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By Stan Bindell

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“Cross county takes a lot of extra hours and a lot of extra work,” said Coach Rick “The Legend” Baker. “The students have been working hard all year to be the best they can be.”

Baker said that he has another goal in mind for next year. “We want to break the national record of 25 years,” he said. “We want to be the best team in the country.”

Baker said that he was proud of all the students who helped to achieve this goal. “Without the support of our athletes and coaches, we would not have been able to achieve this level of success,” he said.

Carbon Lake, an assistant to the Hopi Principal, said that he was proud of the athletes who worked hard throughout the season. “I am proud of all of them,” he said. “They have shown me what hard work can do.”

Baker said that he is looking forward to next season. “We want to continue to improve and set new records,” he said. “We want to be the best team in the country.”

Baker said that he is confident that they can achieve their goals. “We have the talent and the desire to be the best,” he said. “We are ready to take on the challenge.”

Media interviews Dwayne Talawoam at Hopi wins 25th Straight Championship

PHOENIX, ARIZ. — Freshman phenom Dwayne Talawoam led Hopi High to its nation- record 25th boys cross country state championship Nov. 8 at Cave Creek Golf Course in Phoenix.

Hopi High took first place with 52 points while Pinon was a distant second with 104 points.

Talawoam was an 8th grader who led the team to its first title.

Talawoam ran 5 miles in 18 minutes and 10 seconds.

“Talawoam ran a great race and we were all proud of him,” Coach Rick “The Legend” Baker said.

Talawoam was the first Hopi runner to win a state championship.

“It was a great day for our team,” Baker said. “We have been working hard all year and we finally paid off.”

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The Hopi Tribal Council members acknowledged the group and the presentation, but were adamant they were not ready to embrace the proposal that would provide permanent jobs for tribal members” said Ben Nuvamsa. “Our revenues are limited and are decreasing. We don't have an economic development program that brings direct benefits to our people and our villages. Our infrastructure needs improvement. Coal royalties have been limited; and the Navajo Generating Station will cease operations in due time. The Mohave Generating Station closed in 2005 which we lost the revenues that have never been replaced. Federal funding is limited and has been decreasing to where we can no longer depend on federal funding. Our people need jobs. Many people want to leave home but there are no jobs. With the shut-down of the Mohave Generating Station (MGS) in 2005, revenues generated from coal royalties has dwindled. It is not known what plans the Hopi Tribe has to replace the lost revenue. MGS shut down operations in 2005 because of the Tribe’s objections to excessive pumping of the Navajo Aquifer to slurry coal to MGS; and the revenues did not pay for expensive emissions control devices. MGS is now faced with federal rules to clean up the emissions. It has been stated that coal is one of the dirtiest coal fuel power plants in the United States and its two NGC owners will be selling their shares of ownership because their states (Colorado and New Mexico) now have rules where they will not be allowed to be power plants from coal that produce coal. Like Mohave, MGS may shut its doors because of increasing federal emissions rules; and when that happens, more coal generated from NGC operations will also stop.

Tribe cannot afford to lose any more money. The Hopi Tribal Council made a motion to table the renewable energy project proposal /Action Item 064-2014 until a later date by a majority vote of 11 yeas, 3 no and 0 abstentions. Nuvamsa said it was important to keep in mind that each council member understood the full implications of this proposal, its magnitude and its benefits. He said TPAA would gladly discuss the details of this proposal with the tribal council and sit down with tribal officials to work out a plan that will be beneficial to the tribe.

The Chairman and staff, Marilyn Fredericks, Chief of Staff, Carlene Tashkopeh, Staff Assistant, and Kent Shults, Executive Assistant, will be available to be heard on these matters.

The Chairman, Honanie, and Nuvamsa said that the tribe has to look to the future and develop new strategies to make the tribe self-sufficient. The tribe is also exploring other renewable energy projects.

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Hopi Schools Visit Hubbell Trading Post

A National Historic Site

L-R: Lola Hemis, Project Manager; Hopi Mission School students Staff; and Lloyd Maasayumptewa, Superintendent

Lola Nahsonhoya, Hopi Teacher

On Nov. 4, 3rd & 6th grade students from the Hopi Mission School had the opportunity to visit the historic Hubbell Trading Post - a National Park, located in Ganado, AZ. A few weeks earlier, students from Second Mesa Day School also enjoyed the educational field trip made possible through the Ticket to Ride Grant Program.

(Congress authorized Hubbell Trading Post a National Historic Site in 1965. Hubbell Trading Post National Park, located in Arizona, was a trading post that provided goods and services to the Hopi and Navajo tribes.)

The Ticket to Ride Grant program provides funding to schools to help overcome transportation barriers that prevent youth from experiencing the national parks around them.

The goal of the Ticket to Ride is to provide support for students to visit the national parks and engage with meaningful educational experiences. Once on the park, an outdoor classroom becomes interactive as learning begins and young people discover their natural, cultural and historical heritage, participates in volunteer and service learning activities and begins lifelong relationships with their national park.

Great thanks to the Transportation Task Team at the Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site. She said one of his goals is to get local schools involved and participate in the Ticket to Ride Program. Maasayumptewa said Hubbell Trading Post holds an extremely important piece of Native history for area youth. This historic site is a place where many Navajos, Hopi and Zunis did their early bartering and trading. Hubbell was merchant and liaison to the outside world. Lola Hemis, Project Manager of the Ticket to Ride program, encourages young people to visit Hubbell Trading Post.

The “National Historic Site is part of our Southwest History,” said Lola Hemis. “Visit what your grandma’s and grandpa’s did in the past and carry it forward.”

Hemis goes credit to the Friends of Hubbell, a non-profit organization, who was instrumental in starting the Ticket to Ride Program and welcomes all visitors to Hubbell. She would like for all schools to participate. The Program helps pay for transportation costs, bus driver and pay for a meal.

Maasayumptewa said Hopis were employed at Hubbell Trading Post and is trying to reach their families to talk with them. If you know of anyone who may have been employed at Hubbell, please call 928-734-3870.

As Hubbell, guided tours are given daily. The Hubbell home, a well-preserved piece of the past is decorated with hand woven rugs, baskets, pottery, katsina dolls and other crafts produced by local artisans. Call Lola Brant or Sup. Lloyd Maasayumptewa to schedule your school for the Ticket to Ride trip.

Hopi Tribal Council Task Teams

2014

VETERANS CORNER

Good Day All,

On behalf of Hon. Polatewyne and myself, we offer our deep appreciation and thanks to everyone who donated or volunteered towards this highly successful 2014 Veterans Day Observance. For the first time in history we had an all-time high attendance of over 500 people who attended the event. The most of you have been with the program. The logistics of planning and executing the event was made possible by various programs and organizations:

1. Arizona Department of Transportation for allowing Parade entries to use their yard along AZ Route 264.

2. Hopi Department of Transportation for grading the dirt road and parking areas at the Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center.

3. Hopi Veterans Memorial Center staff for providing on-site technical assistance during the Veterans Banquet, Veterans Parade and Veterans Day Observance.

4. Miss Hopi Committee for spearheading another successful parade and it continues to grow.

5. Lori Pavestones Post #190 for hosting the Veterans Banquet and it continues to grow too.

6. KYIU 91.1 FM Radio for providing on air of program.


9. All Hopi Villages for providing donation of desserts, yeast bread and lending an extra hand.

10. Hopi High (IRDC), Hopi High School National Honor Society and Hopi High School Student Council for assisting during both Veterans Banquet and Veterans Day Observance. Their support and participation continues to amaze me and this is our future leaders. Job well done!

11. Hopi Honor Society and Miss Lori Pavestones Princess and her attendant and all local school royalties for attending all event. Their presence left a basking impression on our Veterans and off reservation guests.

12. To our guest speakers: Mr. Meredith Van Winkle, Ms. Beatrice Norton, Ms. Francis Richards; Mr. Ben Parks; and First Mesa Baptist Church.

13. To our guest speakers: Mr. Bruce Talas for again hosting and performing as our ace Master of Ceremonies.

14. Mr. Kellen Polingyumptewa for creating a wonderful slide show.

15. Mr. Eugene “Geno” Talas, Director, Hopi Veterans Services

Sincerely,

Lola Hemis


17. Our main cooks: Raymond Namoki, Diana Lucero, Tiara Morgan and Sarah Tawayaoma.

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24. Members of the 2014 Planning Committee….thank you!

25. Finally to Ms. Hanna Polewytewa for her dedicated and tireless work in planning and assisting me towards the event.

I may have missed some, but thank you to all who helped in any way for all three events. Most of all, our honor and privilege to host another successful veterans event made possible by the generous donations, volunteerism of people and outstanding community support.

I say again, it takes a village to make an event happen, this year’s Veteran’s Day Observance and we have all been involved.

Call Lola Brant or Sup. Lloyd Maasayumptewa to schedule your school for the Veterans Day Observance.

For more information on the Veteran’s Day Observance, please call 928-734-3870.

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Lori Piestewa Post #80 Veterans Banquet & Ceremonies

Chief Petty Officer Ian Masayesva with a token of appreciation with a shadow box or a memento box.

After Masayesva received the flag, he gave it to his mother for the sacrifices she has made while he was in service and to honor her.

The First Lady, Arlene Honanie, asked Honani if she could do the honors and conduct a retirement ceremony for her son, Chief Petty Officer Ian Masayesva.

“I want to thank all the current Veterans for their services,” said Hopi Chairman Herman Honanie who asked all the Veterans to stand and be recognized. “You paid the price of war and it’s our responsibility to receive and respect you.”

To our beloved military families, you are our heroes who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

The Lori Piestewa Post #80 has helped a number of veterans and their families over the years. We would like to thank everyone who came out to support our community and this event.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate this year’s Veterans Day. We value the service of our veterans and we are forever indebted to you. You don’t know how much you mean to us.

-Meredith Van Winkle, Blue Star Mother

“Until then have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with family and friends!”

-Meredith Van Winkle, Blue Star Mother speaks of her experiences and her daughter, Vanessa Van Winkle who is in the Army

-mad entries that best portrayed this year’s theme of “Celebrating Veteran’s Day” Veterans and their families came from all over to help celebrate this day set aside for war heroes who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces.

“All of our honorees and privilege to host another successful Veterans Day event made possible by the generous donations of community and outstanding community support. You have all displayed and shown a true spirit of helping,” said Talas.

“Most of all, I want to thank all you veterans and their families for everything you have done for our country and our community. You truly have our deepest appreciation and respect,” said Talas.

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-Meredith Van Winkle, Blue Star Mother

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2. Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your family.
3. Accept offers of help and suggest that your family seek counseling.
4. Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.
5. Ask if you need to take your own medications.
6. Make your own credit card for the cost and use of the things you need.
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8. Make sure legal documents are in place.
9. Organize medical information so that family members can help you care for your loved one.
10. Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay in getting professional help.

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Hopi BIA Law Enforcement
Two Hopi Women recognized at the American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards Ceremony

Crystal Dee, Hopi Tutuveni

Phyllis Big Pond, former Phoenix Indian Center Director and other community leaders hosted the first Arizona American Indian Excellence in Leadership Awards banquet in 1987.

At that time Big Pond quoted, “We need to create a way to honor our leaders.”

Over the years, the award categories were revised and the community events grew to include many Native American tribes.

This year, the banquet was held on Nov. 4 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort and Villas. Randy Kennedy, International Graduate Doctorate Sr. and Tavion Stewert, current Miss Instant University of Arizona co-organized the event with several hundred people in attendance.

In the past, several Hopi women have been recognized at this event. This year there were two Hopi women who were recognized for their hard work and dedication. Theresa Price, Hopi/Navajo, was awarded the Woman of the Year Award and Thelma Harvey, Jr., Hopi Legal Secretary/Credits Technician for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona (BCBSAZ) was awarded the Outstanding American Indian Employee.

Price is the Director of the Native American Education Program (NAEP) with Mesa Public Schools and earned her Bachelor and Master’s degree from Arizona State University in Education. After receiving her degrees she was hired with Mesa Public Schools on one of the largest school districts in Arizona. She started out as a teacher and a Media Specialist before becoming a Director for NAEP. She has been with Mesa Public School for 34 years.

Some of the challenges she has overcome was bringing the Native American communities together to meet with the Superintendent of the district to build a relationship and partners between the two groups, and to work what is best for students to be successful.

“…The school district is always looking for new and better ways for cultural understanding. They plan and practice for ways to not only build and educate those educational avenues for our students,” said Price.

She is married and has four children and two grandchildren. Her family is from Sipaulovi. She has two sisters; Mayfa Natoni and Ida Formea.

“My family has been my support and my strength,” said Price. Her and her husband both strive to have a happy and healthy family.

“I love my Hopi people,” said Price. “Hopi has always brought a strong unity of devotion and love to a family unit.”

Harvey is a graduate from Santa Fe Indian High School. She attended the Academy of Sciences at Arizona State University as a Legal Secretary. In 1998, she has worked with BCBSAZ for 16 years.

In this role, she is responsible to American Indian to receive such a recognition from one a large company like Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona,” said Harvey, “We also celebrated our 75th anniversary for American Indian Heritage Month.”

Harvey said she hadn’t any challenges since working for BCBSAZ, but has had a few challenges in trying to get the Hopi people to take advantage of the flu shots.

Harvey is from Cortez (a village from the Sylvan Hills). She currently resides in Glendale with her family of four, Lee, Kaylee and Bryce Quahafvaya. Her parents are the late Sam Yazzie and Besie Breghnoqua. Her mother, picky Danny Dee, has four sisters, Monica and Belena Harvey; Crystal and Raquel Dee.

The following is the nomination criteria to receive an award set by the Arizona American Indian-Century.

• Demonstrated leadership, excellence, creativity and initiative in their profession in service to the American Indian community.

• Assisted the American Indian community by developing or showing leadership in self or business.

• Demonstrated excellence, creativity, innovation and initiative in their profession or business with represenative and representing the American Indian community.

• Provided valuable services by devoting time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the American Indian community.

• Nominee is perceived as a leader among peers in an affecting positive change in the profession, workplace, and community.

After the banquet, the awardees were treated to an honor song by Thunder Spring Singers of Phoenix representing the Hopi and Hualapai Indian Communities.

Two Hopi Department of Public Safety Launch Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Crystal Dee, Hopi Tutuveni

Theresa Price received a phone call from the Incident Command Manager at 7:15 a.m. She was told there was a medical pandemic and was told to set up the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Xaviondela was selected to be the EOC Manager that very morning. There was a pandemic in the community and there was so much to do as quickly as possible. She didn’t have time to think about anything else.

“Let’s get to the EOC at 7:15 a.m. and begin calling the Hopi Emergency Response Team (HERT), Tribal/Rural Planning sections, lettuce District, Operations section, Veronica Lek. Please, Operations section,” said Price.

By 8:15 a.m., the EOC was set up at the Hopi Department of Natural Resource conference room. Price called other agencies for assistance in getting vaccinations for first responders and their families.

First responders and tribal leaders were priority in receiving vaccinations so they can help keep the community safe during the pandemic.

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On Sunday, Nov. 15, the Arizona Indian Living Treasures Awards (AILTA) ceremony was held at the Steele Auditorium - Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ. The Arizona Living Treasure Award Ceremony is held each year to recognize and honor Native American elders for their accomplishments and contributions to society. The 2014 Indian Living Treasures awards were presented to the elders for their lifetime achievements in the areas of Traditional Arts, Education, Cultural and Language Preservation.

Jean Sahmie, a resident of First Mesa from the Village of Tewa, was amongst those honored. Ms. Sahmie comes from a long line of traditional Hopi/Tewa Potters, most notable her Mother Priscilla Namingha, Aunt Dextra Quotskuyva and Great-Grandmother Nampeyo. Ms. Sahmie is world renown with her work in the homes of celebrities and private collectors. She has also traveled as far as Europe to share her culture and work. Ms. Sahmie is not only an “Arizona Living Treasure” but, a Treasure to the Hopi and Tewa People.

“I am very proud of my mother and all her accomplishments,’ said daughter Donnella Zacarias. “It gives me great joy to see my mother recognized for all her hard work and for sharing her culture through her talent and skills.”

Many people attended the 2014 AILTA ceremonies. This year’s AILTA Committee Director was Daryl Melvin, who presented awards to the following honorees:

- Homer Beatty-White Mountain Apache, cultural preservationist through storytelling, traditional dance and singing.
- Jones Benally - Navajo historian, hoop dancer, singer, and hataali (traditional healer)
- Ena R. Lopez - Tohono O’odham, traditional storyteller, singer, basket weaver, and ceremonial advisor and cultural foods instructor
- James Peshlakai - Navajo, language preservation, singer, storyteller, and silversmith
- Jean Sahmie - Hopi, traditional Hopi/Tewa pottery artisan.

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Keannah Speen, radio broadcast student wins Media Awards

The other award winners were Jennifer Lomayestewa, JH basketball, for her three state writing awards, and Myra A. Conner, JH basketball, for her three state writing awards.

Speen has three colleges in mind that she would consider attending: Fort Lewis College, Haskell College, or Dine College. Speen will be majoring in nursing and maybe minor in radio.

The Hopi High School radio board, news and video journalists are running money so they can attend the National Journalism Association conference in Denver, Colorado, April 16-19.

The students attending the national youth media conference will benefit by meeting students from other schools throughout the country and learning more about media techniques.

The Hopi High Teen Times staff from the Hopi High School Radio Club or Hopi High Journalism Club or Kayenta School will attend the National Journalism Association conference in Denver, Colorado, April 16-19.

From the Hopi High School Bruin Times

Alyssia Humeyestewa

I look forward to Thanksgiving every year because there is a lot of good food and you get to spend time with your family. Like Thanksgiving, it is important to see your family members who don’t live near you. I find it is a day to spend time with them while you are there. I like Thanksgiving because the guys stay out of the way. That’s why I love Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving so the guys will not interrupt our cooking. This Thanksgiving there are three games happening: the Bears vs. Lions, Eagles vs. Cowboys and Seahawks vs. 49ers. All I’m hoping for is the Seahawks vs. 49ers. All I’m hoping for is the Seahawks vs. 49ers. I just like and look forward to Thanksgiving because I like spending time with my family. I also look forward to the food. I mainly enjoy the food.

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