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Paamuya

*Month of Life at its
Height - Positive
Hopi Life*

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

- Aug. 10, 1680- Franciscans killed (Orayvi, Awat'ovi, and Soongopavi).
- Aug. 12, 1680- Pueblo Revolt which forced the Spanish out of the Southwest.
- Aug. 20, 1629 Franciscans arrive at Awat'ovi to establish a mission.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2015 Hopi 10K Run

8/8: 6am Old Oraibi
Contact #928-401-0821

Saddle Roping

8/8: 10-5p Lizard Arena-
Old Oraibi
Contact 928-675-9652

Farmers Market & Exchange

8/15: 8a-2p Veterans Ctr.
Contact 928-637-3465

CERT Basic Training

8/18-20: 8-5pm Hopi
Wellness Ctr
Contact 928-734-3663

Basic Sign Language

8/18: 1:30-3:30p Shungopavi Comm. Ctr
Contact 928-734-3419

HOYI- "Parent & Youth Resource Night"

8/27: 530-830p HJSHS
Contact 928-734-2380

Free E-Waste Event

8/29: 8-1p Navajo County
Penrod Facility
Contact 928-532-4124 or
928-337-3565

Tewanima Footrace

9/6 Shungopavi Village
Contact 928-734-2543

American Indian Tourism Conf.

9/13-17: Sky Ute Casino
Resort
Contact www.aianta.org

Climb the Mesa to Conquer Cancer

9/13: 7a Hopi Cultural
Center
Contact # 928-734-1151

Tuhisma Hopi Arts & Crafts Market

10/10-11: 9-5p Hopi Veterans Memorial Ctr
Contact 928-221-6759

Sheryce Wadsworth from Shungopavi Village crowned Miss Hopi 2015-2016



Lexie James passes on the Crown to Sheryce Wadsworth

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The 2015-2016 Miss Hopi Pageant was held Friday evening, July 24 at the Hopi Junior Senior High School. Vying for the title were: Sheryce Wadsworth, Auri Roy and Robyn Wadsworth. Sheryce Wadsworth was crowned Miss Hopi 2015-2016. Kayah Roy won the title of 1st Attendant and Robyn Wadsworth 2nd Attendant. Outgoing Miss Hopi Lexie James passed the reign on to Wadsworth by transfer of the Crown. The Miss Hopi Committee is currently working on issues surrounding the Pageant and no further details were available as of press time.

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Chief Honyumtewa represents Hopi Tribe at the United Nations



File Photo

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In its plea to stop the human rights violations of illegal sales of stolen Hopi cultural objects of cultural patrimony, the Hopi Tribe petitioned the United Nations Geneva Convention to intervene on behalf of the Hopi people and rights of other Indigenous peoples.

The Hopi Tribe was represented by Hopi Resource Enforcement Chief Ranger Ronald Honyumtewa who spoke on behalf of the Hopi people at the 8th Session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples panel titled "Reversing the Plunder: Working for an International Mechanism for Repatriation of Ceremonial Objects and Human Remains" on July 22, 2015.

Chairman Herman G. Honanie and the Hopi Tribal Council fully supported the voice of the Hopi people at the United Nations and stated, "We are resolved and will not compromise our position that the illegal transport and sale of Hopi Cultural Patrimony must cease."

The Hopi Tribe is the oldest surviving culture in the Americas with more than 14,000 members and one that has remained steadfast to its tradition in agriculture, culture and spirituality. The Hopi people continue to uphold the "Hopi Way" of "cooperation, humility, hard work and stewardship".

Honyumtewa is Dawawungwa (Sun) Clan from Lower Moencopi village. He was born and raised in an agricultural setting learning his male roles in the ceremonial and cultural ways of the Hopi people. Mr. Honyumtewa currently serves the public as the Chief Ranger and is tasked with investigation and enforcement of illegal of cultural and ceremonial objects.

On July 3, 2015 the Hopi Tribe received accreditation from Antti Korkeakivi, Chief of the Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section of the United Nations High Commission of Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland.

An update on Honyumtewa's attendance and participation at the UN 8th Session will be forthcoming in the Aug. 18 edition of the Tutuveni. **Cont'd P2**

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The Hopi Tutuveni Editorial Board

Hopi Dept.of Transportation receive new Mack snow plows



HDOT crew receive orientation on special features of the new 2016 Mack Trucks
Photo by David Lee, Student Intern

Crystal Dee, Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Department of Transportation (HDOT) has waited over a year for their snow plows, which were finally delivered on July 23 by the Vanguard Truck Center of Phoenix. The 2016 Mack trucks were delivered to the Hopi Tribe.

Michael Lomayaktewa, HDOT Director said over a year and a half ago, the Hopi Tribal Council approved the purchase of snow plows at a cost of under a half million dollars. They were purchased with the Hopi Tribe's Construction Allocation funds, identified as Road Maintenance.

"It took a while because the trucks were being customized," said Lomayaktewa. "The snow plows will be used within the villages and if Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) needs assistance we will use them on the state highways."

David DeWeerd, of Vanguard said these Mack trucks are the top of the line vehicles and both snow plows are ADOT specific and are tested on Arizona highways. They are severe duty application which Mack trucks are reputable for.

"These trucks have the bells and whistles for safety to protect the driver and the people on the road; they have the latest in hydraulics and spreader equipment," said DeWeerd.

The Vanguard Truck Center of Phoenix has also sold vehicles to other tribal programs. They were the 2014 Mack dealer of the year in Arizona and the United States. They have opened a location in Flagstaff for support service.

Lomayaktewa said they will use these vehicles as soon as they get license plates for them and will also be used as dump trucks.

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Statements by Chief Honyumptewa at UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples 8th Session

Statement 1: Agenda Item 4: Panel discussion on indigenous peoples’ human rights in relation to business enterprises

Mr. Chair,
The Hopi Tribe vigorously asserts its tribal sovereignty and human rights in relation to business enterprises, particularly with regard to auction houses, repositories, and museums in the national and international arenas to protect objects sacred to the Hopi people. Among them, its sacred “Katsina Friends” were recently at the center of international efforts by the Hopi Tribe to prevent their sale at private auctions in Paris, France. Auction houses, repositories, and museums should engage in tribal consultations and repatriate Indigenous ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony that have been taken without free, prior and informed consent.

For the Hopi Tribe, all ceremonial and religious entities are under the sole caretaking and responsibility for stewardship by initiated Hopi society members. These members are vested with the caretaking and protection of these sacred entities. Hopi Katsina Friends, which were being sold at private auctions in Paris, are religious objects necessary for the use and the continuation of the Hopi religion by present day adherents. They are considered sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony and cannot be transferred, sold, conveyed and removed from the jurisdiction without permission or the free, prior and informed consent of the Hopi Tribe. These facts are pursuant to Hopi customary law and tradition (Hopi Ordinance #26, Hopi Cultural Preservation Code), and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) that applies to cultural items from federal lands that are in repositories outside the United States.

National laws in the United States involving repatriation and the protection of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony, include: the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), and the National Museum of the American Indian Act (NMAI). These laws were passed after extensive efforts by Native American federally recognized tribes, tribal members, and American Indian organizations to protect Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. These laws were enacted to inform Native Nations of institutional holdings and enforce their repatriation.

International repatriation has been supported in the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Articles 11 and 12. Article 12, states, “States shall seek to enable the access and/or repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains in their possession through fair, transparent and effective mechanisms developed in conjunction with Indigenous Peoples concerned.” Further support for international repatriation was provided in Operative Paragraph 27 of the Outcome Document of the High Level Plenary Meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. It states, “We affirm and recognize the importance of indigenous peoples’ religious and cultural sites and of providing access to and repatriation of their ceremonial objects and human remains in accordance with the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **We commit ourselves to developing, in conjunction with the indigenous peoples concerned, fair, transparent and effective mechanisms for access to and repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains at the national and international levels.**” (Emphasis added.)

In 2015, the Association on American Indian Affairs and the International Indian Treaty Council, along with the Hopi Tribe submitted documentation to the U.N. EMRIP cultural heritage study and provided recommendations to address repatriation in private auction houses, museums, and other repositories. Among the suggestions was to create an Expert Working Group on International Repatriation at the U.N. to investigate these issues. The Hopi Tribe specifically stated in its case example “that the sales were illegal, that the cultural, sacred, and ceremonial items sold embody core elements of their cultural, spiritual, and religious rights, and that the items were taken illegally from their Tribe and should be repatriated. These sales are examples of the refusal of auction houses to consult with Indigenous Peoples and recognize Indigenous human rights. The sales further illustrate the continued religious and cultural oppression present in world markets against Indigenous Peoples, and the absence of ethical and moral codes pertaining to Indigenous Rights. It is furthermore, a violation of customary norms in international law and human rights pertaining to Indigenous Peoples.”

This document has been referenced by the “Study by the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples’ Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with Respect to their Cultural Heritage.” (A/HRC/EMRIP/2015/2) Item 72 states “The ancient burial grounds of many indigenous communities have been disrespected and the communities concerned have asked for the repatriation of human remains and sacred and cultural objects, whether held in private or public collections. The General Assembly affirmed and recognized the importance of repatriating indigenous peoples’ ceremonial objects and human remains.” In item 10, the UNEMRIP further stated that “Culture is one of the underlying pillars of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The close relationships between the cultural rights of indigenous peoples and their right to self-determination, indigenous peoples may freely pursue their cultural development.” The protection of the cultural rights of the Hopi Tribe are therefore directly connected to their right to self-determination.

The “Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights: Implementing the United Nations ‘Protect, Respect and Remedy’ Framework,” (A/HRC/17/31) further discusses State Duty to Protect Human Rights in Section A “Foundation Principles”. Paragraph 1 asserts that “States must protect against human rights abuse within their territory and/or jurisdiction by third parties, including business enterprises. This requires taking appropriate steps to prevent, investigate, punish and redress such abuse through effective policies, legislation, regulations and adjudication.” Further, paragraph 2 states “States should set out clearly the expectation that all business enterprises domiciled in their territory and/or jurisdiction respect human rights throughout their operations.” Therefore, States and business entities have a duty to protect against violations of human rights against Indigenous Peoples. As demonstrated earlier, the human rights of the Hopi Tribe have been violated through the sale of their sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony in auction houses.

These Guiding Principles, the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Outcome Document of the High Level Plenary Meeting of the U.N. General Assembly, known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples all reflect the importance of ensuring that business entities are not violating Indigenous human rights. The human rights of the Hopi Tribe and other Indigenous Peoples are violated through the sale and transfer of our human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony in auction houses, museums, and other repositories without our free, prior and informed consent. Such practices are not only a violation of human rights and international law, but the traditional and tribal law of the Hopi Tribe. These violations should be addressed by the U.N. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the U.N., by forming an Expert Working Group on International Repatriation. These violations should also be formally considered under Item 3 Indigenous Peoples’ Human Rights in Relation to Business Entities and States should adopt mechanisms not only for international repatriation (as expressed in Operative Paragraph 27) in public institutions and museums, but the private art market, which continues to violate the human rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Hopi Tribe, in particular, would like to see an end to the illicit trade in Indigenous ancestral remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Inclusive within this industry are the auction houses and the French government through the SARLU EVE and Conseil des Ventes Volontaires or CVV that sold Katsina Friends, which are sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony to the Hopi Tribe, in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The repatriation of Katsina Friends was supported by U.S. Senators and Representatives, the Hualapai Tribe, Acoma Pueblo, and the Pueblo of Zuni, among others. Yet, the French government and private auction houses refused to consult with the Hopi Tribe or repatriate.

The UNEMRIP must also remember within its cultural heritage study and otherwise that Indigenous consultation is at the heart of the repatriation process. Museums, repositories, and private auction houses must adequately consult with Indigenous Peoples, so that Indigenous Peoples may self-determine the repatriation process to bring their Ancestors, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony home. Further information regarding issues surrounding Indigenous Peoples in international repatriation should be examined in the document submitted by the Association on American Indian Affairs/International Repatriation Project and the International Indian Treaty Council, with supporting recommendations by the Hopi Tribe.

Statement 2: Agenda Item 7: Study and advice on the promotion and protection on the rights of indigenous peoples with respect to their cultural heritage

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

The Hopi Tribe, a federally recognized tribe in the United States, submits the following recommendations to the U.N. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on international repatriation for its cultural heritage study, which is a follow-up to the Statement submitted earlier on Agenda Item 4, which the UNEMRIP should also review in this agenda item.

The Outcome Document of the U.N. High Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly, known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in Operative Paragraph 27 specifically calls for the creation of mechanisms for international repatriation. The creation of these mechanisms should be considered within the cultural heritage study, in particular, the practical aspects of its implementation, including: 1) the entity that will oversee this implementation and monitor its progress among nation-states and business entities; 2) ongoing funding; and 3) how the UNEMRIP will ensure the human rights of Indigenous Peoples are maintained throughout this process. We recommend that the U.N. create a U.N. Expert Working Group on International Repatriation, composed of Indigenous Peoples, with a mandate to go to Indigenous communities, institutions, private auction houses (located within foreign countries), and other repositories, investigate this human rights issue, and hear from Indigenous Peoples at least twice a year at the U.N. on this issue. Reports with grievances from Indigenous Peoples should be submitted to this body with responses provided by states.

Hopi Court Chief Judge Amanda Lomayesva Resigns

Louella Nahsonhoya, Hopi Tutuveni

At a Tribal Council meeting held on July 28, the Hopi Tribal Council discussed a Resignation Letter addressed to the Council from Chief Judge Amanda Lomayesva. The Letter which was read into record the day before on July 27, stated she would be taking on another job. The Council, however, did not take action at the time.

Council agreed that a response to Lomayesva was due and required action by a Vote of the Council. The Tribal Council voted “to accept

Mrs. A. Lomayesva’s resignation to become effective Friday, July 31 at 5pm.

Lomayesva’s probationary period ended on June 30, 2015.

(Note: Tutuveni staff was not present at the July 27 meeting. At the July 28 meeting, there was no details discussed on the contents of the letter, nor did they expound on what was discussed when the letter was first read into record on July 27).

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Executive Order #02-2014 Fire Danger still in effect

Submitted by Roger Tungovia,
Director, Public Safety & Emergency Services

The Hopi Tribe Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services has received notice from the BIA Wildland Management that there have been fires reported within the Hopi Reservation.

Amended Executive Order #02-2014: Declaration of Extreme Fire Danger signed on November 4, 2014 is still in effect. This Executive Order prohibits “OPEN BURNING” within residential areas, farming areas and near public facilities unless certain measures are followed. EO#02-2014 will sent to all villages for re-posting.

If you are cleaning your field and meet the restriction of the executive order and planning to burn, please call the Hopi Police or the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services to inform them the location and time of burning according to the executive order. The BIA Wildland Management has minimum staff for local response.

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Water Issues Impact Kykotsmovi Community

Crystal Dee
Hopi Tutuveni

On the morning of July 10, Kykotsmovi Village Water Technicians discovered Pump #3 had shut down and when they attempted to turn it back on it failed because of mechanical issues. This was determined when the pump was completely removed from the well. On the same day, the transformer that operates Pump #2 went out as a result of the recent thunder storms and power outages resulting in Kykotsmovi residence and businesses to limit water consumption and usage for the past couple weeks. Notices were sent out to community members to conserve water; if they were caught misusing water they were fined \$50.

Selwyn Sekaquaptewa, Water Maintenance Operator immediately made contact with contractor, Pump Tech of Mayor, AZ to repair Pump #3. The pump was 23 years old and with the consistent power outages it caused the pump to be inoperable. The pump was repaired on July 13 and at the recommendation of the Hopi Tribe’s Water Resource Program to clean out the well. The buildup of barnacle like crustaceans at the bottom of the well was removed and rusted pipes replaced causing dirty water to be pumped. The cleaning and repair was completed on July 20 and was flushed several times for tests that began on July 23. The water has been tested four times by the Navajo Nation Utility Authority (NTUA) costing \$100 for each test and an extra \$50 for tests done on the weekend.

Gloria Lomahaftewa, Kykotsmovi Community Service Administrator (CSA) said there are no traces of E-coli only Chloroform, but does not know the percentage.

“We want to meet EPA standards before we hook up the pump with the tank,” said Lomahaftewa.

The transformer on Pump #2 was repaired by Arizona Public Services (APS) late in the evening of July 10 and began pumping water into the tank; however it was not enough to meet the demands of water being used by residence and businesses which resulted in the Hopi Tribe working half days.

Lomahaftewa said Pump #3 is bigger than Pump #2. In a report submitted by Sekaquaptewa for the month of June, Pump #3 pumped 1,049,000 gallons of water and Pump #2 pumped 658,800 gallons of water totaling 1,707,800 gallons of water being pumped into the 100,000 gallon tank located behind the Tribal Complex.

“For the month of June the village used an average of 57,000 gallons of water a day,” said Lomahaftewa. “With Pump #2 being the only one operating we need adequate conservation from the public. Water Techs reported that there was only 5ft. of water in the tank as of July 29.”

Lomahaftewa said Vice Chairman Alfred Lomahquahu Jr. was forthcoming when the issue started and recommended the Tribe work half days. The village also supplied the Tribe with porta-potties, however Lomahaftewa said she learned the Executive Director opened the restrooms due to complaints from employees getting sick from the porta-potties.

She added there have been people who are not taking this matter seriously and have been seen washing clothes, watering their gardens and even washing their vehicle.

“The total cost of fixing Pump #3 was \$39, 000,” said Lomahaftewa. “Luckily, Selwyn put aside some money for emergencies such as this and this is coming out of village funds.”

The Chairman’s Office reached out to APS who donated two pellets of water that was distributed to community members and employees at the Hopi Tribe since the pumps went out due to the power outages.

The village of Kykotsmovi appreciates support from Tribe and people in the community.

AMENDMENT TO
EXECUTIVE ORDER #02-2014
DECLARATION OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER

WHEREAS, current data from the U.S. Drought Monitor and the climate assessment for the Southwest indicates that the Hopi Indian Reservation is experiencing below average precipitation and is in a state of severe drought; and

WHEREAS, the dry conditions along with high winds pose extreme wildfire threats which necessitates the issuance of certain restrictions and sanctions for the protection of life, property, natural and cultural resources on the Hopi Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Hopi Tribal policies and plans; including the Hopi Drought Contingency Plan, Hopi Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, Hopi Wildland Fire Management Plan and Hopi Integrated Woodlands Management Plan, outlines steps to mitigate uncontrolled wildfire and recognizes the authority of the Executive Officer to initiate declarations to prevent such fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, the use of Hopi Range lands and woodlands by tribal members will increase in the fall months due to field planting preparations, wood harvesting and hunting activities; and

WHEREAS, the fire restrictions that were issued on June 26, 2014, is *amended* to include provisions for facilitating field planting preparations, wood harvesting and hunting activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, hereby declares that the **State of Extreme Fire Danger** that was declared on June 26, 2014 is *amended*.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, the following *amended* restrictions and sanctions are hereby placed within the boundaries of the Hopi Indian Reservation until further notice:

- Open burning is prohibited within residential areas, farming areas and near public facilities *unless* the following measures are met:
 - On the day of the burn, the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services and/or BIA Hopi Police must be notified of the start and stop times of the burning activity.
 - Burn activities cannot be conducted on “Red Flag Days” as determined by the National Weather Service and when sustaining wind is in not excess of 5 miles per hour within the Hopi reservation woodlands, wetlands and rangelands.
 - The burn must be constantly monitored and controlled to assure that it will not become an uncontrolled fire.
 - The fire must be completely extinguished at the end of the burning activity.
- Camp Fires are prohibited within the reservation woodlands, wetlands, and rangelands *unless* the following measures are met:
 - Camp fires cannot be conducted on “Red Flag Days” as determined by the National Weather Service and the sustained wind is not in excess of 5 miles per hour in the area.
 - A 10 foot diameter must be cleared around the campfire site. The area shall be bare without any grass, twigs, leaves and firewood.
 - The camp fire must not be left unattended.
 - The camp fire must be completely extinguished at the end of the burning activity.
- Fireworks are prohibited. The possession, use of distribution of fireworks is prohibited. Fireworks may be confiscated by law enforcement officials and disposed of in a safe manner.

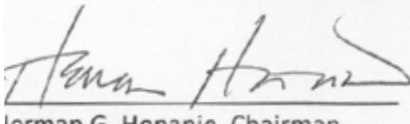
BE IT FINALLY DECLARED, that any violations of this declaration may be prosecuted in accordance with Hopi Code, Section 3.8.8:

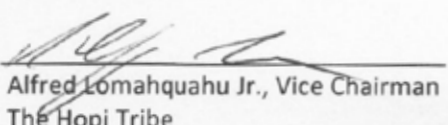
3.8.8 BURNING:

A. A person who recklessly causes a fire or explosion that result in damage to an occupied structure, a structure, Wildland or property is guilty of an offense.

B. A person who knowingly and unlawfully damages an occupied structure by knowingly causing a fire or explosion, or commits burning to property in an amount of five thousand dollars or more is guilty of a serious offense.

Executed this day 4th day of November 2014
Kykotsmovi, Arizona


lerman G. Honanie, Chairman
he Hopi Tribe


Alfred Lomahquahu Jr., Vice Chairman
The Hopi Tribe



Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. Factors as number of victims, communication failure, and road blockages will prevent people from accessing emergency services they have come to expect at a moment’s notice through 911. People will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. Classes include:

Disaster Preparedness; Fire Safety & Utility Controls; Medical Operations, Part I & Part II; Light Search & Rescue; Disaster Psychology; CERT Organizations; Terrorism & CERT; with a Review and Disaster Simulation on the last day.

A Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training class will be held on August 18, 19, 20, 2015 beginning 8am – 5pm at the Hopi Wellness Center Conference Room. For more information contact: Paul V. Saufkie, Emergency Management Coordinator
Department of Public Safety & Emergency Service
(928) 734-3663 or psaufkie@hopi.nsn.us
Applicants must be 18 years of age and must be committed to the 3 days of classes in order to receive certificate

LOCAL NEWS

Moenkopi Day School Board and CSA strive for Excellency

Crystal Dee, Hopi Tutuveni

Moenkopi Day School (MDS) was originally located in the village of Moencopi and served Kindergarten thru third grades only. When the new school was built where it is currently located; it was built with the intention of only serving K thru 3rd grades.

“When the new school was built, more students wanted to come,” said Cheryl Kaye, MDS Principal. “So the school expanded K thru 6th that’s why we have the modules in the back.”

The enrollment at the MDS is currently at 160 students, one of the lowest numbers of enrollment they have had according to Kaye. The highest they have reached was 240 students. Students are a mixture of Hopi and Navajo students. There is 35 staff that is a part of the MDS Panther team.

MDS became a grant school 14 years ago and is under the direction of local School Board Members that elected from the community. Board members are: Doris Honanie, President; Melvin Pooyouma, Vice President; Alden Seweyestewa, Alene Garcia and Evvy Trujillo, Members. Honanie and Pooyouma are former educators, said Kaye and they bring their knowledge and understanding of what the staff teachers need.

“They have their ideas on how they want to support staff such as good medical and monetary benefits,” said Kaye. “They are a very involved school board.”

The goals of MDS are to raise academic scores so students are ready to go into college or ready for the workforce; and to make the staff a team to accomplish the goal of making students successful.

“Our objectives are to get high scores on our assessment tests, create a safe learning environment for our students and to get a new school,” said Kaye. “We are on the new schools list along with Hopi Day School, Keams Canyon Elementary School and Hotevilla/Bacavi Community School.”

The school curriculum consists of Common Core math and reading, science for 4th grade only, Physical Education, computers, library and after school tutoring program. The assessments MDS use are Dibbles, Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) web and NEWA. These tests determine where students are at with the RTI (Response to Intervention) model, which has three levels. Kaye said since the school implemented this two years ago, they have been growing.

The school consultant said MDS is comparable with Tuba City Boarding School who has high scores than the other feeder schools in Tuba City.

“If we are comparable we are doing a good job; especially the teachers who are very dedicated to the students and raising their scores,” said Kaye.

Other programs the school offers are Gifted & Talented, Native Language learner, student council, athletic programs, Spelling Bee and the Green House project.

Even though MDS is a grant school they are federally funded meaning their students are counted the same way Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) schools are counted and that is through ISEP (Indian Student Equalization Program). Through ISEP the school receives funds for Special Education, Gifted & Talented and English language.

That is why it is a priority for MDS to increase enrollment, especially with local community. Kaye said another priority is to keep teachers aware of new educational trends within the classrooms and new ways to present lessons to students so that students are engaged and learning.

Current issues at MDS are six modular trailers outside the main building that serve grades 2nd thru 6th are 50% overpopulated. A majority of students are in the modular trailers and it is unsafe because they are old and there are animals living under them. This has caused the school to get a “Poor” grade from the Facility Management of the Bureau of



MDS Administration stand in front of newly renovated office

Indian Affairs according to their condition index.

“These animals defecate which is unsafe and they are wild and we don’t know if and when a student will get bit,” said Kaye. “Also the logistics of what if there is an active shooter, how are we going to protect people on the outside?”

Kaye said they are on the list to get a new school along with other Hopi schools and hopes that the current issues they are having with the modular trailers will help them get the school as soon as possible.

During the summer break, MDS went through some renovations and one that Kaye is really happy about is the front office. She hopes the renovation will attract students and parents to the school and esthetically pleasing on the outside.

“What you see on the outside is what people expect to see inside,” said Kaye.

Kaye said when she started working at MDS she saw that there was no communication with the Hopi Schools and she is trying to correct that is communicating more the other school.

“We are a part of the Hopi School district and we need to communicate with them,” said Kaye. “We are not a part of the Tuba City district and I need to get my staff used to that.”

Kaye’s thoughts regarding the education system on the Hopi reservation is, “Inconsistent and the Principals and School Boards need to work together.”

She and other Principals do not agree with the One School Grant Initiative that former BIE Line Officer Darren Talayumptewa and Hopi Tribe Education Director Noreen Sakiestewa have proposed. Each school is unique, like MDS who is located 40 miles away from the other schools have different needs than the other schools.

“We don’t have the same cultural calendar and needs as the other schools,” said Kaye. “And not all of our students will transfer to Hopi High School because of the distance.”

Kaye said she recently was informed that Sakiestewa applied for a grant and was awarded and would like to know what she plans on doing with money. The money is to do a feasibility study on the “One School Concept”, but she has been told by the schools they do not support the idea.

“We would like to know what she is doing and what her plans are for the grant,” said Kaye.

Kaye said MDS is a great school and encourages parents to enroll their child.

“Teachers and staff are dedicated and work hard and long hours,” said Kaye. “We have a great school board who are very involved and make good decisions for the school.”

New Director of Indian Education Nadine Groenig has plans to improve education outcomes for Native Students



By Stan Bindell

Nadine Groenig, the new director of Indian Education for the Arizona Department of Education, has huge plans for helping Native American students, but it remains to be seen whether the office will get the funding it needs.

Groenig points to Montana which has a smaller Native American population, but spends much more money on helping its native students.

According to 2014 figures, Montana has nine tribes while Arizona has 22 tribes. Montana has a population of slightly more than one million people. Arizona has more than six million people.

Montana allocates \$2 million in state funds every other year for its education office for Native Americans while Arizona’s budget for its Native American office is zero. The Arizona Office of Indian Education receives federal funding for one staff member each year. Thus, Montana has eight staff members while Arizona has one staff member for its office of Indian Education.

“Montana is doing a lot more because of funding,” she said.

Thus, Groenig is proposing that Arizona

appropriate \$250,000 for the coming year so she could hire five staff members.

Two of the proposed staffers would be education specialists; one proposed staffer would focus on professional development, event coordination and outreach to northern arizona and southern Arizona tribes; one would work on curriculum development for native schools to make them more effective; and another staff member would be an administrative assistant. The administrative assistant would have the task of making sure that nothing falls through the cracks because Groenig wants to hear from the communities including teachers, parents and students.

The \$250,000 budget request must go through the Arizona legislature, the same legislature that has continually cut funds for education. But Groenig recently went before the Arizona Senate’s Native American Ad Hoc Committee, where Arizona State Sen. Lynne Pancrazi supported Groenig’s proposal. Pancrazi represents District 4 in Southern Arizona that represents several tribes including the Tohono O’Odham.

Groenig said she heard it has been six years since most tribes have been visited by the Arizona Department of Education’s Indian Office and she wants to change that with major outreach efforts.

Improving educational outcomes - Groenig’s top goal is improving educational outcomes for native students and she has created an action plan to do just that. She said part of that is revisiting Arizona State statutes to see what the law says in order to address the needs of the students.

“I want to hear from students,” she said.

Groenig plans to use a student advisory council as she wants to hear from students about what is working and what isn’t working at their schools. She wants to use the programs that are working as models for other schools, especially those programs that impact academic achievement.

“We need to tap into the brilliance of youth. We underestimate what our youth can bring to the table,” she said. “Our youth have energy and ideas. I want to talk

to as many students as possible.”

Groenig wants to make sure that the schools are teaching to the standards while incorporating native language and culture into the curriculum. Some schools are doing this already.

Groenig said part of revisiting state statutes regarding Indian education deals with learning “where we’ve been, where we are and where we are going.” She said her office doesn’t want to make the same mistakes that were made in the past, so this will involve research and evaluation.

“We need to identify successful programs for Native Americans in other states and look for what we have in common,” she said. “We also need to visit districts (public schools) and charter schools in the state to see how we’re serving the Native American students.”

Groenig plans to visit tribal education departments.

“They are the ones in the trenches every day while we go out to visit and just get a snapshot,” she said.

Groenig said her office plans to train tribal education departments about state and federal funds that are available to tribal departments.

“We need to let them know about resources and professional development for teachers and principals so they can be more effective,” she said. “We can help schools find grant resources to meet their needs.”

Groenig said they can help schools with teacher retention issues and appropriate use of funds. She is also big believer in partnerships such as putting schools in touch with the National Indian Education Association, Teen Addiction Anonymous and First Things First, an organization that helps with early childhood issues.

The National Indian Education Association has a convention each year and holds a national forum about dropout prevention for native and tribal communities.

Groenig has worked for the Arizona Department of Education for 13 years, mostly with Title 1. For the past three years, she has been working on district and charter

school issues on reservations including visits to Red Mesa, Window Rock, Pinon, Tuba City and Shonto.

“There were common troubles with fiscal management,” she said.

Eight years ago, Groenig founded the Southwest Institute for Education for Native Americans, commonly known as SIE-NA.

“That taught me a lot about the needs for education for Native Americans,” she said.

Part of SIENA is the annual Youth Leadership Institute for seventh through 12th graders which will be held this year Sept. 22-25 at the Western Paloma Resort in Tucson. She said it’s important for native students to see what a resort is like.

“It prepares them for conferences like this,” she said.

Groenig said she has a passion for Native American students and seeing that they are getting the services they need in order to be successful and healthy so they can provide for their families.

“Not just the students, but also the parents because that will help students and communities,” she said.

Groenig wants to work with native communities to grow their own teachers.

“All that will trickle down to helping the students,” she said.

Groenig’s background: Born in Albuquerque, N.M., she was raised in Encinal Village on the Laguna Pueblo Reservation in New Mexico. She is a member of the Sun Clan. During her childhood, she moved to Albuquerque and then Tucson, where she graduated from Cholla High School. She attended the University of Arizona before graduating from Arizona State University where she majored in English and graduated with honors.

Contact info: The Arizona Department of Education’s Indian Education Office is located in Phoenix on the corner of Central and Osborn. Groenig can be reach at 602-542-5235 or on her cell phone at 623-670-3561 or email her at nadine.groenig@azed.gov or look at the Arizona Department of Education website.

Hopi Day School sets Goal to increase Academics

Crystal Dee
Hopi Tutuveni

Hopi Day School (HDS), one of the oldest schools on the Hopi reservation built of local sandstone and timbers. The building reflects traditional Hopi architecture and works of art that include murals that depict life on Hopi long ago. The school opened its doors in 1937 under the Bureau of Indian Education that served grades kindergarten thru 12th grade and then in 1994 became a grant school that is managed by a five member school board. School board members are George Silas, President; Jack Harding Jr., Vice President; Leon Polehaptewa Sr., NAGSA Grant School Associate; Uberta Mowa, Secretary; and Antone Honanie, member. Mrs. Dianna Wallace, HDS Principal was hired last January; before coming to the Hopi reservation, Wallace taught at an all-African American school in Denver, CO. Wallace has 25 years of experience in Education and specializes in Education Psychology.

HDS mission is to insure all Hopi Day School students receive an appropriate education that will enable them to meet the challenges of the future successfully. Hopi Day School is committed to establishing and sustaining a partnership with parents and the community for the purpose of preparing all students to be productive, successful, and culturally valuable citizens.

The goals and objectives for HDS is to increase academically; establish a program called Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) to reinforce positive behavior which includes cultural values; and implement blended learning utilizing computers daily to deliver class instruction. Wallace hopes to implement these goals within the next school year.

HDS boasts highly qualified educational teachers who have pursued their degrees or are in the process and meet the highly qualified guidelines for Arizona. There is a total of 40 staff that works with an average of 140 students per school year in grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Each day of the school year, teachers begin their day with songs and chants to greet the day in the Hopi Language. Wallace said HDS has a three prong Hopi language curriculum that was designed in conjunction with Dr. Sheila Nicholas from the University of Arizona. The Hopi Lavayi has three programs that are taught by paraprofessionals who teach the language throughout the day, hold classes as an elective course and an afterschool program. The curriculum at HDS includes Story Town, Envision Math and Compass Learning. Compass Learning helps design a program for students based on their assessment test results.

“It hand designs programs per students based on their needs,” said Wallace.

Instruction highlights at HDS: Envision math series, Story Town, Response to Intervention, Library/media, book clubs, art, technology-Chromebooks & tablets, Windows equipped computer lab, Google for Education School, Accelerated Reading Program, Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), Dibels, STAR and PBIS. Enrichment activities include Na-

tive American Heritage week, student council, Parent/Teacher Organization, Athletics, Gifted & Talented, Girl Scouts, Hopi Language, Fall/Spring Carnivals, Reading/math night, book fair, classroom field trips, field day and science fair.

The schools current priorities are to upgrade technology, build strong data teams that determine the schools weaknesses and strengths to improve the school, build a strong math curriculum according to the Common Core Curriculum and getting a new school built.

Wallace said they have been working since 2000 to get a new school and have gone to Congress but nothing happened. Most recently, the Federal Government put a moratorium on building new schools on Indian Country.

“We have four more years left of the moratorium and they are putting together a list for schools and 78 schools in Indian country that are in poor condition. They will choose ten applicants and of those ten they will go to Albuquerque to do a presentation and five will be chosen,” she said.

If HDS is chosen to get a school built, they will build it elsewhere because the school is on the historical list and can’t be torn down.

The schools exemplary practices include the Hopi Lavayi program, Resistance to Intervention for Special Education students, parent involvement and working with hearing impaired student. The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Audit Team recognized HDS for their services to a hearing impaired student and said students are very charming.

“Each day the students are taught a new sign language to help them communicate with the student,” said Wallace.

There are some issues the school is currently facing; the school does not meet the 21st Century Standards and classrooms are too small for a class with 20-24 students. They have been doing facial work to upgrade the school to make it safe.

The idea of the “One school concept” was not favored by HDS School Board and they wrote a letter opposing the concept. She said there are some good points to it, but likes having the board have oversight of the school because they are very involved with the school and they know the curriculum very well.

“They feel the one grant concept of having one board have oversight of all the schools wouldn’t know the community so well.”

She also said the schools would not receive the full amount of the grant; currently the school receives their money through BIE without any cuts taken out, but if the tribe has full control of the money there would be a handling fee. This handling fee will cause some cuts and it would not go directly to the kids for which the money is for. The schools operational budget is dependent on the student enrollment.

Wallace said she would like to thank the community for their support of Hopi Day School and helping her understand the culture.

School begins on August 11th. “Itam soosoyam itaatimuy matoanwisni.” (Let’s work together to guide the children.)

Board, and will soon have various working groups to help drive collective impact towards improving the education, career, and cultural attainment of youth.

The Backbone Team consists of Program Coordinator Kyle Knox, Youth Liaison Hannah Honani, student interns and the Hopi Foundation staff. The Steering Committee are dedicated individuals who show an interest in helping the program and the development of the Initiative and the Data Advisory Board is composed of community members and cultural advisors with data management experience who will develop and enforce ethical and privacy guidelines, and promotes and oversees data sharing between collaborators.

On April 29, 2014, HOYI and the Hopi Foundation hosted the HOYI Itam Lomapöötavyani Youth Summit where 45 youth and over 18 local organizations and agencies participated in a full day of youth listening sessions. Facilitators solicited youth participants for ideas and information related to their academic and career achievements and goals, and their cultural well-being.

At the summit, the youth expressed they do not feel supported by their families, local institutions and the community in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:
Peabody Western Coal CO., a subsidiary company of Peabody Energy, has filed permit application with the U.S. Government (U.S. Department of Interior) to continue the destructive mining up to the year 2044. If the application is approved, billions of gallons of more water will be poisoned.
For Hopi, water is more than a source-of-life, it is life itself. Water is a spirit, a medium through which we communicate with The Creator, or The Great Spirit. We believe that water responds to the human and non-human environment, is sentient, and, in its hydrological cycles, passes from earthly seas to celestial seas and back to earth as rain, sustaining all life. All living beings, including humans, are

part of and not separate from the eternal water cycle journey. It is not a commodity that is harnessed by technology to serve corporate greed.
Mankind needs to understand that we cannot control water using science and technology when in fact it is water that controls all life. Therefore, we must learn to work with water, not against it, using native wisdom, science and religious teachings.
Water is scarce all around the globe and will only become scarcer. It is therefore time to act.
What we do to water, Hopi teachers say, we do to ourselves. This is a basic message that must be taught to children of all color in schools and in the homes.
Vernon Masayesva

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Editor:
On July 8, 2015, the Hopi Tribal Council by vote of 7 to 6 approved H-073-2015. This Resolution restricted the Moenkopi Development Corporation (MDC) loan of \$11,651,000 entered into on September 18, 2008.
The Original loan specified a 6.5% interest per year. At the end of the term loan it will obligate MDC \$25,917,184. Pursuant to the restricted loan, the loan term if 45 years with a very low interest rate of 2%. In addition, the Resolution also waived the interest of the original loan from 2009 to 2015, about four million dollars in interest.
According to the resolution, MDC has paid \$846,000 on the loans which have been in place for 6 years. Actually, MDC have been in default on its payments for all these years.
On September 18, 2008, I was on the Tribal Council and I voted ‘NO’ on the resolution. I voted ‘NO’ because I felt

that the Tribal Council was not a bank and should not be loaning out the people’s money. Secondly, I felt that MDC would find it difficult to pay off the loan and I find that my feeling at the time is justified now. Finally, we, village representatives had no experience in loan business. For example, banks loan out money to make profit by the interest. When the current Tribal representatives waived the interest from 2009 to 2015, they threw the interest profit of some four million dollars away. If they were experiences in banking business, they would have added this four million interest to the principle of \$11,651,000 but they did not. This was a very unwise and foolish decision. I hope the villages will hold these representatives who voted for approval accountable.
If the Village Members do not hold their representatives accountable, they continue to make theses foolish mistakes.
Caleb Johnson

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From P1 - HDOT receives new snow plows



HDOT Staff pose in front of new Mack Snow Plow

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HOYI helps Youth Programs strengthen support services

Crystal Dee, HopiTutuveni

“People think we are trying to establish another youth program on the Hopi reservation, but that is not what the Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative (HOYI) is,” said Elvia Sanchez, Youth Program Coordinator for the Village of Bacavi and member of the HOYI Data Advisory Board. “We are an Initiative which means we are here to assist programs who offer services to youth to strengthen their support.”


HOYI was established in 2014 through a grant from the Aspen Institute’s Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund; the mission of HOYI is to “improve the educational, career, and cultural attainment of all Hopi Youth” and their goal is to bring together community members and organizations that will promote positive change and explore opportunities to help strengthen support for “at-risk” Hopi and Tewa youth living on and off the reservation and to build a safe and supportive platform for youth to share their stories, their insight, and voice in the process of exploring new pathways and expanding existing programs for their success.

HOYI is made of up of a Backbone team, Steering Committee, Data Advisory

finding jobs, job skills, and assistance in applying for school, the process.
The youth desire to be of service and prove their worth in their communities, but there are not enough programs to help them develop skills and abilities.
There are programs that can help them in these areas, but there are usually requirements that they don’t meet or are unclear to the applicants.
When it comes to education, the youth have shared with HOYI that they do not have resources at school and there is a lack of school counselors to advise them on transition to post-secondary education. There are currently two high school counselors at Hopi High School.
In the report submitted by HOYI, the counselors have expressed that youth face significant challenges at home and have behavior problems that are outside the scope of what they are able to deal with.
The report also indicated that Hopi High School has not made AYP since 2010 regardless of some of the successful programs they have established. The new Administration has openly stated to group that they want to change that and engage with the Hopi Community, boost academic performance and establish a strong culture

of learning and personal development.
After high school, youth feel they are not eligible for programs on the reservation due to income restrictions. The youth want more outreach on post-secondary transition and guidance in pursuing an education or training opportunities off reservation. Many children come from households where both parents may not have received a degree and they do not know the process.
Other areas the group brought attention to were employment, hands on training, outreach to employers and the recommendations.
“If we are going to support our youth it can’t be done by just one organization or agency,” said HOYI. “If we are going to support future generations of Hopi/Tewa Youth, we must ask individual Hopis, families, community, ceremonial and vocational roles, how we can help the youth fulfill their potential.”
The strongest message was finding alignment around culture while still preserving who they are as a person who needs to provide for themselves and their families economically.
For more information on HOYI, you may contact Knox at 928-734-2390.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability for the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) has issued a Record of Decision for the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Following several years of research, analysis and public involvement, OSMRE has selected Alternative D, Alternate Ash Disposal Area Configuration, as described in the Final EIS, to accomplish the Proposed Action of continuing operation of both the Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine through 2041.

The Record of Decision and Final EIS are available online at <http://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/FCPPEIS.shtm> and at local libraries and chapter houses. Please visit the project website for locations. For more information, call Mychal Yellowman, OSMRE EIS Coordinator, at 303-293-5049.

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I am an ordained Presbyterian Minister and a Retired Army Chaplain.

Chaplain Caleb Johnson, Pastor



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LEGALS

IN THE HOPI CHILDREN’S COURT, HOPI JURISDICTION
KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF: S.Honahni, Minor Child , Case No 2013-CC-0003 NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE HOPI TRIBE TO : SEFFEN HONAHNI, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD; AND/ OR ANY INTERESTED FAMILY/ RELATIVES OF MINOR

Petitioner, LORIE SEKAYUMPTewa, has filed an Amended Petition for Permanent Guardianship in the Hopi Children’s Court, bearing Case No 2013-CC-0003.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that a permanent guardianship hearing concerning the Petition is now scheduled on the 18th of August 2015, at 08:30 A.M. in the Hopi Children’s Courtroom II, Hopi Jurisdiction, P.O. Box 156, Keams, Canyon, Arizona 86034.

A copy of the Amended Petition for Permanent Guardianship may be obtained by submitting in written request to: Office of the Hopi Prosecutor, P.O. Box 306, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034.

Failure to appear at the permanent guardianship hearing will result in the Court rendering judgment for what the Petition demands. This means that the parent’s rights to legal and physical custody of the minor child may be vested with Petitioner.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8th day of July 2015.

HOPI CHILDREN’S COURT
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Request for Proposal
Project Plan Review and Construction Inspection Services

The Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) is requesting proposals and statement of qualifications from qualified, insured and ICC certified Construction Inspection firms to provide plan review and construction phase inspection services for the design and construction three (3) housing Projects. The Projects Are: 1) forty (40) unit housing subdivision developments. This Project is located west of the City of Winslow, Arizona, within the boundaries of the Hopi Indian Reservation. The Project site is located at 100 Kiva Dr. Winslow Arizona in Coconino County; 2) twenty (20) unit subdivision located east of Keams Canyon, Arizona, in the southeast corner the Hopi Reservation in the Spider Mound community located along Hwy 264 east of Hwy 77 intersection; and 3) is the design and construction of nineteen (19) scattered housing units located throughout the Hopi Villages.

The selected firm will enter into a Standard Form of Agreement with HTHA to perform the requested services and be responsible for the fee proposal which shall include the Hopi Office of Revenue Commission (ORC) required business license fee to conduct business on the Hopi Reservation and the applicable 0.5% Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) fee for construction activities. The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) [25 U.S.C. §4101] and Section 7(b) of the Indian Self Determination of Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450 (e). This Request for Proposals is open to both Indian and Non-Indian firms. A letter of interest and to request the proposal documents are to be directed to Kyle Dotson, HTHA Project Manager, by email at kdotsen@htha.org.

Proposal Due Date

The RFP shall be clearly marked: “Winslow Complex Project-Construction Inspection Services RFP”. Submit one (1) original and (4) four copies no later than **4 P.M. MST on Thursday August 13, 2015** to Chester Carl, Executive Director, at the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Office’s located in Polacca, Arizona along U.S. Highway 264, Mile Post 392. Or it may be mailed to P.O. Box 906 Polacca, Arizona 86042. Allow sufficient time for mail delivery to ensure receipt by due date and time. Late, facsimiles or emailed proposals will not be considered. Any cost incurred in preparing or submitting an RFP is the Proposer’s sole responsibility. HTHA will not reimburse any cost incurred as a result of the preparation of an RFP.

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Please limit submission to 500 words or less. If your idea for submission is beyond this word count, please call to arrange space so we can accommodate accordingly at 928-734-3282.

We encourage correspondence from our readership in terms of opinions and concerns they have.

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**The Hopi Tribe's 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan
FINAL REVIEW**

The Mitigation planning team includes representatives from the Hopi Tribal departments/programs, local Agencies and Villages who met regularly to update the Hopi Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to ensure our people and property are safe from the effects of disaster events and to ensure the Hopi Tribe is eligible for Federal disaster recovery funds following a major disaster.

The plan focuses on the Hopi Reservation's most threatening natural hazards (dam failure, drought, flood, landslide/rock fall, severe wind and winter storms) and provides a strategy to reduce or eliminate the risks from those hazards.

The Final 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan is ready for public view and gives the public the opportunity to comment. You may view the 2015 Hopi Mitigation Plan at the following locations:

- Keams Canyon-BIA Office
- First Mesa Consolidated Villages
- Shungopavi Community Building
- Sipaulovi Community Building
- Hopi Tribal Complex-Department of Natural Resources
- Lower Village of Moenkopi Community Building

Submit your comments to: Velleda Sidney, The Hopi Tribe-PHEP Office P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 or, vsidney@hopi.nsn.us for more information/questions regarding the Final Hazard Mitigation Plan

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HOPI CREDIT ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF COLLECTION

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LOCAL NEWS

Hopi Senom Transit providing affordable public transportation

Crystal Dee
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The Hopi Senom Transit Program was established in 1986 to provide the general public and employees of local government and private sector agencies with fixed-route transportation services on the Hopi reservation and surrounding areas.

The Transit Program is under the Direction of Donovan Gomez who has been with the program over a year. He along with his staff; Cynthia Secakuku, Administrative Secretary; Shawn Silas, Transportation Supervisor; James Kuwanvana, William Benally, Louis Abeita, Vehicle Operators and Donnelly Sahmie, Maintenance Technician/operator work hard every day to meet the programs goals and mission.

The mission and vision of the Hopi Senom Transit is to provide the Hopi reservation and surrounding areas with affordable, accessible and reliable rural transportation to the general public. Their vision is to provide an affordable and consistent means of public transportation services and market the program to gain ridership.

The program receives 80% of its funds through the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and 20% is a local match from the Hopi Tribe. The Section 5311 grant provides funding to support administrative, operating, capital and planning costs of operating public transit services in rural areas. These funds may only be used to support public transit in non-urbanized areas, which is defined as fewer than 50,000 in population.

The goals are in line with the Hopi Potskwaniat, Hopi Tribal Consolidated Strategic Plan of 2011to provide a safe, efficient and adequate transportation. Some of the goals the Transit Program set out to

accomplish for 2015:

Conduct a feasibility study to develop a five year transit plan that will guide the program into 2020.

Identify a site for transit/transportation facility using federal and state resources. The program has requested for planning money for new facility with support from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Identify unmet needs the meets the mobility needs of the Hopi Tribe.

Funding: the Senom Transit budget is inclusive of federal, state and in-kind resources with less reliance on H-13 funds and explore 5311 c program. Gomez said he hopes to have the program funded directly from the FTA.

Market of public transportation services for the traveling public using print and social media to advertise restructured fares and route schedules.

The program has promos throughout the year and one that is most favored by riders is the Wacky Wednesday where transit fares are \$1.00 for local routes and \$2.00 and mid-way is \$1.00 for Winslow and Flagstaff routes. Other promos include free rides for Veteran’s and caregivers and reduced fares during holidays. Having these promos increase the number of ridership which is dependent on the funds they receive.

“Our riders love the Wacky Wednesday promo because it’s affordable and it also increases the ridership on those days,” said Gomez. “We are always thinking of new ideas and promos that will benefit our riders.”

One idea Silas thought of but has not

Miss Hopi Royalty – Cont’d from P1



Miss Hopi Royalty L-R: Lexie James; 1st Attendant Auri Roy; 2015-2016 Miss Hopi Sheryce Wadsworth; 2nd Attendant Robyn Wadsworth; and former attendants Kristina Poley and Paula Elmer.

been approved is to do a back to school special on a Saturday. Riders would meet at the Tribe and leave in the morning for Flagstaff Mall where they can do some shopping and leave late in the afternoon.

The Transit Program is managed under ADOT’s, Multimodal Planning Division because they receive funds from them they must be in compliance with Federal regulations. The program has mandatory meeting with ADOT four times a year and are on the phone with them almost every day.

“ADOT is pleased with the way we are running things and how we think out of the box,” said Gomez. “They are impressed by that, especially with the mileage we cover.”

The program wants more people to ride the transit, especially the working people. Gomez said they aren’t targeting people without vehicles or those who can’t afford gas; everyone is the target audience.

“We want them to know we are reliable and we can get them to work on time,” said Gomez. “The tribe is fortunate to have a transit program.”

There are five tribes in the state of Arizona that have a tribal transit program.

With Hopi Tribal programs receiving a 10% budget cut, the Transit program will lose \$210,000. Fortunately, the program receives apportionments and will not reduce employees or services. They will receive a total of \$99,000 in October.

For more information on fares and routes, call Cynthia Secakuku at (928) 734-3232, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm.

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2015 Hopi Foundation Mid-year Report

By: Monica Nuvamsa
Executive Director Hopi Foundation

2015 HF Arizona Gives Day - The Hopi Foundation hosted its 3rd Annual Partnership campaign in conjunction with the 2015 Arizona Gives Day to help raise awareness of the Hopi nonprofit community and expand the local donor base to sustain the work of our nonprofit organizations.

This year, our partnership raised \$26,642 for local nonprofit organizations which includes The Hopi Foundation & its projects, Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), The Nakwatsvewat Institute, and Moenkopi Senior Center.

"Each year Arizona Gives Day has created a unique opportunity for our nonprofit community to join together and help educate the local community on the work that each of us do through our projects. As a result, more people are getting to know the impact that our local organizations are making in different areas of the community. In addition, every year the amount of support that goes toward our nonprofit sector grows because the awareness is reaching those that want to support community in a meaningful way." States Monica Nuvamsa, Executive Director of The Hopi Foundation.

This year, The Hopi Foundation set an organization goal to raise \$20,000 and raised \$22,501.69 overall. This total includes a \$2,500 3rd place Award for Most Dollars Raised by a Rural Nonprofit Organization.

To learn more about the 2015 Arizona Gives Day Campaign, visit azgives.org.

KUYI Hopi Radio - We would like to introduce our newest KUYI staff member! Glatrina Kagenveama, who is our new Development & Marketing Coordinator. She recently celebrated her first six months with the station. She looks forward to bring positive changes for the station.

On April 8, 2015 all Navajo-Hopi Observer staff visited KUYI to report on the station's fourteen year history and progress. Excerpts from the April 14, 2015 article follows, you can read the full article here

"[Bruce] Talawyma is one of the lead on-air personalities for KUYI. He said the radio station is a huge asset to the whole community not just in terms of entertainment. Within the last five years, he said, the changes to the programming are having a positive impact, "...live remotes help us interact with the people," Talawyma said. "We've gone to schools and community functions. We're more visible and people start to really learn about the radio station." [Financial donations from listeners] goes toward the cultural programming and Hopi language preservation programs. It also goes toward live streaming of events or sports, enabling a much larger

audience for gatherings that would be out of reach for some of the listening audience - some who are on Hopi and others who are across the country or even out of the country."

In other KUYI news, Atlantic Records recording artist Sturgill Simpson, who Rolling Stone hinted at being "Country Music's Savior", headlined the 45th New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival wearing a KUYI t-shirt. Send us your pictures so we can display them proudly alongside Outlaw Country and Powwow artists like Randy Wood who KUYI recently hosted during his first-ever Hopiland performance. We'll post 'em on Facebook and if you haven't liked us yet, do so here or visit our website.

On May 19th & 20th, The Hopi Foundation hosted staff and Trustees of the Novo Foundation. The purpose of the visit was to showcase projects that the Foundation supports in the local community including the Natwani Coalition, Hopi Leadership Program, Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative and the Capacity Building Program.

The Hopi Foundation's work correlates with the Novo Foundation's mission to foster a transformation from the world of domination and exploitation to one of collaboration and partnership. Through our community work, we also help to build partnerships in all areas of philanthropy from engaging local community partners to develop and strengthen existing partnership toward collective impact that will make a difference and create positive change in the lives of the Hopi and Tewa people.

The Novo Foundation has provided \$687,000 in grants to The Hopi Foundation in support of general operations and our community-based initiatives since 1997. "Our most recent grant will allow The Hopi Foundation to strengthen its impact in the community as we transition our internal operating and financial systems to create a quality of service that meets the expectations of our community.

The Hopi Foundation wishes to thank our community partners that helped to host our special guests including the 2014-2015 Miss Hopi Royalty and committee, First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Walpi Tours, Gary Tso of Left-Handed Hunter Tours, the Hopi-Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse, and collaborative partners.

Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative (HOYI) Summer Intern - The Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative is pleased to share how fortunate we were to acquire Diane Numkena as a summer Intern to help HOYI. Diane is Nuvawunga (Snow Clan) from the Village of Shungopavi. This Fall she will be a Junior at Arizona State University majoring in Computer Systems Engineering

and minoring in American Indian Studies. During the summer, she hoped to learn more Hopi, apply what she has learned in school and to become more connected with the youth and the community. Diane finished her internship with HOYI on August 17, 2015.

Youth & Parent Gathering:

Hopi youth helping to plan this year's youth gathering.

We look forward to hosting our second Youth Gathering on August 26 & 27 that will focus on youth concerns around the areas of cultural, educational, and career attainment. From this gathering, HOYI hopes to be able to develop collaborative working groups around areas that are consisted of representatives from various programs, tribal agencies, village programs, and local and non-local organizations that serve our youth. This Youth Gathering event will incorporate a second day to hold a Parent/Guardian session. We want to be able to connect parents/guardians by providing a Parent & Youth Resource night. The event will be held at and with collaboration of Hopi Jr. /Sr. High School. Our goals for this two day gathering is to update the youth on HOYI work to date and recruit youth to participate in our established working groups. This will further develop the collaboration and communication between service providers, parent/guardian community, and our youth. If you are interested in supporting the Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative in this effort, we hope that you strongly consider making a donation to help further our work.

Contact HOYI staff: Hannah Honani, Youth Liaison or Kyle Knox, Program Manager, at (928) 734-2380 or via e-mail at youthliaison@hopifoundation.org or kyle.knox@hopifoundation.org

2015 Hopi Foundation Grantee - Susan Sekaquaptewa received a grant award from The Hopi Foundation's Community Grant Program in February 2015 to attend the Native American ToP Facilitation Methods Course offered by The Institute of Cultural Affairs in Aurora, Colorado. The course was taught by Lesley Kabotie, Facilitation Consultant with Indigenous Collaborations from Denver, CO. This course has given Susan's additional skills to facilitate a variety of settings such as small group meetings, organizational planning sessions, and community discussions. Susan intends to utilize this skill locally to serve the needs of the Hopi community and offers this through her company, Secakuku Consulting.

As a community fund grantee, Susan received funds to cover her registration fees. She will dedicate her award service hours to help facilitate strategic planning with the Hopi Opportunity Youth Initiative and The Hopi Foundation.

Hopi Health Care Center Physical Therapy Department to resume seeing patients on Aug. 3

Submitted by:
Lisa Lomavaya, Hopi Health Care Center

Physical Therapy is a specialty clinic provided by licensed therapist at The Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC).

Through movement and exercise, the HHCC Physical Therapy Staff offers various musculoskeletal treatments which helps to decrease pain, improve movement and maximize body function.

Patients seeking physical therapy services at HHCC must obtain a referral to Physical Therapy from their Primary Care Provider at Hopi Health Care Center. Patients with a Physical Therapy referral who do not have a HHCC Primary Care Provider must be assigned to one prior to starting Physical Therapy services. Patients recently discharged from an inpatient hospitalization should first contact Case Management for any needed follow-on care. This process is initiated by the patient

checking in at our customer service registration center at the front of the hospital.

The Physical Therapy clinic may issue and prescribe some assistive devices needed for walking to patients who are actively receiving care in Physical Therapy for walking deficits. Referrals for other durable medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes etc. will need to be sent from a patient's Primary Care Provider to the HHCC Purchased Referred Care office.

Meet our physical therapy team at HHCC, CDR Scott Mitchell, Physical Therapist, is in the U.S. Public Health Service and recently transferred to Polacca with his family from Fort Hood, Texas. He has Masters and Doctorate degrees in Physical Therapy from the U.S. Army-Baylor University Physical Therapy Program and has a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from Northern Arizona University. Lani Talawyma, Licensed Physical Ther-

apist Assistant (PTA), has been with the Hopi Health Care Center for 12 years. She is Navajo and Hopi. Her Maternal Clan is Edgewater and her Paternal Clan is Tobacco. She has her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Arizona in Exercise Sports Sciences and her PTA degree from San Juan College. Nicole Rogers, Physical Therapy Technician/Assistant, recently start working at HHCC, her Maternal Clan is Towering House and her Paternal Clan is Red Running into the Water. She comes to HHCC from Sells Indian Hospital in Sells, AZ and she received her Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Grand Canyon University.

The HHCC Team of customer care providers from registration to the Physical Therapy staff look forward to transferring your care to the HHCC, scheduling your appointments and meeting the Physical Therapy needs of Hopi Health Care Center patients.

Dept. of Interior signs Record of Decision for Four Corners Power Plant and Navajo Mine Energy Project

WASHINGTON – Following extensive environmental and economic analyses and robust tribal and public outreach, Deputy Secretary of the Interior Mike Connor today approved the Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP) and Navajo Mine Energy Project in northwestern New Mexico, under a plan that would minimize and mitigate the project's projected environmental impacts while maintaining the substantial economic benefits of coal mining and energy production for the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe and local communities.

The executed Record of Decision (ROD) approves a 25-year site lease extension with the Navajo Nation for the Four Corners Power Plant, authorizes continued mining operations to supply the power plant's remaining units, renews transmission line and access road rights-of-way on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations, and accepts the proposed mining plan for the Navajo Mine.

The project will support continued operation of the remaining two units at FCPP and is expected to support 2,340 jobs statewide and may produce as much as \$40 to 60 million annually in direct revenue for the Navajo Nation. Of the action alternatives considered by DOI, the preferred alternative would permit the smallest area, minimize impacts to water resources and air quality and allow the fewest roadways compared to other proposed action alternatives. It also includes protections for wildlife, cultural and archaeological resources.

"Today's decision includes a robust suite of mitigation measures designed to reduce the potential environmental impacts of the project to the greatest extent possible, while still supporting earlier pollution reduction measures, and promoting tribal self-determination and economic development," said Deputy Secretary Connor.

The FCPP, an existing coal-fired electric generating station, that receives coal solely from the Navajo Tribal Coal Lease area, is jointly owned by five utilities, and currently generates 1,540 megawatts of energy for regional consumers. In response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Federal Implementation Plan for the Best Available Retrofit Technology for FCPP, the plant operators shut down three of the five

units, and agreed to install selective catalytic reduction devices on the remaining two units. These actions significantly reduce emissions from the FCPP and decrease the amount of air pollutants emitted. The Navajo Nation's Pinabete Permit Area includes previously permitted but undeveloped reserves that would supply coal to the power plant for up to 25 years, based on current projected customer needs. The permittee is the Navajo Transitional Energy Company, a wholly owned limited liability company of the Navajo Nation.

The ROD's supporting Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), prepared by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), analyzes the project's anticipated effects on air emissions, greenhouse gases, water quality and other resources. The EIS was developed in close cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Other Cooperating Agencies include: Interior's Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Park Service; the EPA; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe. The final EIS was published on May 1, 2015.

The project review process included substantial tribal consultation and public outreach. OSMRE also consulted with FWS on impacts to threatened and endangered species and identified reasonable and prudent measures necessary for four species and their habitat. In addition, OSMRE developed programmatic agreements with the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, the proponents, and other federal and state agencies to provide for appropriate mitigation of archaeological and cultural resources that may be encountered with this project.

Public announcements were made in Navajo, Hopi and English in local newspapers and radio stations and a scoping period from July 18, 2012, to November 1, 2012, included nine public meetings in New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. From March 28, 2014 to June 27, 2014, the public comment period on the Draft EIS also included nine public meetings in those states. All meetings had Navajo and Hopi interpreters as needed. OSMRE also considered comments received after publishing the Final EIS on May 1, 2015.

LOCAL NEWS

Hotevilla and Upper Moenkopi offer various programs for Seniors

By Stan Bindell

Hotevilla and Upper Moenkopi offer varying programs for seniors.

Aldric George, elderly coordinator for Hotevilla, said he likes working with seniors because he learns more from them than they learn from him.

“I just like listening to them,” he said.

George said the Hotevilla senior program offers the following services:

- *Transportation to and from the Wellness Center where the seniors participate in the Enhanced Fitness Program where the seniors get help with strengthening and balance;
- *A sewing program where they make quilts at the Hotevilla Youth and Elderly Center;
- *Two presentations a month usually on the first and third Wednesdays. The presentations range from financial issues to elder abuse to learning about benefits issues such as Medicare.
- *Transportation to Flagstaff once a month where the seniors could go shopping or do their laundry.
- *Interactions with youth giving the seniors a chance to talk about what life was like when they were youth and what the youth are like now. The youth aren’t there much during the school year, mostly during the summer.

“If both are here, they get along,” George said.

- *Lunch is offered at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays for seniors who stop by the Hotevilla senior center.
- *During the third week of the month, the seniors are transported daily to the Nutrition Center in Kykotsmovi for lunch.
- *Movie days at 1 p.m. each Friday where the classic movies are shown at the senior center, and yes they get popcorn to go along with the movies.
- *Trips to conferences ranging from Head Start to Code Talkers.

George said the funding for the senior program comes from the village which receives the funding from the Hopi Tribe. George said he heard cutbacks could be coming, but he doesn’t know when or how much the cutbacks will be.

“We would have to tighten our belts. We would have to cutback on trips,” he said.

George said he has a small but mighty group. He said about 15 seniors participated in the program on a regular basis, but three recently passed away so they are down to 12.

“It gives these seniors a chance to get out,” he said. “Some are alone and this gives them the chance to mingle with others in the community.”

George said there are about 300 seniors in the community who could get involved with the senior center, but choose not to. The most common reason he hears is that they are “too busy,” but some make their crafts at home.

“Some may not be physically able,” he said.

George said he has heard too many stories about senior abuse, especially finances where the children or grandchildren are put in charge of the finances and then spend the money on themselves.

But George is especially proud of those in his group because they are physically active.

“They look forward to their exercise. Some senior groups don’t want to do that. That’s what I hear from the other elder coordinators,” he said.

George said the senior center is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day except holidays.

Claudina Burgner, service coordinator for Upper Moenkopi Senior Center, has a unique situation among village programs. This program is not tribal or village, but based on grants so they don’t have to worry about tribal government cutbacks.

However, the Upper Moenkopi Senior Center is in a village building and the village government helps pay for some salaries. Most of the funding comes from a three year Ross Grant, which is from the federal government, and it is funded at least through 2018.

“We just have to keep writing grants,” she said.

The non-profit Upper Moenkopi Senior Center is overlooked by a five member board. Linda Honahnie was the director for many years, but recently retired and Andrea Kalectaca is now at the helm.

One unique event coming up Sept. 17-18 is the eighth annual senior field day. Seniors come from Southern Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Oregon to compete in games including chair volleyball at the Upper Moenkopi Senior Center. The games are held the first day and awards are given out the second day.

Burgner said the senior center also offers:

- *Wellness meetings three times a week, monthly elderly meetings and special activities each month to celebrate holidays.
- *Seniors get help applying for benefits such as long term care and respite. Burgner’s assistant, Derek Lomayokva, helps seniors in these areas.
- *Congregate meals. Lunch is offered Mondays through Thursdays and breakfast is offered Thursdays. In late August, breakfast will be served on Friday mornings at the Upper Moenkopi Center Dining Room. Meals on Wheels is available for those who qualify.
- *The seniors plan outings and the trips are funded by the seniors including picnics and celebration of birthdays.
- *The seniors make crafts and have their own gift store to sell the crafts. The proceeds from the gift store pay for their materials to make more crafts.
- *Seniors can get transportation to the hospital, medical appointments, grocery store or bank.

“Our program gives seniors a place to socialize and get services they couldn’t get without the senior center,” she said. “We do the best we can for the seniors.”

Burgner is going on her tenth year working at the Upper Moenkopi Senior Center. She previously lived in Utah where she worked in nursing homes and senior centers.

The rest of the staff includes Danny Humetewa Jr. who is driver and care provider; Warren Silas who is driver, custodian and maintenance; and Refella Hemstreet, the receptionist.

Hopi Voc Rehab Assists individuals with disabilities

Crystal Dee
Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Vocational Rehabilitation (HVR) Program is a federally funded program through a grant from the State Rehabilitation Administration. The VR Program was first funded in 2002 and has been an asset for individuals with disabilities for the past eight years.

The program was established with the purpose of assisting individuals with disabilities find employment by providing vocational and guidance counseling. HVR counselors help individuals identify their job interest and skills through job preparation and resume writing.

VR counselors and staff includes: Lori Joshweseoma, Division Manager; LouAnn Sockyma, Office Manager; Gail Pahona and James Fred, VR Counselors; and Stewart Dukepoo, Job Coach.

The VR program assist individuals ages 16 on up who are members of a federally recognized tribe or have a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB), resides on the Hopi Indian Reservation, have a mental disability (psychological, mental or physical) that prevents their ability to work and must be able to benefit from VR services to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. However, they must be functional to obtain a job. Individuals can walk in and fill out an application or get a referral from other agencies.

The VR program is similar to other programs such as the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA). They help individuals establish employment and receive training in whatever the applicant is interested in. Their goal is to help individuals find successful employment which can be jobs where they can work 40 hours a week or becoming self-employed. Many clients fall into the self-employment category doing carpentry, painting, art & crafts, weaving, traditional clothing, piki making, corn grinding. The grant allows the VR program to include cultural activities that the economy can grow on said Pahona.

Issues the VR program is currently dealing with is not having enough funds to help individuals, not enough work sites to place individuals, no transportation for clients and accommodations for individuals in wheelchairs in the villages and at the Hopi Tribe, and unreliable cell phone services for clients.

“We have a good partnership with the Hopi Senom Transit services where they give our clients discount tickets,” said Pahona. “But it’s difficult for clients who are using wheelchairs to get on the bus because of the uneven roads within the villages to get them to the bus stop. Sometimes we have to make home visits rather than having them come to the office.”

Pahona said there are some local and out of town businesses who have been very helpful in employing their clients; Kykotsmovi Village Store, Keams Canyon Trading Post, Hopi Health Care Center, Goodwill, Grand Canyon Zanterra, Walmart, Safeway and McDonalds.

Aside from the issues, the VR program has had many successes in helping individuals find jobs or get through school or training. There are four individuals who are now working and living in Flagstaff and in this program year they had 18 clients who have gone off the reservation for training or graduated from college. One client graduated from Carrington College in Phoenix with a degree in Medical Assistance and another is taking classes; one client graduated from the Refrigeration School in Mechanics; one graduated from Central Arizona College with an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Justice Administration and another is finishing their AAS degree as a Medical Technician at Mesa Community College. There are others who are taking classes at the local Northland Pioneer College taking basic courses and working on receiving their General Education Diploma (GED), one has received their GED.

Pahona said they will have three clients graduating from Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, NM on July 25th; two for Child Care Assistance and one for Stocking and Merchandising. Pahona added that this college is well known in the Nation for having a program designed for individuals with disabilities because they help them live on their own and become independent.

“The benefits of this college helps individuals communicate with others in the same situation and it also lets them know there is hope for them,” said Pahona.

The program also helps high school students (juniors and seniors) with disabilities with school to work opportunities and to help them with transitioning into workforce or college and training.

The programs priorities include applying for the five year grant that will begin on October 1, 2015 and end September 30, 2020 and to continue to provide services.

Pahona said they did not receive their grant last year and are using carryover funds to serve program year October 01 through September 30. Because the carryover funds are not enough to serve individuals they are utilizing the State VR program and the Navajo Nation VR program to help them take on new applicants.

“We are currently serving 48 applicants and that is the lowest we have ever served,” said Pahona. “Our average is 120 per year and 620 applicants within our five year grant.”

Pahona hopes to get word on the grant sometime soon and added they may not know until the day before the service year ends.

For more information on the Hopi Vocational Rehabilitation Program you may call (928) 734-3413.

National Foundation Invests to Expand FTF’s Parent Education Efforts

PHOENIX (July 28, 2015) – A national foundation is investing \$300,000 to help enhance and expand the parenting education resources available to all Arizona families through First Things First.

The year-long project is funded in part by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) of Battle Creek, Michigan. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life.

“We are honored by this award, first and foremost, because it will allow us to provide an even more robust array of parenting resources to families,” First Things First Chief Executive Officer Sam Leyvas said. “The grant is also an acknowledgement of FTF’s position as a recognized and trusted source of quality early childhood information and programs in Arizona.”

With the Kellogg Foundation’s support, First Things First will work to more fully integrate existing early childhood parenting programs and to research and develop innovative approaches for providing more parenting information to families. This includes taking advantage of new parents’ changing communications preferences by offering an array of web-based parenting resources through a variety of digital platforms. Once completed, this project will give Arizona parents of young kids ready access to credible early childhood information that is engaging, user-friendly and adaptable to their needs.

Information and support are crucial for parents of young children, Leyvas said, since research shows that the quality of a child’s interactions with adult caregivers from birth to 5 years old impacts how a child’s brain develops; positive interactions help the brain develop in ways that promote health and learning.

“Supporting all children’s optimal development is the Kellogg Foundation’s priority, a shared responsibility among families, schools and communities. We are happy to support FTF’s efforts to develop enhanced web-based tools to increase engagement with families of young children. We are eager to continue learning how digital technologies can be used more effectively in increasing access to meaningful resources capable of connecting and empowering families and in supporting young children’s learning, growth and development,” said Joelle-Jude Fontaine, program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Leyvas said FTF is grateful to the Kellogg Foundation for their recognition of the organization’s past successes, and their support for expanding those efforts to serve more Arizona families.

“Strategic partnerships like this are crucial as we work to develop fresh and creative approaches for giving parents options when it comes to the information and support they need to get their kids ready for school and set for life,” he said.