the first day of the Rural Policy Forum. Cost per person is \$25.

Registration for all of these events and the Rural Policy Forum is available here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-rural-policy-forum-presented-by-the-arizona-rural-development-council-a-program-of-local-first-registration-17252281037?ref=ebtn>

Sponsors of the 8th Annual Rural Policy Forum include the Marley Foundation, Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation, Amigos, APS, the Arizona Lottery, the Arizona Community Foundation, and Resolution Copper.

**About the Arizona Rural Development Council**  
The [Arizona Rural Development Council](#) (AZRDC) is Arizona's official, federally-recognized State Rural Development Council in the National Rural Development Partnership. AZRDC's mission is to equip communities with resources to advance rural Arizona while honoring their heritage in a changing world. In May of 2013, the Rural Development Council merged with, and became a program of, the Local First Arizona Foundation.