81st Regional Support Command, Proud of their link to the Hopi Code Talkers

The Hopi have kept first-hand of the important traditions which have been passed down through the centuries. We know that our history is as much a part of our traditions.

81st Regional Support Command

Office of the Chairman

KYOKOTSIDO-TI Hopi Tribe has a very close relationship with Arizona Public Service (APS), a regional electric utility power company. In 1966, the Tribe resolved to move all-electric power to its reservation. APS transit lines continue to serve the Tribe as part of the agreement.

One of the key traditions for the Hopi is the code talkers. The Hopi tribesmen often had humble beginnings growing up in the reservation. They continued to pass on traditions as they learned them from their parents.

The Hopi Code Talkers

The last candidate forum

George Mase – Village of Sipaulovi
Alfred Lomahquahu Jr. – Village of Bacavi
Norman B. Honie Jr. – Village of Tewa
Mike R. Puhuyesva – Village of Bacavi

Chairman:

Ages: 68, Hopi Language
Hopi Service (APS), the electric power delivered by the Task Team to hold discussions with APS on the Tribe’s right-of-way agreement with APS created a multi-million dollar agreement.

Manning Code Talkers

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Dear Editor,

The RO/Water Treat-
ment Facility is a part of the Hopi Energy Plan, which includes the Giant Generating Station and the Brown Mug Generating Station. The facility is a key component of the Hopi Tribal Council’s energy strategy to develop renewable energy sources for the Hopi Reservation.

The facility is a critical piece of the Hopi energy plan, providing clean and sustainable power to the Hopi community and helping to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

Sincerely,

Vernon Masayesva


Tuuvi Gathering Has Another Successful Year
Cindy Hu
The Montokie Legacy Inn and Suites held the annual Tuuvi gathering on Oct. 12 & 13 in Moenkopi. This is an annual event held every year in Moenkopi, where people gather there to see traditional dances from Native Tribes of the Southwest and to buy crafts from Native American vendors.

The sun is shining and the air is out, said James Surveyor, Maroon Tribal Council Member. This year's gathering had a variety of events taking place from Friday through Sunday.

Tuuvi gathering there were over 300 people and Zuni; and over 100 vendors in both food and arts and crafts. Tuuvi gathering has been going on for 25 years and it's a celebration of the life of the Hopi. Trips from all over come to sell their jewelry or showcase their cultural events.

This year's Tuuvi gathering was held at the Montokie Legacy Inn and Suites. For more information contact (970) 886-4100 or email montokielegacyinnandSuites@gmail.com.

Disabilities Awareness Walk Aims to Raise Funding

My name is Jolene Johns. Disabilities Coordinator for the Hopi Head Start. We have been working on this for the past year I started a Support Group for families who have children with special needs. I started this Support Group with the help of meeting people. From ATTENTION MEETINGS to helping the Office of Special Needs that parents that need assistance.

Not only by attending the Walk for special need children and the Special Need field for 13 years and the need for funding for children. We have been helping the Office of Special Needs 3 time for the past 3 years. Outside of the many different types of activities that I have done. I have been able to do work that gives me the opportunity to learn new things and I have had the opportunity that gives me challenges. I do work with children with special needs and their families who go to the Support Group to help find a way to help them. We work with parents to be better advocates, to help parents understand that they are not alone, and to have the opportunity to make materials needed to do arts and crafts. I do work with children who have learned sign language by sign language.

Dear Editor,
The Hopi Tribe-Tsaun Sinom have once again come together to be the first to volunteer in serving our future Tribal Executive Officers, en- courage and support to lead us on a path that is different. We all know that this is a four year’s right for us to think about who we should consider it and who will be leaders who have demonstr- ated character and have a history of supporting the Hopi tribal government. As Hopi-Ts’uwa Sinom we believe in taking the time to look at our unique and traditional heritage that involves valuable cultural tradi- tions, places, language, and some- thing that will help our community to prosper as Hopi Ts’uwa. We all have opportunities and challenges that arise through our daily lives, careers and families and through it all, we are blessed to raise our families with these special traditions.

Growing up we have been taught to hold Hopi traditions and respect our roots, our hearts and minds, as quality as our love story and everything that has led us into healthy, successful futures along with many Hopis val- ues set a strong foundation for our youth as they em- body the idea to begin a Dis- ability Awareness Walk.

As a young man I make a decision to participate high- er in education so that I may support the Hopi people through an Applied An- thropology program and be on Hopi lands and I have been able to achieve that personal goal. Now, as a Hopi Tribal Council Member I have seen many opportuni- ties to help the Hopi community and I have been able to benefit from a position of power when the Tribal government work is appropriate, relevant and most of all, beneficial to the community.

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Preserving Hopi Language
Chlorinity Children to Early Success

Carla Pardo
First Things First

What was the first word your baby spoke? Was it mama, papa or was it yuwaay or yashe? In many Hopi communities, Hopi is not the first language spoken by children because it is not spoken in the homes. Studies are showing that as English becomes the primary language of the Hopi tribe, the oral history, cultural identity and strong literacy skills are at stake.

A recent study, the Hopi Lavayi Early Childhood Assessment Project - funded by the First Things First (FTF) Coconino Regional Coordinating Council in partnership with the Hopi Tribe and the villages - aimed to increase the understanding of early language concerns that village members have noted about Hopi children birth to 5. This assessment also included suggestions for revitalizing Hopi language, language development and realistic approaches. One of those suggestions was to identify and implement a pilot language revitalization project, the Hopi Lavayi Nest Model project.

Research shows that literacy skills learned in the home will later transfer into school. Children without early positive language development and preschoolers supporting the child to speak and interact with parents and teachers. Hopi language defines who we are as a people, said Dr. Rhonda Vanee David, Director of Mesa University of Nevada, Department of Cultural Studies. Language is powerful when we teach words, they instill a teaching tool of life, it is not a language; it is our life."

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Hopi Lavayi Matters

"All children need to be grounded in their own language. Hopi language is so metaphorical words, it causes the child to think at a very young age. So it allows them to become literate in a teaching tool of life. Hopi is more than a language. It is our culture as a people, if we lose our language, it will be lost in our Hopi sinom. Our language defines who we are as a people. Hopi language is more than a language. It is our culture as a people, said Dr. Rhonda Vanee David, Director of Mesa University of Nevada, Department of Cultural Studies. Lang- age is a teaching tool of life, it is not a language; it is our life."

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"When context of culture, is lost, that is when the culture of our Hopi language is lost. But people still speak it, people still sing and dance. It is not lost yet. Children are speaking Hopi, we speak Hopi because we were taught Hopi. We must preserve our Hopi language, our Hopi language is not spoken at home."

What can Hopi parents do? Children do best when they have lots of opportunities to talk and interact with parents and other caring adults, and language-enriched environment is import- tant for all children. For more information, please contact the First Things First Coconino Regional Director at emasuraj@az.gov. For additional information about Hopi language preservation please visit the Hopi Cultural Preservation office at http://www.nau.edu/hptos/index.htm and Masa Media, Inc. at http://mune-samedia.org/
From the Office of the Chairman

The Hopi Tribe

LaVern Hope and Toney Shen, are pleased to present this annual report, highlighting some of our major accomplishments over the last fiscal year.

Throughout the administration, we have continued to focus our attention on the welfare of our Hopi people, along with the principles of our Hopi Tribal Council and to meet our major priorities in a number of areas. With our guidance, we have worked hard to protect and preserve our Tribal Sovereignty, Cultural and Religious Values, Traditions, and the Right to our natural Resources.

Our first major challenge was to stabilize the Hopi Tribal Government, which we have done.

Our government-to-government relationships have been rebuilt, helping us stabilize and solidify the Hopi Tribe as a recognized, sovereign, Native American government.

This has allowed us to accomplish much, but we still have a lot of work to do, and we continue to fight for the Hopi and their people, and I believe that if we continue to build upon what we have done and maintain the momentum of this administration, we will continue to achieve great things for the Hopi.

We are up to the challenge of protecting our tribal lands, and we will continue to do so.

Thank you to all those who have supported the Hopi Tribal Government, including the Office of the Chairman, Hopi Tribal Council, and tribal employees, and stakeholders.

We need to continue to be responsible, and we will continue to do so.

This will ensure that our Hopi future will be secure in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Chairman LeRoy N. Shingo-Tewa

The Hopi Tribal Council successfully settled with cold-weather events, which are due to the Hopi Tribe to adopt new laws and regulations.

The Tribe purchased and launched its Wellness Center, the Head Start Center.

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After determining that a water treaty had ironed out a long-standing dispute, the Hopi Tribe settled with the United States on a $1.5 million settlement.

Conducted feasibility studies for new economic development initiatives.

We were unable to stop a federal action of our federal liaison, but we were successful in stopping the removal of cultural contexts and not a majority of the Hopi and their people.

The return of some of our sacred objects to their places of origin.

Approved general orders for Hopi Tribal Police Officers to enforce their duties on Hopi Tribal lands.

The State Senate passes a resolution that recognizes the day of Navajo Nation.

National with Arizona State Police to provide security for the Navajo Nation.

Reconciliation efforts with fly, family, and community to achieve our goals.

The Hopi Tribal Council passes new Grand Canyon regional planning projects as shown in our people as Opposites.
Hopi Tribal Primary Elections 2013

Candidates for the Office of Vice Chairman

Ronald A. Honyumptewa
Village of Moencopi

Alfred Lomaquahu Jr.
Village of Bacsic

Robert L. Siwaiwai
Village of Moencopi

George Male
Village of Simopovi

Candidates for the Office of Chairman

LeRoy N. Shingoitewa
Village of Moencopi

Tama A. Canyon
Village of Moencopi

Herman G. Honanie
Village of Koykotsmovi

Michael L. Honie, Sr.
Village of Shongopavi

Tod D. Montoya Sr.
Village of Shongopavi

Mike R. Puhiyestlava
Village of Baca

Ronald A. Honyumptewa
Village of Moencopi

C. Canyon
Village of Moencopi

Thomas B. Loma'omvaya
Village of Shongopavi

Robby C. Sumatzkuku
Village of Moencopi

Tommy A. Canyon
Village of Moencopi

Mike B. Lomaquahu
Village of Shongopavi

Todd D. Honyaoma, Sr.
Village of Shongopavi

Micael B. Lomaquahu
Village of Shongopavi

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there without allowing them to exercise their rights to a grievance process. Instead of bring tribal members, for feuds that have existed. This is a violation of tribal preference laws & the Indian Civil Rights Act. Tribal members employed are being harassed and intimidated by Shingoitewa, Robert L. and others, who support Shingoitewa. Because of this, tribal employees are now afraid to exercise their rights to their grievances. They are frustrated and want a better working environment. Tribal employees are our important resource. We must respect their rights and their rights to keep their jobs.

Village Trust.

We are Hopi people. We are a very traditional people. We have a rich culture that is the envy of many tribes. Yet, Shingoitewa does not respect our Hopi Way of Life and wants to destroy it. Our village has numerous powers but Shingoitewa is meddling into our internal village affairs with the help of tribal attorneys. He even tried to force Draft 24A to the Hopi people that would have stripped the villages of their sovereignty powers. But while the Hopi farmers Draft 24A is a testament, he continues to run a dictatorship as though Draft 11B is passed. He is now manipulating our tribal courts and villages to suit his own political agenda. He also tried to manipulate our government to pass certain resolutions in favor of villages. We must keep Shingoitewa and the tribal council on our village nation and respect village powers.

Constitutional Crisis.

LeRoy Shingoitewa violated the tribal constitution many times since coming into office to suit his own personal agenda. He continues to violate tribal ordinances and tribal policies, and takes control of the tribal council, tribal courts, and tribal administration. He had tribal judge. Richard Trimble drafted the Hopi Code, and did not allow tribal members to have input before having the tribal council approve it. The Code has been used and goes over our interpretive. We need to rescind the Code and work on a new Code. We need to draft a tribal court that will uphold our laws and not play politics.

Water Rights.

Shingoitewa, with the help of George Mann and some members of the Water & Energy Team, tried to give our water rights away. The Hopi people debated the KPP proposal but Shingoitewa kept trying to give away our water rights. We need to stop him and protect our water rights.
Caleb Johnson Talks

After a long wing in my bed, I have finally decided to run for the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe. So let us sit here on the Hopi Tribal Council and I know what the power of the Administration better than any other candi-
date. Also, I believe that I can resolve the many problems that need to be solved in this Administration. In the future, it will begin to stabilize Hopi and in the future, all of you, Hopi citizens, to hear so that you can support us.

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the Chairman of the Tribe to
the next day after the Tribal
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represents丙Mr. Robert J. Lyttle
representative in a Cerritos and
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seventy five dollars ($75.00) per hour for our
attorneys and/or Special
counsel, and at least twice
hundred dollars ($200.00) per hour for any other attorney.

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Chairman and the Chairman began the process
where the tribe have been
to provide interim General
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1996 when I was elected as a Trib-
council. I then
work as a Tribal Ranger for nine
years. I then managed the Hopi
Hopi people on a personal and pro-
professional level. Many are concerned
with the Hopi way of life. It is a hard life but it has
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George Mase

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- Served on Interim Tribal Secretary for
- Served on the Tribal Council
- Served on the Sipaulovi Water Tank
- Served as the Chairman of the Hopi Tribe Project Team.

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• To see that all villages are represented
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Taawaki Trail run is filled with a variety of challenging trails here on Hopi, the positive enthusiasm of participants and new trails to take on this years’ Taawaki; all in anticipation of this years’ Taawaki Trail Run. With well over 50 volunteers from organizations such as the Hopi Emergency Committee, Lori Piestewa Post 110 Princess, Creating the Sun Committee, First Mesa Elementary Royalty, Hopi High School National Honor Society, and the Legacy Juan Corporation, we thank you for making this year another great success!

We hope that this event has inspired and motivated you to take on future challenges, and has given you the self confidence to continue your journey to good health and personal well-being. Every day is filled with new experiences and new trails to take on. We are very glad that each of you could make it out; we welcome more each of you could make it out. We are very glad that each of you could make it out; we welcome more each of you could make it out. We are very glad that each of you could make it out; we welcome more
The Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) is pleased to announce that the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) has been elected to serve as President for the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE) next year. HEEF said, “It’s been a pleasure to serve on the HTYC board and a true honor to be elected to this leadership position.” HEEF looks forward to continuing to support youth with their educational and professional goals.

New Video Campaign on Ending Violence Against Native Women

PENSACOLA, Fla. — United States Attorney A. Philip Rush, Jr. announces the installation of a new campaign to raise awareness and provide needed help to victims of violence against Native women.

The campaign is a coalition about what Native women and girls experience. The coalition is made up of United States Attorney A. Philip Rush, Jr., the Indian Law Resource Center, the Native American Rights Fund, the Native Women’s Law Center, the Marshallese Women’s Resource Center (MWRW), and the National Indian Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC).

One in three Native women report in their lifetimes, creating awareness to end violence against Native women and girls. Shiela Harjo, the first and foremost proponent for this campaign, was Jane Walker and Director of the Center’s Safe Women, Strong Nations Project. The epidemic of violence that Native women experience is not the uneducated. It’s not the poor people. It’s not drunks. It’s not the irresponsible. It’s not the is not just the white people. It’s not the uneducated. It’s not the poor people. It’s not drunks. It’s not the irresponsible. It’s not the white people.
it's all servicing the people to improve, better track issues within the Hopi Tribe. We have run for this position and again I'm seeing a lot of the same things. Running for the Hopi Chairman's job to be able to do this. You have all these people that have a voice, they have all these issues and they need to come and make that stop and make that change for one generation.

What kind of difference would you be making to the Hopi Tribe?

As a candidate for the Hopi Tribe, what is your platform?

I'm confident to run for the Hopi Chairman and Lyttle (Hopi Tribe) Attorney, they are very prestigious. They have just come to an agreement with the Power Plant to the point of 2010; they need to get some $67 million which is the investment for some $67 million. We have to begin the process and start cleaning up these tribal programs, the government emerge and the weaknesses. The weaknesses is that by July they would have all these government programs if we are to do something. As a candidate I'll be there. If the ship is not done and the ship is still running, we have to have all these government programs if we are to do something. As a candidate I'll be there. If the ship is not done and the ship is still running, we have to have all these government programs if we are to do something. As a candidate I'll be there. If the ship is not done and the ship is still running, we have to have all these government programs if we are to do something. As a candidate I'll be there.
What qualities do you look for in a candidate for this position?

I'm qualified for this position because I've been involved in the local government for at least 12 years and I am very familiar with the operations of the tribal government. I was the Vice Chair of this tribal council for over 12 months and I controlled meetings. I reported to me all of the issues that the tribal government was facing. I was aware of them inside of the government. I felt that since I know the whole system of the tribal government, I could report to me so I know all the directors and they reported to me. I had a really good understanding of what needs to be done next.

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What are some of the current issues that need to be resolved? How do you see these being resolved?

There are many different issues that need to be resolved that the tribal audits need to be resolved. As such, there is a tribal audit that is ongoing. We need to resolve the policies, procedures, tribal plans and ordinances and so forth. I need to understand what the problems are and then we can resolve it. We need to be able to have a strategy from these directors.

As such, there is a need to prioritize tribal work while and also having experience working with the people. Being here with the people, living here, farming here, helping them with traditions, ceremonies, is the most important aspect of my background in Anthropology. We need to be a good leader to keep the tribe moving forward. We need people to be involved in the business and to help the government.

What do you see as critical financial and infrastructural issues?

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OPEN LETTER
To
Hopi Tribal Council and the Hopi People of all Villages

The leaders of the Upper Village of Moenkopi envisioned economic development as a benefit to our village and all of Hopi. Planning for what exists today began more than a decade ago and through a process of hard work and perseverance great accomplishments have been realized. A wastewater treatment plant that supports our community members and commercial development was built. A reverse osmosis plant has increased the availability of water. The TUUVI Travel Center, the beautiful Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites, and the Denny’s restaurant are now the focal point of the Tuba City junction. Our highway billboards promote the Hopi Arts Trail to benefit all Hopi artists and our ExperienceHopi.com website invites the world to visit Hopi in a respectful manner. In 2011 we hosted an Economic Development Summit for the benefit of all Hopi and we co-hosted with the American Indian Arts Institute a national Native American tourism conference in 2012 and 2013 bringing tribal representatives from around the country to Hopi. We created the Hopi Arts Trail in 2012 for the benefit of Hopi artists, galleries, and certified guides and this project was recognized by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer as an economic generator for the state.

The development in our village is a model for other villages. Not all villages desire hotel or tourism development but many villages have the potential for economic development. Tribal support to the Moenkopi development was critical and appreciated. The development goals and job creation that have been achieved by our village would not have been possible without the participation of the Tribe in Grant applications and via the development loan that was made by the Tribe to MDC. Every village with meritorious projects should be supported by the Tribe. Investment on Hopi land for job creation will strengthen our communities because job creation equals preservation of family, culture, and language. MDC employs over 100 people including Hopi from 7 villages.

Unforeseen delays created by our neighboring community significantly delayed the opening of the Legacy Inn. This delayed generation of any income while expenses accumulated seriously impacting our ability to initiate repayment of the Tribal loan. Loan documents were never formally executed during the tenure of former Hopi Treasurer Russell Mockta, and discussions between the Tribe and MDC have been ongoing since the hotel opened in 2010.

Meetings that our Board and village leadership had with the Chairman, Council representatives, and the Tribal CFO in 2010 established concurrence on the concept that job creation should be a baseline of return on investment to the Tribe. Return of equity (the amount of money loaned) plus nominal interest was that baseline because investment in our own people ON TRIBAL LAND is a key to preservation of Hopi life.

Tribal Resolution H-092-2011 (see extract below) directed the Treasurer to finalize loan documents with MDC. MDC has communicated in good faith to try to bring this loan to resolution however impediments placed by Tribal attorneys have prevented the finalization of the agreement. MDC has provided Tribal representatives with certified financials supplying 100% of all documentation ever requested.

MDC stands ready to sign documents and bring payments current today. We appeal to the Chairman and Tribal government to sit at the table with us and finalize this loan issue for the betterment of all Hopi.

THE
Hopi TRIBE

MEMORANDUM
TO: Larry Samatitoka, Chairman Loan Committee
Hopi Tribal Loan Committee:

FROM: Mark A. Gade, Tribal Secretary
Hopi Tribal Council

DATE: November 23, 2011

SUBJECT: MOENKOPI LEGACY INN LOAN AGREEMENT A. J. 6106-2011


By passage of this Resolution, the Hopi Tribal Council adopts the recommendations of the Committee and approves the terms herein in the plan to modify the Loan, directs the Office of General Counsel and the Tribal Executive staff to work in the direction of the Committee to prepare new or amended Loan Agreement Documents.

Should you have any questions, you may contact me at (928) 734-3133.

cc: Office of the Chairman
Office of the Vice Chairman
Office of the Secretary
Office of General Counsel
Office of Financial Management
Moenkopi Developers Corporation
Village of Moenkopi
Villages

For more information relating to the complete issue, please visit: www.MoenkopiDevelopers.com/Loan Resolution for review of detailed documents.