

ANGAKMUYA
October
The Harvest Moon
The time to gather and bring crops in

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Fitness Center Winter Hours
Hopi Wellness Center
Hwy 264, MP 375.5 Eff.
M-Th, 6a-7p; F 6a-3p
Contact 928-734-3232
Values of a Hopi Women Health Fair
10/20: 12-5pm Hopi Veterans Memorial Ctr
Contact 928-737-9000
Basic Sign Language Series
10/20: 130-330p Shungopavi Comm. Ctr
Contact 928-734-3419
Domestic Violence Awareness Conference
10/21: 8-5pm Hopi Veterans Ctr
Contact 928-737-9000
Food Handlers Training
10/21: 2-4p Hopi Mission Sch
Contact 928-737-6281
Arizona Department of Veterans Services Visit
10/22: 10-1pm Hopi Cancer Support Services
Contact 928-734-3461
Immunizations/Flu Clinics
Hopi Health Care Center
10/21: 10-3pm HHCC
10/28: 10-3pm HHCC
Contact 928-737-6257
NTN Dislocated Worker Program- Orientation
10/27: 9-12pm Hopi Tribe Dept. Of Education
Contact 928-734-3542/ 928-713-3080
Red Ribbon Relay/Run
10/28 Day 1: Sunrise-Moencopi & Spider Mound Communities
10/29 Day 2: Sunrise-Hotevilla & Shungopavi Villages to HVMC
Contact 928-737-6300
Halloween/Fall Carnival
10/27: 6-9 pm HJSHS
Contact 928-738-5111
10/28: 5-9pm Shungopavy Contact 928-734-7137
10/29: 6 pm First Mesa Youth Ctr. 928-737-2799
10/30: 5-10 Hopi Veterans Mem Center 928-734-3234
Jacob M. Koopee-Memorial Run/Walk
10/31: 7am- Koopee Residence Walpi- Polacca Contact 480-376-9114
2015 Diabetes Expo
11/2: 9-2pm Hopi Veterans Memorial Center
Contact 928-734-3232
Veterans Banquet
11/10: 6p Hopi Veterans Memorial Center
928-734-3461-3462
Veterans Day Observances & Parade
11/11: 9-3pm Veterans Ctr
928-734-3461/3462
Dennis Poolheco Memorial Honor Run
11/14: 7am Gila River Hasken'-Kenk- District 2 Service Ctr
Contact klydhga@yahoo.com or jepjeanette@yahoo.com

SMDS Bobcats compete in Flag Football Finals



PHOTO: Felicia Nevayaktewa

Second Mesa Day School Bobcats pose for a picture after competing in the Navajo County Jr. High JV Football League - Flag football competition. The Bobcats are a part of the Nava-Hopi Jr. High League and for most of the players, is their first time playing in an actual football game. The team consists of 17 players, including one female, grades 3-6. The Team is coached by Lloyd Joshweseoma and Leonard Honahnie. Of the eight flag football teams competing, the Bobcats placed last. Bobcat Team mate Charles Harris, received the sportsmanship award. GO BOBCATS!!

Rose Namoki receives award



Rose Namoki Elder Advocate of the Year

Beatrice Norton
Aging & Adult Services

The Hopi Office of Aging and Adult Services, is proud to announce that Rose Namoki, Community Health Representative (CHR) was awarded the 2015 Elder Advocate of the Year Award at the 26th Annual Arizona Indian Council of Aging (AICOA) Conference, held at the Wild Horse Pass Casino and Resort on Sept. 15 & 16. The Elder Advocate of the Year is awarded to an individual who advocates and demonstrates excellent leadership for American Indian Elders in their tribal community, and is 55 years and older.

Beatrice Norton, Aging and Adult Services Manager submitted a nomination for Namoki as follows:

Namoki is from the Tewa Village in First Mesa and is from the Corn/Water Clan. She has been a CHR for more than five years and prior to that, was an Independent Care Provider for the AL-TCS Program. Namoki has a long work history serving the Hopi Elders.

Currently, she serves elders considered "high risk" and in difficult situations due to non-family involvement and ineligible for ALTCS. She displays diligence & patience in working with these clients, even during times when the clients are uncooperative. In dealing with these difficult clients she has garnered a support system from various agencies, including the Hopi Office of Aging & Adult Services to assist her with their care to ensure their safety. Namoki is persistent in advocating the needs of her clients and will not take a denial as the final answer. Through her persistence, two of her clients have either been approved for ALTCS or have been placed in a safe place.

Namoki is a true advocate for her clients and works very well with various local resources to accomplish her goal. She is well deserving of the 2015 Elder Advocate of the Year award.

This award is not only significant for Namoki but significant for the Hopi Tribe as well.

Of the 21 Arizona tribes receiving funding through ITCA, a Hopi employee was recognized for this prestigious award.

54th Miss Indian Arizona Crowned



NEWS RELEASE: Miss Indian Arizona Association Oct. 13

Taylor Tailbi Denzhone Susan, representing the White Mountain Apache Tribe, was crowned Miss Indian Arizona, 2015-16 on October 10, 2015 at the Chandler Center for the Arts. She is the 22 year old daughter of Anne and Lloyd Susan. Taylor is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry at the University of Arizona. Taylor also won the Best Talent, and Best Oral Presentation Awards.

The new Miss Indian Arizona loves acting, mentoring other students, watching old movies, Broadway musicals and singing. Other interests involve learning how to bead, improving her fry-bread making

skills, politics, and science.

Taylor will now face a rigorous year of travel to many Arizona Indian reservations and participate in various school and state wide events. In addition to this schedule she plans to maintain her college course load, which will be every challenging. The Miss Indian Arizona Association's philosophy is that education is a very high priority.

As Miss Indian Arizona, Taylor's platform will be to promote spending quality time with our elders to understand how valuable they are to our communities. Taylor states, "We must honor our elders and know that when our elders leave to the creator, they carry the knowledge of the people with them."

Lexie Michael James of the Hopi Tribe was selected First Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona. She is the 19 year old daughter of Jacqueline J. James and a recent graduate of the Hopi Jr. /Sr. High School. She plans to further her education by attending college at Fort Lewis and to obtain a degree in Sports Medicine.

Second Attendant to Miss Indian Arizona is Sienna Soleil Whittington, from the Gila River Indian Community. She is the daughter of Shannon Holmes and Larry Whittington. She also received the Best Evening Wear Award. Sienna is a 2014 graduate of the University of California Irvine, receiving her degree in Anthropology and Sociology.

Sienna plans to complete a Master's Degree in Education from Northern Arizona University.

Other awards were received by: Holly Elyse Antone, Ak-Chin Indian Community, Miss Congeniality and Community Service Shelyne Twist, Cocopah Tribe, Essay Skehg Hiosik Galindo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, People's Choice This year's theme was "Celebrating Traditional Values Through Song, Dance and Stories." The Miss Indian Arizona Association congratulates all the winners and extends sincere thanks to all of the participants and their parents.

Hopi Head Start host Disabilities Awareness walk



Cindi Polingyumtewa Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Head Start celebrated Disability Awareness month with a walk from the Head Start Administration building to the Hopi Tribal complex on Oct. 14. Students, staff, families, Hopi Resource Enforcement Services (HRES), and community members participated in the walk.

Jack Harding, of Kykotsmobi, served as Master of Ceremonies, and welcomed all participants as they arrived at the tribal complex.



Cindi Polingyumtewa Hopi Tutuveni

"To the parents" Harding said "You are the support for our children, you are their first teachers". Harding introduced Mike Puhuyesva, from the Vice Chairman's Office who gave welcoming remarks and thanked the parents for supporting their children. Sahmie Lomaquahu, wife of Vice Chairman Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr. encouraged students to have a good school year and echoed the words of Harding that parents are the first teachers who get children ready for school, put them on the bus and



Cindi Polingyumtewa Hopi Tutuveni

wait for them when they get home. Harding thanked Head Start for Disability Awareness and said "nobody asked to be born this way, it's not our fault, it just happens." All children and Head Start staff sang the Head Start song, "I am a Head Start Kid." Jamie Kootswatewa, Hopi Bureau of Indian Affairs Police Chief from the Village of Sipaulovi (Sun forehead Clan) was the Guest Speaker, along with Aaron "Hongvi" Preston who also spoke. Kootswatewa spoke of his personal



Cindi Polingyumtewa Hopi Tutuveni

experience when his son Keanu was born with Down syndrome. "Before, we were not taught how to deal with disabilities, but today we are aware and can teach our children how to treat those with disabilities. It takes patience and courage," said Kootswatewa. He thanked everyone for allowing him to share his story. Lynette Shupla and Jolene Johns gave closing remarks and thanked everyone for their help. Hopi telecommunications donated water and snacks for the kids.

LOCAL NEWS

THE HOPI TUTUVENI

Youvella brings concerns to Tribal Council re: BIE Monitoring Findings Report

Louella Nahsonhoya
Hopi Tutuveni

In a packed Hopi Tribal Council chamber on Oct. 8, Charlene Youvella a former teacher at Hopi Jr. Sr. High School (HJSHS), addressed the tribal council regarding the seriousness of the HJSHS Monitoring Findings Report, as reported by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)assessment team (evaluation conducted on March 9 and 10).

Youvella a former employee at HJSHS and the parent of a Special Ed (SPED) student, spoke passionately as she clearly articulated her concerns regarding the Findings Report and questioned accountability in addressing the findings. She said as a parent, she is concerned about what seems to be a delayed response to the serious nature and extreme critical findings in the Report.

“The BIE Monitoring Report findings point out some of the very concerns staff members have had for several years,” said Youvella. “The components of school improvement are intertwined and create a domino effect when one component is not tended to. The Report indicates there are many areas in need of attention and require experienced administrators to problem solve and find solutions in complicated areas such as data, data analysis, special education, school finance and parent involvement. These components were overlooked even after the evaluation.”

She questions the priority, timelines and the strategies the school Governing Board and administration have in place to correct the non-compliance issues, especially the SPED area in which she has a direct interest.

On July 1, Youvella submitted a letter through Superintendent Greg Sackos requesting to be placed on the HJSHS Governing Board agenda.

“Given my experience with school improvement through AdvancED, I offered my assistance to Mr. Sackos and indicated I wanted to help generate a strategy and action plan to help alleviate the situation before the start of the 2015-2016 school year, but got no reply from his office,” said Youvella. “On July 7, Sackos spoke with me in his office and said he and Board President Edgar Shupla decided I should not be placed on the July agenda but rather on the August agenda. He said he and the governing board would prepare a written report for me, to answer my questions and concerns. I told Sackos that if he moved my request to August, there would not be enough time to strategize the necessary concerns which I felt were not being tended to by the board and administrators. In August, the Board, administration and staff would be involved with beginning of the school year preparations. The findings should have been categorized and assessed for prioritization for school officials and staff to begin the process for correction. I emphasized that several governing board members were in their second or third terms and should already know the critical areas of the school. These concerns are not new they have been ongoing for the past 3-5 years.”

“On Aug. 4, I phoned Mr. Sackos and asked again why

I was not placed on the Aug. Board agenda. He said he thought we had an understanding and I would wait for him to inform the governing board about the BIE Monitoring Report and also inform his administration and gather information to report to me. I told him I had not asked for a report but only want to know the strategies by which the board would try to correct the non-compliance status primarily regarding the SPED areas. I felt discussion with the board would shed light on their plans and also provide assurance for me as a parent associated with SPED. I told him it had been 5 months since the BIE Evaluation and again stated that my only intention was to help.”

Youvella said, similarly, the governing board started the 2014-2015 year without a strategy for change; thus, school improvement plans for that year were also delayed “and in some instances derailed.” She said three new administrators lack the knowledge of a grant school system which is distinctly different from a public school. “Sackos, a novice superintendent, gained his first year as a superintendent at HJSHS. However, knowing that the school has not met AYP for consecutive years (no longer measured but important in indicating progress for schools), and employee morale was at an all-time low, the board allowed the change process to be left up to a first time superintendent; to a first time Jr. High School principal and a high school principal who never worked in a grant school.

Youvella reminded Council that as Grantees of the Hopi grant school system, the Council is ultimately responsible to correct any deficiencies and non-compliance issues, as well as ensure a school improvement plan is implemented at any of their grant schools. She also questioned the absence of an Education Committee, which she noted while researching the Hopi Tribe’s website.

“Without an education committee, where does a constituent of the HJSHS governing board and Hopi Tribal Government go to in situations like this? The Hopi Tribal Government ultimately has oversight of HJSHS, will you step up and make the Governing Board and administrators accountable for the findings? If so, how will you make them accountable?”

Youvella said she emailed the BIE as a concerned parent and received a response stating her concern was forwarded to the lead evaluator of the visit who would respond once he checked the status of the school.

“I merely want to know the strategies, action plans, implementation plans, and timelines in meeting BIE’s corrective action requirement,” said Youvella.

The Hopi Tribal Council also acknowledged Superintendent Sackos who was present in the audience, as well as a couple Governing Board members.

Council thanked Youvella for bringing her concerns to their attention and thanked her for the informative and well-articulated report. They l assured her they will look into the matter and also told her they will also need to “hear the other side of the story” (Governing Board/administrators).

Hopi Council approves resolution for Hopi Housing Authority to apply for Block Grant to build a Fire Sub-station

Louella Nahsonhoya
Hopi Tutuveni

In recent Tribal Council action, the Council approved Resolution H-102-2015 authorizing the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) as the recognized tribal organization to apply for a Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Native American Programs - Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) on behalf of the Hopi Tribe.

The tribe received notice from HUD Native American Programs that an ICD-BG was available and a community fire station was an eligible project.

Roger Tungovia, Director of the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services, worked with HTHA on the grant application and also secured land from the Water Clan in First Mesa to construct a Fire sub-station.

They were given a land assignment from the Water Clan. The HTHA Board

of Commissioners also passed a Resolution supporting the project and agreed to apply for the grant on behalf of the Hopi Tribe.

The grant application seeks funding for a Fire sub-station along with funds to construct a Community building at First Mesa.

The Hopi Tribal Council unanimously passed Resolution H-102-2015 approving HTHA as the tribal organization to apply for the grant on behalf of the Hopi Tribe.

Phoenix Area Quarterly Accomplishment Report - Hopi Health Care Center

In addition to this Phoenix Area Quarterly Accomplishment Report, Daryl Melvin, CEO Hopi Health Care Center also

presented a Status Report of priorities, goals and challenges to the Hopi Tribal Council in Sept.

Report Submitted by:
Daryl Melvin, CEO HHCC

The following highlights fourth quarter accomplishments for the Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC), Indian Health Service (IHS), from July 1to September 30, 2015:

To Renew and Strengthen Our Partnerships with Tribes and Urban Indian Health Programs

- July 1, 2015: Hopi Tribal Executive Director addressed the HHCC general staff to present an update on Hopi tribal services, 638 programs, and futures projects for the Tribe.
- July 2, 2015: Hopi Tribal Council passed an authorizing resolution to begin HHCC landlease negotiations.
- July 9, 2015: CEO presented report to Hopi Tribal Council providing response to previous questions regarding shared clinical data, quality indicators, complaints, staffing, and FY 2015 budget.
- September 12, 2015: HHCC and Phoenix Area Leadership met with Hopi Chairman and Tribal Leadership in council chambers on clinical needs. Governing Board also convened at the HHCC to conduct its quarterly meeting.
- September 9, 2015: Met with Pinon Health Center CEO and Improving Patient Care (IPC) team to review Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) practices. Review team including HHCC nursing, allied, and business staff.
- September 23, 2015: Held kick off meeting with the Hopi Tribe on conducting a community wide health summit.
- September 3 and 30, 2015: Held HIS/tribal discussion on updating HHCC campus plan.

To Reform the IHS

- July 21, 2015: Met with Phoenix Area IT, HHCC IT, and Hopi Telecom Inc. (HTI) staff to create work plan for in-house broadband upgrades expected to occur in October 2015.
- July 30 and August 14, 2015: Tribal and HHCC staff met to address contract awarded to replace all carpet in HHCC.
- August 17, 2015: Met with HIS Headquarters, Navajo and Phoenix Area, and HHCC to establish process for bidding on specialty medical contracts for FY 2016 services.
- August 27, 2015: Office of Management and Budget and IHS Headquarters staff toured HHCC. Tribal Behavioral Health staff, IHS IT staff, and HHCC Leadership presented on health facilities, ambulatory clinic expansion, and HHCC campus plans.
- September 3, 2015: Met with DNA legal service on program for integrating clinical-legal assistance for domestic violence and abuse cases.
- September 10, 2015: HHCC staff attended Cost Report update for Critical Access Hospitals to address reimbursement rates.
- July 27 and September 21, 2015: HHCC IPC/ PCMH provider work-group convened with PIMC staff on ambulatory clinic layout and best practices for care team concepts.
- September 29, 2015: HHCC staff held pre-bid evaluation of Nurse Call vendor in coordination with Phoenix Area Acquisitions and Office of Environmental Health.

To Improve the Quality of and Access to Care

- August 19, 2015: Conducted interviews for Chief Operations Officer. Mr. Daryl

- Dineyazhe-Toya was selected with start date on September 14, 2015.
- September 1, 2015: Work session with Phoenix Area Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Acting Director for Field Operations, and HHCC CMO to review clinical services and communication.
- September 3, 2015: Orientation completed with Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority staff and HHCC clinical and allied staff.
- September 16, 2015: Introductions made with Eastern regional hospitals council for Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AZHHA). White Mountain regional, Summit Healthcare, Cobre Valley, and AZHHA directors attended.
- September 28, 2015: Presentation by Northern AZ Healthcare to HHCC nursing, medical, and leadership in support of their patient portal system.
- September 13 and 30, 2015: Conducted interviews with first and second panel for Chief Nurse Executive with no selection made.

To Make All our Work Accountable, Transparent, Fair and Inclusive

- July 2, 2015: Met with Sipaulovi and Mishongnovi administration to discuss HHCC provisions of care.
- July 8, 2015: Met with Walpi and First Mesa Consolidated Village administration to gather input on health care needs and to present HHCC service line information.
- July 16, 2015: Presented before the consolidated thirteen village Community Service Administration on HHCC services.
- July 21, 2015: Met with Kykotsmovi community on HHCC services and community input on services.
- August 26, 2015: Presentation given to Shungopavi village on HHCC services. Received feedback form community on service levels.
- September 8, 2015: Attended Lower Moencopi board meeting to present HHCC services and collected data on community needs.
- September 9, 2015: Met with Yu Weh Loo Pahki community to HHCC services and to gather community input on services.
- September 13, 2015; Attended Village of Tewa board meeting to present HHCC services and to collect feedback on community needs.
- September 18, 2015: Met with Sicho-movi Seniors organization to provide an update on services and discuss community health care needs.
- August 24, 2015: University of Arizona colleges of health sciences, Government relations, and VP Tribal relations toured the HHCC with Presentation by medical staff and HHCC Leadership.

Customer Service Accomplishments (Internal, External, & Organizational)

- July 14, 2015: HHCC safety bash held with Tribal departments promoting community educations on service and safety programs.
- July 29, 2015: Staff appreciations luncheon for HHCC 15-year HHCC anniversary.
- July 30, 2015: Ceremony for Indigenous Pride Health Workers to recognize youth volunteers. Attended by community members.

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Hopi Emergency Medical Services provides emergency medical transport



Hopi EMT’s Tonya Polelonema and Harriette Maloney stand next to ambulance.

Crystal Dee
Hopi Tutuveni

“The Hopi Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was established in 1974 through the Community Health Representative (CHR) program”, said Tony Huma, Director of Hopi EMS. “We didn’t become an official EMS until 1976.”

Before becoming official EMS, they used janitors as ambulance drivers and nurses not trained in EMS to give medical care. EMT’s were a part of the Emergency Room (ER) staff when hospital was in Keams Canyon.

Huma has been with EMS for over 35 years and named Director in 2000. Hopi EMS is located at Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC) with a staff of ten Paramedics, ten EMT’s and one office manager/Medical Biller and Huma operates under the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Services.

Hopi EMS is an emergency medical transport agency transporting critically injured/ill patients who need medical attention. They take orders from Flagstaff Medical Center Physicians per emergency medical transport regulations. Physicians make final determination if Hopi EMS transports a patient to another facility.

Hopi EMS Goals: 1) maintain adequate staff 24 hours/day and a minimum of two ambulances per shift with two EMT’s and two Paramedics; 2) maintain Basic EMT/Paramedic Certification, training which includes

15 different requirements every two years; and 3) maintain medical billing system to enhance funding to purchase medical equipment.

EMS receives over \$1 million through 93-638 Indian Health Services Contract and third party billings. 638 funds are used for salaries and some operation; third party is used on training and operations.

“It’s very expensive to run this program; we spend money on fuel, maintenance of the ambulance, medical equipment and supplies,” said Huma.

Huma said an ambulance costs \$150,000 and with added hi-tech equipment costs \$250,000. Daily operational cost for ambulance is \$500, on a busy day \$1,000.

“We never bill individual Hopi’s for our services, we bill their insurance whether it is private, Medicare or third party insurance,” said Huma. “There is a misconception about EMS transport because individuals think they will get billed, but that is not the case. Our biller will send them a letter telling them to apply for health insurance and if they are not eligible when they have applied, we will write off the bill.”

EMS Program issues: Office space; Hopi Tribal Policy and Procedures not covering a 24 hour service program; ordering supplies through the Tribe’s Procurement Department; and increase pay scale for EMT’s and Paramedics.

EMS works out of the

Pawaki Fire Station located near the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services department, but not equipped as a 24 hour station. Huma said they are working on building a sub-station near there, but is taking time. He wants to ensure everything is in place before making an official announcement.

Huma feels the Procurement Office needs to accommodate and understand when they order supplies because they cannot order in bulk due to expiration dates and wants to order from reputable companies.

Priorities: Establish west side station; maintain billing and finances; retain employees; and increase local labor pool.

Accomplishments: a stable staff with updated training/certifications and maintaining an effective billing system (bill everything that is billable).

Huma is a member of the Northern Arizona EMS Council and National Native American EMS Association.

EMS celebrates National EMS week the third week in May with events such as the EMS Code 3 run/walk. They also have a “Ride Along” program where interested individuals can ride with the EMS. They must 18 years of age and must sign a confidentiality waiver.

“We are here 24/7 to provide the Hopi people with the best quality care for them,” said Huma.

For emergencies, call 911 or contact the office at 928-737- 6357/6355.

Hotevilla holds village meeting to discuss Board issues and water bills

Crystal Dee
Hopi Tutuveni

A village meeting was held at the Hotevilla Youth & Elderly Center on Oct. 7, regarding alleged concerns of the “mismanagement of water account billings” and actions taken by the interim board.

“The meeting was regarding concerns over water bills that go back to when “this group” (Hotevilla Village Interim Board of Directors) took over the administration in 2013,” said Tyler Tawahongva, elected Hotevilla Village Board member. “Since they took over, the record keeping has been in disarray. People were incorrectly billed and were getting frustrated; there was no Water Association in place.”

At the meeting, village members agreed to forgive delinquent water bills prior to May 2015 and establish a Water Association for the village.

Hotevilla Village Accountant, Lillian Dennis presented financial reports regarding the water bills and reported some findings were due to incorrect water meter reads. In her report, she states there are 193 water/sewer users in Hotevilla, of those:

- 60 accounts have a credit balance of \$1 – \$187.

- 90 accounts are past due; of which 47 individuals have NOT tried to resolve their bills. Six accounts are between \$5-25, 14 between \$26-50, 13 between \$51-100 and 14 between \$110-697.
- 76% are in good standing and 2 individuals have challenged their water bills.

“In order for the village to forgive these individuals who owe on their water accounts, there needs to be a two thirds vote from all water users to make a change to the Bylaws and Plan of Operation in how the bills are structured,” said Dennis. “How do we value or compensate those who are in good standing?”

While Dennis was giving her report, some village members disagreed with her reports and were recognized to speak.

Vernita Selestewa, concerned village member said, “The village has agreed to forgive those who have outstanding bills, but we want a financial report on H-13 funds and accounts. As an employee of the village, you need to listen to the people and what their requests are.”

At that time Dennis ended her report without addressing the accounts in question because she was told the meeting was only

regarding water bills.

Water bills were not only the issue of concern, but also decisions being made by the Interim Board; Kevin Lomatska, Sandra Dennis and Sandra Suhu, regarding housing rehabilitation through the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA).

Carol Sekayumptewa said she feels the Interim Board is violating her civil rights by not approving HTHA to fix her home. She applied for housing rehabilitation services and was approved but the Interim board did not allow HTHA to continue with the project.

Kevin Lomatska, Hotevilla Village Interim Board of Director (HVIBOD) President said in a phone interview that he feels the Village Administration Office should be shut down, “The water bill issues did not begin with this administration but started with the previous administrations. It’s just a blame game.”

He said he was not going to step down as the HVIBOD President; although village members voted to reaffirm and recognize the elected Hotevilla Village Board of Directors, Tawahongva, President; Eric Tewa, Vice President and Cheryl Tenakhongva, Secretary in a meeting held in May.

GUEST COLUMN / OPINIONS LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Hopi Sinom,

Hopi Mission School is a private school on formerly Hopi Tribal Clan land in Kykotsmovi, Arizona. We are in the middle of a dispute over whom owes the land HMS Inc. is residing on. We acknowledge this land was taken from the Hopi Tribe for the Mennonite Church General Conference now Mennonite Church USA, in the 1920’s by Calvin Coolidge, and that HMS has been on this land since 1951. HMS Inc. has been our own private institutions/corporation since 1989 when HMS formed the Hopi Mission School Board and became its own entity under HMS Inc. Hopi Mission School is a private institution and is another choice for the Hopi and surrounding community in education. HMS is a school that offers a free education separate of the tribe or any other governing institution, including MC USA. Here is part of a recent letter sent to Hopi Tribal Chairman Honanie from our Attorney:

The difficulty in addressing this dispute is that there are no agreements, contracts, leases, or other written documents establishing any legal relationship between MC USA and HMS. The history is that MC USA’s predecessor, the General Conference of the Mennonite Church, directly operated the school from 1951 until the late 1980’s/early 1990’s. In the late 1980’s the HMS board was formed, and the Board formally incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1994. The General Conference, at that time, encouraged the HMS Board

to find funding from other sources to reduce the financial burden on the General Conference. The HMS Board did just that, and by about 2010, HMS was funded almost entirely by church organizations and private donors other than the MC USA. During the most recent school year, HMS did not receive any funding from MC USA. The result is that, for a period of over two decades, HMS operated the school on its own. As you can see in the attached letters and emails, MC USA has simply refused to address this history and has failed to show any authority for its demands.

The Board of Directors of HMS remains firmly committed to continuing the educational programs it offers. The school has gone from the point in the mid 1990’s when the school closed for a year to today, when the school is recognized as one of the best schools in the State. MC USA’s recent attempts to step back in and take over the school will be resisted by HMS.

Letter to Chairman Honanie, Dated July 15th, 2015 From Attorney Franklin Hoover P.C.

The HMS Board would also like to address Carlos Romero’s claims that HMS administration and the HMS Board have had no communication in return. This is just not true. HMS has made several attempts to resolve this issue, but the MC USA task force has not accepted the HMS Board’s response to their assertions. HMS does not generally respond to ambiguous and false claims, but has bent over backwards even allowing

the task force to visit HMS in January of this year. The HMS administration met with the task force and answered every question the MC USA task force had. The HMS administration met with them for a grueling 12 hours over two days. At that time, the administration asked the MC USA to put down in writing their claims and proof of why they are making the claims, but to date, nothing has ever been sent to the HMS Board or to our attorneys collaborating the MC USA claims. HMS has continued to want to work with individual Mennonite churches, but has no plans of allowing MC USA to take over Hopi Mission School.

In closing, the HMS Board denies MC USA’s allegations against the school and its staff, and requests that MC USA cease its public campaign of using rumors to try to close the school. The HMS Board, Administration, Faculty, and Staff are united in our commitment to improving and continuing the high level of education your students have received over the last sixty-four years. The Hopi Mission School Board would like to thank you for your interest in HMS. HMS will continue to serve the 55 students we have enrolled in HMS. Ron Winterberg - Board President
Matt Schneider - Board Treasurer
Camille Quotskuyva - Board Secretary
Thane Epefanio - Superintendent
Garyth Poocha - Board Member
Rebecca Yoder - HMS Principal

Editor,

I have been nominated for the position of Council Representative from the Village of Kykotsmovi and I have accepted the nomination.

I want to take this opportunity to lay before the voters of Kykotsmovi a few reasons why they should support me in the village election.

First, I have a lot of experience on the Tribal Council having been on it off and on for over 12 years.

Second, I have a great amount of education and have served in the Military for 28 years. I understand and know what these non-Hopis bring to the Council. Too many times, some Council Representatives have no idea of what these people

are talking about.

Third, one of the subjects now before the Council is Education. Shall we put all the school boards under the Tribe and revise Ordinance 36. I have always believed that local control of schools is the best method and if elected I will support that concept.

Finally, we should put older people on the Council because they have had a great deal of experience in life and wisdom. We need their advice before we come and make a decision. They know best what will work and what will not and what is the best interest for the people.

Thank you and God bless you. Caleb Johnson

Note: The letter below was sent to the HJSHS Governing Board and also sent to the Tutuveni from Myles Beam, for publication. See related story on p.8

Dear Members of the School Board:

I regret that I am not here in person as I truly would want to look each one of you in your eyes, as this statement is deeply meaningful to me. When I wrote these words yesterday, emotions of frustration, sorrow and antipathy coursed through my body over the grave injustice being done to Marlinda and Larry. This letter will be as concise as possible as I’m certain others in this room tonight will have covered much of what I am feeling. Like the words about to be read to you or not, is not my concern, respectfully they are words of what I believe to be true.

After having a discussion this past Saturday morning with a well-known and very involved member of the Hopi community, I realized fully why I chose to bring my wife and young children to the Hopi Reservation in 2009. It was because I wanted to escape as much as possible from the pahana or, as I say, the gringo way of living.

I understand that it was impossible to avoid the initial subjugation by the U.S. and its army. Now we are decades removed from this shameless atrocity, and assimilation by a large majority of Native Americans into corporate America is full blown. Why do I talk of such politics? Because these politics are permeating this reservation to an extreme. I’m used to witnessing the rampant nepotism that occurs along highway 264 and extends to Albuquerque in terms of who gets hired for what job, regardless of its negative

destruction of our respective communities. Now I am facing something new, non-contract renewals/firing people for unjust purposes.

This action is reprehensible and another example of learning and following the white way of living. For over six years, I have witnessed the people in power acting white instead of Hopi. I shouldn’t have to tell most people in this room, that the Hopi way of life, from what I have come to understand, should involve treating people with dignity, compassion and fairness. Now, it is up to you, the school board, to promote the Hopi way, and correct this lack of integrity.

In a letter to the superintendent, I asked him to show leadership and put an end to this abuse and misuse of power. That could have happened diplomatically but it did not, hence this letter now being read to you. If the decision to be made goes against what is just, then I realize that my time on the Hopi Reservation will come to an end sooner than I would prefer and potentially at semester’s end. I might as well return to another part of America where I expect the community to practice the white way of living. If justice is not properly served tonight, then I will be present at a future board meeting to air many more grievances.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Myles L. Beam
Hopi High School English Teacher

LOCAL NEWS

VALUES OF A HOPI WOMAN HEALTH FAIR

October 20th, 2015

12:00-5:00 p.m.

“Walking the Healing Path”

Culture Night

6:00 p.m.


Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center

Featuring Special Guests

• John Tsosie • Ernest Tsosie II • Actor Judge Reinhold • Miss Hopi Auri Roy • Miss Navajo Alyson Shirley Davis Brothers • School Royalty • Drum Groups •

“Working Together for a Violence Free Future”

For more information, contact HTWCEA at (928) 737-9000





Trail Riders start from Rocky Ridge at 8am and arrive at Hopi Tribe at noon

NOVEMBER DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Hopi Special Diabetes Program

Knowledge is power in the fight against diabetes. November is dedicated to encourage your spirit to better manage diabetes, to make healthy food choices, and be more active. Staying healthy is a life-long proposition. A better way to think of your health might be to ask yourself the question: “How long do I want to avoid developing diabetes?” Don’t waste time and energy, act now, and put life into perspective and start being POSITIVE!

DIABETES

29.1 MILLION

29.1 million people have diabetes

That’s about 1 out of every 11 people

Join us at various locations throughout the month of November with educational sessions, ZUMBA, run/walks, and a special day that’s set aside for So’oh and Qua’ah!

November 2nd DIABETES EXPO 9AM-2PM Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center	November 9th Run/Walk in Honor of a Veteran 12PM Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center	November 9th ZUMBA PARTY 5:30PM - 7PM Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center
November 10th Educational Session 12PM - 1PM Hopi Cancer Support Services – Modular	November 17th Traditional Foods Workshop 6PM (MST) Moenkopi Senior Center	November 19th Qua’ah & So’oh Day 10AM - 2PM Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center
November 23rd Run/Walk in Your Moccasins 12PM Hopi Cancer Support Services Parking lot	November 30th Run/Walk in Your Moccasins 12PM Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center	 Hopi Special Diabetes Program (928)734-3432

HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center Celebrates National Recovery Month



Participants pose for a quick photo in Kykotsmovi.

By: Kevin Nash
HSAPC Coordinator

The HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center (HSAPC) hosted a series of activities and village walks to celebrate National Recovery Month. These community events were held throughout the month of September and drew in approximately 100 village members that walked through the villages and down dirt paths to celebrate the achievements of the recovery community, as well as to applaud all service providers helping people in their recovery. Participants carried white flags where they wrote positive messages to share with others, the flags were collected at the end of each walk and will be used in organized runs throughout Hopi.

These events offered an opportunity for villagers of all ages to recognize that treatment is effective and people do recover. Several people became emotional, sharing their experiences and encouraged the participants to continue to bring attention to these issues.

The final event began in two locations, the Village of Oraivi, and the Hopi Tribal Offices, with community members walking and converging at the Kykotsmovi Bell Tower, and ending at Hopi Day School where participants celebrated National Recovery Month with the BBQ prepared by the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services. The Hopi BIA Law Enforcement joined the event providing entertainment and education in public safety through the Community Night Out.

HSAPC extends a job well done to everyone who supported and volunteered in the month long activities. The theme of National Recovery Month is “Join the Voices for Recovery, Visible, Vocal, Valuable” and is our sentiment to everyone in our communities.

A Proclamation was issued and read by Chairman, Herman Honanie during the final event held in Kykotsmovi.

HCAF kicks off National Breast Cancer Awareness month with Trail Ride

Crystal Dee
Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Cancer Assistance Fund (HCAF) and the family of Loretta Charley kicked off National Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Oct. 2, with a Trail Ride starting from Rocky Ridge and ended at the Hopi Cancer Center in Kykotsmovi.

Charley who is Navajo is Natooh Dine and Tachiini clan, is a breast cancer survivor from Rocky Ridge, AZ and has benefited from services provided through HCAF while receiving treatment. Charley could not attend the Trail Ride this year because she is employed in Wyoming. However, her family stepped in to make this the Third Annual Trail Ride event possible.

HCAF assists cancer patients with hotel, gas and meal expenses when they travel off travel off reservation to receive their treatments. The funds are raised through fundraises held throughout the year. The program raised \$10,000 last year.

Because HCAF has helped Charley greatly, she is giving back to the program through a “Trail Ride Raffle”, all proceeds will go towards HCAF for others to use. Raffle prizes:

- Saddle Pad – donated by Barbara Howard
- Breast Collar – donated by Bohdi Talkalai, Loretta’s nephew, is a saddle maker and does leather work.
- Aluminum Stirrups – donated by Ben Hatch from Dollar Pond, he is Loretta’s good friend.
- Halter w/ Lead Rope – donated by Loretta’s Cousin Velma Vekis.
- Head Stall with Reins – donated by Loretta Charley.

Charley would like to thank everyone for their donations and appreciates everyone for their participation this year. “I am very grateful for that we are continuing the tradition and I plan to be there for the next trail ride,” said Charley. “Thank you to Wesley, Charity & Delores Yazzie for their monetary donations.”

Aleemah Jones, HCAF Coordinator said the Trail Ride is the kickoff for Breast Cancer Awareness month that include events throughout the month.

- Oct. 23: Pink Night: Hopi Bruins vs. Tuba City Warriors (HS Football).
- Oct. 29: Pink Night: Hopi Bruins vs. Red Valley (volleyball) & Pink Day at various locations. Hopi Cancer Support Services will give out their 2015 pins to individuals wearing pink clothing.

For more information on events, call 928-734-1151.

“WORKING TOGETHER FOR A VIOLENCE FREE FUTURE”

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21ST, 2015

8-5 PM

HOPI VETERAN’S MEMORIAL CENTER KYKOTSMOVI, ARIZONA

For advocates, law enforcement, court & prosecutor staff, tribal leadership and all community members.



“Weaving a Web of Support for Victims”

For more information, please contact HTWCEA (928) 737-9000

*This event is supported by Grant No. 2013-IW-AX-0007 (Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program) awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women..”

Cooking traditional Hopi foods with Emma Talashoma at HHS



Emma at the Hopi Cookbook Workshop presentation at the Hopi Wellness Center.

Valerie Nuvayestewa Diabetes Prevention

Emma Talashoma, Hopi Cooking/Culinary Arts Teacher, at the Hopi Jr/Sr High School has been hard at work all year long. Besides her career obligations, her family spends their summers at the two fields she plants and cares for. Although Emma is currently married, she has lived most of her life as a single, female headed household, and has learned to provide for herself and her family on her own. She jokes that, “probably because she out-worked her husband and so he got tired and left.”

Emma teaches Hopi cooking at Hopi Jr/Sr High School and is looking for ways to incorporate lessons that follow the Hopi calendar. She has a small class size with no aide. She would like a more spacious kitchen area to cook and feels that the Hopi language is an important part of teaching the youth how to cook traditional Hopi foods as there are some cooking terms that are difficult to explain in English. A fluent Hopi speaking woman, Emma encourages students to try to speak Hopi and feels strongly that no one should criticize or ridicule people when they are making an attempt to talk in Hopi.

This past year she has been asked to condense her lessons into one semester and feels that it would be to the student’s benefit to attend a full year of the Hopi cooking curriculum according to the seasons and ceremonies of Hopi culture. She feels that the students would have a better understanding

if they are able to tie cooking into the ceremonies that are happening around them; and also if they are able to learn the original methods of how foods are prepared. By original methods of food preparation, she means that she would like to bake in a bread oven outside, and make pikami in a pit. Her request to build a bread oven and pit was denied for safety issues, but wonders why bonfires are permitted for homecoming? So she uses a crock pot and an oven to make bread and pikami, but feels a big part is lost as the youth do not get the experience of using traditional cooking methods. Also some students are left out of picking nevehni when the season comes around. Some plants are available only at certain times of the year and others only plant the field and do not care for it during the critical summer months. Not every student is fortunate to have someone teaching them at home so she hopes to make improvements as she goes along to ensure that her students learn as much as possible while in her class.

Emma provides 80% of the supplies (food) for her Hopi cooking class. I was shocked as some people wouldn’t have enough traditional food to supply classes for a full school year. Students are also asked to bring supplies from home if available. She has since quit asking administration to help her with purchasing blue meal as it is not being purchased from a company; she says, is the reason for the school not being able to help with resupplying the blue meal being used. She knows of people in

the community who have blue corn meal available for sale, but the school will not approve purchasing from local community members. “We all know that our own Hopi blue meal is unique and where else are we going to get our own blue meal but from our own community?” Emma states. So she asked for an area near the high school to plant a field and says it did poorly this year because she did not have time to care for that field and the two fields she already plants for her own family. She did say they were able to pick two times from the field. She is thankful for the help from some of the school bus drivers and maintenance men that helped her. She knows that they also have their own family fields to tend and does not expect them to neglect those to help her with the field at the school.

Aside from this barrier she feels the students are learning a lot and most enjoy her class. Where else can you have a homework assignment of making a life like scarecrow to use at the field? Emma feels that we as Hopi people should never let go of planting and we also shouldn’t rely on the government for help. Her father told her about a time when starvation will come about again, and the Hopi/Tewa people, because of their knowledge of dry farming, will be the only survivors.

Emma and her Hopi cooking class will be part of the Diabetes Expo that will be held at the Hopi Veteran’s Memorial Center on November 2, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Come and join us on this day, just for the “Health of It!”

Staff enjoy Annual Native American Day festivities at Hopi Health Care



Hopi Health Care Center staff dancing the Corn Dance.



Health Care custodians dancing the Supai Dance.

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Traditional farming sustained ways of life for Hopi-Tewa people

Valerie Nuvayestewa Diabetes Prevention

Traditional farming brings our people back in touch with the earth and our spirituality as Hopi/Tewa people. It has been the way we have sustained our way of life for centuries. Our elders have emphasized to us the importance of continuing to tend our fields, to never neglect them.

“Another teaching is our farming. This way of life is not to be forsaken! Our fathers say that if we forget the corn, then starvation will come; there will be no rain...for rains come to visit the corn. That is what is told also!” Herman Lewis, First Mesa

This quote from my grandfather, Herman “Yuu yung” Lewis has always reminded me that he lived through starvation, he knew what it was like to be truly hungry, when your stomach hurts so much from lack of nourishment, and how our people relied on the government to provide food for them in order to survive. Which is why he always emphasized to us the importance of always planting, preserving seeds for next year’s planting, and why he would always get mad at

us when we were children when we wasted our food or did not want to eat what was put on the table before us. He told us not to be kwivi (particular) about our food. We should always be thankful for our food and to never forget to feed a small portion of our food to the spirits around us.

I can honestly say that I never gave this much thought until my grandparents passed on and I no longer was able to go to them to replenish my cornhusks, to pick some watermelon that both of my Qua-ah’s were very adept at growing. We never wanted for anything when we were children. Both of my so-oh’s were excellent cooks, and they knew how to prepare all the traditional Hopi foods and which kinds of foods to prepare for ceremonies. They knew how to preserve food, they could jar fruit, dry it, bake pies, etc., and my So-oh Belle Nuvayestewa could raise any kind of vegetable around. They were invincible in my eyes. It was when I could no longer sit and visit with them and ask them questions on how to make things for all our ceremonies is when I truly realized the importance of all the things they

had shared with me along the way. I wish, as I am sure many others have, that I had recorded or written all these things down.

More than ever it is important that we talk to our own parents about these things, and if you are fortunate to still have your grandparents, learn from them now! It is imperative that you make the effort to learn all you can and put it to use in your own lives. Teach your children. Take them out with you to go pick nevehni. Show them where these plants grow and when to pick them. Take them with you to the fields. Help them with a garden of their own so that they are putting their hands into the soil and connecting with the earth. The earth has the power to heal us and re-energize our minds and souls. We need that positive power in our lives in order to help us reconnect and revive our culture and ceremonies.

We need to show our ancestors that we have not forgotten how to live off the land and that their teachings were not in vain. Our way of life will not be forsaken! The clouds will continue to bless us with rain and nourishment; for the sake of our children and grandchildren, we will endure!

Hopi Bruins improve 6 - 1, defeating Greyhills 48-0

Tuba City, AZ- Wyatt Howard ramblled for four touchdowns and Isaah Wytewa-Panana had three touchdowns as Hopi High whitewashed Greyhills 48-0 Oct. 9 at Greyhills in Tuba City.

Hopi High improved to 6-1 after losing the previous week to Monument Valley 58-28. The Bruins are ranked 13th in the state. The top 16 teams get to go to the state playoffs.

Howard carried the ball 19 times for 247 yards. He also completed eight of 14 passes for 58 yards including a 30 yard TD pass to Wytewa-Panana. Wytewa-Panana ran the ball 13 times for 121 yards. Panana caught five passes, had two interceptions and scored a two-point conversion.

Hopi High Coach Raleigh Namoki said the offense

played well, but still has a lot to learn.

“We went to the spread offense due to guys being hurt,” he said.

The Bruins had four players out injured with a mix of sprains and bruises.

Coach Namoki said the defense played well, but needs to improve their tackling.

“We had a lot of arm tackling and we need better tackling then that,” he said.

Namoki said Dylan Silas and Wytewa-Panana led the defense. He said the special teams had a lot of inexperienced players playing due to the injuries.

Namoki said the season is going well so far.

“I was optimistic coming into the season because I had a lot of these seniors as sophomores. They needed to buy into our hard work

ethic, and they did,” he said.

The Bruins came into the season behind because they didn’t have spring ball or summer ball due to the changeover in coaches. Jim Phillips resigned after last season. But, Namoki said, the players know how hard that Assistant Coach John Lomavaya and himself work, and what they expect from the players. Lomavaya coaches the special teams. Namoki coaches the offense, and they work on the defense together.

Coach Namoki said the fan support has been good this season, but that they still have critics even when they are winning games by lopsided scores. He said the players’ parents have been great as they have pregame meals every Friday.

Debra Onsaе recipient of AZ Indian Living Treasures Award

FLAGSTAFF, AZ – The Arizona Indian Living Treasures Awards (AILTA) is pleased to announce the 2015 recipients, who will be honored for a lifetime of achievement in the areas of traditional arts, education, cultural preservation and language preservation. Additionally, awardees are recognized for their service to their community by sharing their arts and traditions and passing them on to the next generation. The 2015 honorees for the prestigious AILTA awards are:

- Debra Onsaе, Hopi, Language and Cultural Preservation
- Margaret Acosta, Tohono O’odham, Basket Weaving and Language Preservation
- Jose Garcia, Tohono O’odham, Traditional Singing and Language Preservation
- Malinda Powskey, Hualapai, Singer, Storyteller, and Language Preservation

The awards program will be held on Sunday November 1, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in the Steele Auditorium at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ. Board President Daryl Melvin said, “The awardees have accumulated a tremendous amount of knowledge and wisdom over their lifetimes about

traditional art forms, indigenous customs, languages and history. They are committed to passing their knowledge on to future generations and provide prospective to how every Arizonian can achieve a fulfilling and purposeful life.”

Honorees will be with their families, communities and tribal leaders when they receive their awards on November 1, 2015, and they will be presented with an embroidered Pendleton blanket to commemorate the day. “It is an honor to recognize the lifetime achievements of these remarkable people. Each of the awardees exemplifies AILTA’s mission which is to encourage and promote the preservation of cultural traditions and artistic ideals, while providing education and awareness to the public about Indian cultures,” Melvin continued.

To learn more about sponsorship or make a contribution to support AILTA’s mission, please visit: www.ailta.org/sponsorship.

Daryl Melvin, P.E., AILTA President at info@ailta.org or at 928-380-1807 or visit www.ailta.org.

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In the Hopi Children’s Court
Hopi Jurisdiction, Keams Canyon, AZ

In the matter of:
Navasie, M DOB: 12/14/2008; Navasie, J DOB: 10/23/2010; Navasie, S DOB: 10/27/2012 Children under the age eighteen. And concerning Natasha Klain and Mitchell Navasie, Parents.
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF FILING OF PETITION FOR PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP

THE HOPI TRIBE TO: NATASHA KLAIN AND MITCHELL NAVASIE, parents of the above-named minor children; and/or ANY INTERESTED PERSONS (family or relatives of the minor children).

Petitioner, BERNADINE ETHELBAH , has filed a Petition for Permanent Guardianship in the Hopi Children’s Court, bearing case No. 2014-CC-0032.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to NATASHA KLAIN and MITCHELL NAVASIE, parents, and any interested persons (family or relatives of minor children named above) who contest the Petition for Permanent Guardianship shall file a response to the Petition with the Hopi Children’s Court within twenty (20) calendar days from date of first publication. Your response must be filed with the Clerk of the Hopi Tribal Court, Post Office Box 156, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; and a Copy of your response mailed to the Office of the Prosecutor at the address provided below.
A copy of the Petition for Permanent Guardianship may be obtained by submitting a written request to: TheOffice of the Hopi Prosecutor, P.O. Box 306, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034.
Failure to respond 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 Petitioners.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 15TH day of September, 2015.
HOPI CHILDREN’S COURT
/s/ Margene Namoki, Court Clerk
P.O. Box 156 Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034
Telephone: (928) 738-5171

CiAnna Sakeva sets goal to help young children

Submitted by: Ernest Sakeva

CiAnna Sakeva has explored numerous career choices and has settled on working with young children, their parents and senior citizens. She wants to create multi-generational learning opportunities that incorporate traditional Hopi teaching in order to build solid family foundations for the future. Preserving the language and cultural practices begins at an early age

and she believes this path will play a key role.

To bolster her experience, she participated in numerous leadership positions available. First of all, she wanted to know more about the sociological situations families experience and where does her cultural upbringing fit. Hence, her Rho Kappa experience has prepared her for in depth research on social issues and focusing on Native American topics.

Her National Honor society induction is a testament

In the Hopi Tribal Court
Keams Canyon, AZ

In the Matter of the Change of Name of:
Ceriyah Hazel Tallas

Case No. 2015-CV-0097,
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Timi Talawepi has petitioned the court for the change of name from: Ceriyah Hazel Tallas to Ceriyah Hazel Talawepi.
Any party seeking to intervene in said proceeding must file an appropriate pleading with the Hopi Tribal Court no later than twenty (20) days after the publication of this notice.

Dated: September 17,2015
/s/ Margene Namoki,
Clerk of the Court

In the Hopi Tribal Court
Keams Canyon, AZ

In the Matter of the Change of Name of:
Nasio Quentin Tallas

Case No. 2015-CV-0099,
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Timi Talawepi has petitioned the court for the change of name from: Na-sio Quentin Tallas to Nasio Quentin Talawepi. Any party seeking to intervene in said proceeding must file an appropriate pleading with the Hopi Tribal Court no later than twenty (20) days after the publication of this notice.

Dated: September 17,2015
/s/ Margene Namoki,
Clerk of the Court

DISCLAIMER: The arrest records are public information. Any indication of an arrest does not mean the individual identified has been convicted of a crime. All persons arrested are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The arrests listed here are only recorded for persons arrested by Hopi Resource Enforcement Services. Hopi Resource Enforcement Services

to her steadfast approach to her academics as evidenced by the many college admission offers she received.

The technological divide is a concern of hers as she explored solutions on how to make technology available to young families in her rural Native American community. Her interest was to find a way to merge western education with access appropriate credentials for these young families to continue to raise their families in the traditional Hopi way with support of the senior citizens. These families would then be able to create job opportunities with sufficient income and awareness of positive health and wellness practices available in early childhood education programs.

Her interest has provided summer program participation including: The “Summer Indigenous Pride Health Workers Program”

and “Be Hopi, Be Healthy program”. These programs align very well with her university studies and interests. The focus of these summer programs are to promote healthy lifestyles and disease prevention program awareness throughout her Pueblo region and among the Navajo nation. It offers her a glimpse of what families experience in their communities and she can observe first-hand what services are available and what are lacking.

She’s well respected as a student and an educator among her peers. She offers assistance and is partial to working with new students to The Santa Fe Indian school campus. Her dreams are to one day return to the Santa Fe Indian School to share her experiences to the next generation of positive contributors to Native American communities.

In the Hopi Tribal Court
Keams Canyon, AZ

In the Matter of the Change of Name of:
Davien Andre Tallas

Case No. 2015-CV-0098,
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Timi Talawepi has petitioned the court for the change of name from: Davien Andre Tallas to Davien Andre Talawepi. Any party seeking to intervene in said proceeding must file an appropriate pleading with the Hopi Tribal Court no later than twenty (20) days after the publication of this notice.

Dated: September 17,2015
/s/ Margene Namoki,
Clerk of the Court

In the Hopi Tribal Court
Keams Canyon, AZ

In the Matter of the Change of Name of:
Desiree Anne Kyashvenaya

Case No. 2015-CV-0100,
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is hereby given that Desiree Anne Kyashvenaya has petitioned the court for the change of name from: Desiree Anne Kyashvenaya to Desiree Anne Qōmvi.
Any party seeking to intervene in said proceeding must file an appropriate pleading with the Hopi Tribal Court no later than twenty (20) days after the publication of this notice.

Dated: September 18, 2015
/s/ Margene Namoki
Clerk of the Court

Hopi Resource Enforcement Services Arrest Record	
AUGUST ARRESTS	
Ernest Holmes	Intoxication, Possession of Marijuana
Edward Lomahongva	Intoxication
Xavier L. Kewanyama	Intoxication
Shana Koyiyumptewa	DUI
Barnavas Begaye	Warrant
Annette Sockyma	Intoxication, Warrant, Possession of Marijuana
Avery Whitney	Intoxication
Jerrold Bahe	Intoxication, DUI
Gale Albert	Intoxication, DUI
Denise Jim	Cite & Release: Intoxication, Giving False Information to Officer
Forrest Poochoema	Intoxication, Possession of Alcohol
Jonas Jim	DUI, Turning Movements, Required Signals Obedience to Traffic Control Device
Valerie Adams	Warrant
Charles C Bryant	Cite & Release: Possession of Alcohol, Intoxication, Indecent Exposure
Lloyd Ami Jr.	Warrant
Larson Onsaе Jr.	Intoxication
Wilson Poola	Intoxication
Brian Cleveland	Intoxication, Possession of Alcohol, Warrant
Verlan Fred	Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Warrant
Avery Nasafotie	Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct
Richard D. Clown	Intoxication
Kevin Crooke	Intoxication
SEPTEMBER ARRESTS	
Kyle Begay	DUI, Flight
Ivey Lomawaima	Intoxication
Roy B. Jackson Jr.	Intoxication, Possession of Alcohol
Sankey George Jr.	Intoxication
Jordan Honyaktewa	Intoxication
Andrew Duwyenie	Intoxication
Eugene Dallas	Intoxication, Warrants
Michelle Dallas	Intoxication
Terrance Tewa	Warrants
Verla J. Nez	Possession of Alcohol, Transportation of Alcohol
Jerrison Begay	Possession of Alcohol
Duwayne Ahownewa	Intoxication
Farron Ahownewa	Cite & Release: Intoxication
Gilbert F. Ovah	Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct , Resisting Lawful Arrest
Jeremy Sakeva	Intoxication
Edison Bahe	Cite & Release: Possession of Alcohol
Albert Goy	Possession of Alcohol
Lloyd S. Lanza	Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Lawful Arrest, Threatening
Brandon Mahkewa	Warrant
Todd Hoyungowa	Intoxication, Resisting Lawful Arrest
Jason Hoyungowa	Intoxication, Warrant
Kaleb T. June	Intoxication, Assault, Resisting Lawful Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Warrant
Justin Gashweseoma	Intoxication, Theft, Trespassing, Disorderly Conduct
Clifton Lomayaktewa	Intoxication
Randall Nutumya	Intoxication
Olita Nutumya	Cite & Release: Intoxication
Kevin S. Calnimptewa	Intoxication
Christopher Lopez	Intoxication, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Tommy Lee	Warrant
Christopher Collateta	Warrant
Myrthus Koinva	Intoxication, Giving False information to Officer, Warrant
Timothy Poochoema	Warrant
Ramsey H. Uqualla	Warrant, Possession of Controlled Substance
Theodore Begay	DUI, Intoxication
Derrick Sellers	Intoxication, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Damon Huma	Intoxication, Warrant
Bradford Phillips	Intoxication
Bryan Collateta	Intoxication
Renee Gashwazra	Intoxication
Herbert Sehongva	Intoxication
Danny Nasingoetewa	Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Marijuana
Steven J. Silas	Domestic Violence, Assault, Possession of Alcohol, Disorderly Conduct, Warrant
Roberta Kayquoptewa	Intoxication, Domestic Violence, Assault, Abuse
Oran Selestewa	Intoxication

Vesicular Stomatitis involving cattle and horses

By Priscilla Pavatea
Office of Range Mgmt

Recently Vesicular Stomatitis was reported on the Navajo Nation involving cattle, horses and one Rodeo stock contractor that are now under quarantine. Given the proximity of these cases and the risks posed to the livestock on the Hopi Reservation it is important to advise all about the disease and precautions that should be implemented.

First, what is Vesicular Stomatitis? Vesicular stomatitis is a viral disease that primarily affects horses and cattle and occasionally swine, sheep, goats, llamas, and alpacas as well as certain wildlife and zoo animal species. It IS considered a ZOONOTIC disease because although it rarely occurs, humans can also become infected with the disease when handling affected animals. Although considered endemic in Central and South America, the Southwestern and Western United States have experienced a number of vesicular stomatitis outbreaks during the last 10 years. Outbreaks usually occur during the warmer months and are associated with waterways. The range of affected areas has varied from only a few premises in a single State to times in other years, multiple States and many premises have been involved. How vesicular stomatitis spreads is not fully understood. It is believed that insect vectors, mechanical transmission, and movement of animals are all factors. Once the

disease is introduced into a herd, it may move from animal to animal by contact or exposure to saliva or fluid from ruptured vesicles. In people, the disease causes an acute influenza-like illness with symptoms such as fever, muscle aches, headache, and malaise. Individuals should use personal protective measures when handling potentially infected animals to avoid contracting the disease.

What are the signs of Vesicular Stomatitis? The incubation period for vesicular stomatitis ranges from 2 to 8 days. Often, excessive salivation is the first sign. Body temperature may rise immediately before or at the same time lesions first appear. Close examination of the mouth reveals blanched and raised vesicles. In horses these are usually seen on the upper surface of the tongue, surface of the lips and around nostrils, corners of the mouth and the gums. In cattle lesions usually affect the tongue, lips, gums, hard palate, and sometimes muzzle and around the nostrils, and in pigs on the snout. Lesions involving feet of horses and cattle are not unusual. Teat lesions occur in dairy herds. Foot lesions and lameness are frequent in pigs. There may be loss of production and mastitis in dairy herds due to secondary infections, and this can causes lameness in horses. If there are no complications such as secondary infections, then affected animals recover in about 2 weeks. Vesicular stomatitis does not generally cause animals to die. It is a par-

ticularly significant disease because its outward signs are similar to (although generally less severe than) those of foot-and-mouth disease, a foreign animal disease of cloven-hoofed animals that was eradicated from the United States in 1929. The clinical signs of vesicular stomatitis are also similar to those of swine vesicular disease, another foreign animal disease. The only way to tell these diseases apart is through laboratory tests. Therefore it is important that ANY animal with any sign of a vesicular disease be quarantined and appropriately examined and tested.

How can you protect your animals? There is no specific treatment or cure for vesicular stomatitis. Owners can protect their animals from this disease by avoiding contact of animals in areas where vesicular stomatitis has been identified to have occurred. Mild antiseptic mouthwashes may help with more rapid recovery to an affected animal, which needs to remain quarantined and under appropriate veterinary supervision. Good sanitation and quarantine practices on affected farms and ranches usually contain the infection until it dies out of its own accord. It is extremely important that owners monitor their animals for clinical signs and keep track of the movement of their animals if in affected areas. If an owner suspects an animal has Vesicular Stomatitis it is important to contact a veterinarian to examine the animal as soon as possible to help prevent further spread of the dis-

ease. Veterinarians and livestock owners who suspect an animal may have vesicular stomatitis or any other vesicular disease should immediately contact State or Federal animal health authorities. Diagnosis of the disease cannot be made based on clinical signs but requires testing of samples at a facility approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, IA. A diagnosis can be based on antibody tests using serum samples from the animal and/or by detecting virus from swabs of lesions, blister fluid, and tissue (flaps, biopsies). A diagnosis can generally be made in a week or less.

When diagnosis of Vesicular Stomatitis is confirmed, the following procedures are recommended by the USDA: Separate animals with lesions from healthy animals, preferably by stabling or otherwise isolating. Quarantine procedures are important to reduce spread. Animals on pastures tend to be affected more frequently with this disease. As a precautionary measure, do not move animals from premises affected by vesicular stomatitis until at least 21 days after lesions in the last affected animal have healed. Implement on-farm insect control programs that include the elimination or reduction of insect breeding areas and the use of insecticide sprays or insecticide-treated ear tags on animals. Use personal protective measures when handling affected animals to avoid human exposure to this disease.

LOCAL NEWS



Hopi Tribe Social Services Program
Invites you to attend their

OPEN HOUSE!!



When: October 28, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



INFORMATIONAL
BOOTHS

Location: The Hopi Tribe Social Services parking lot.
(Located next to Polacca's Post Office)



Hopi Independent Chapel
Kykotsmovi Village

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

Chaplain Caleb Johnson, Pastor

Red Feather
Announces FREE
Home Weatherization
Workshops

October 24/25- Lower Moenkopi Community Ctr

November 7/8 - Kykotsmovi Community Center

November 14/15 - Tuba City Chapter House

TIME: 8am-5pm both days
Registration Required
Contact Red Feather at 928-440-5119

WOOD HARVEST - HART RANCH
ENROLLED HOPI TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

October 24, 2015: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
October 25, 2015: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Last vehicle in @2:00 pm NO EXCEPTIONS

DIRECTIONS:

From Flagstaff: Hart Ranch is approximately 20 miles east on I-40. Take Exit 219 at Twin Arrows. From Winslow: Hart Ranch is approximately 40 miles west on I-40. Take Exit 219 at Twin Arrows.

Harvesting sites are located approximately 5.5 miles south of Exit 219. WEMP staff will be stationed at the Main Entrance to check you in and direct you to the different sites.

ITEMS TO BRING: Your Tribal Enrollment Card and/or ID. A spare tire, tools, chain saw, lunch and plenty of water.

**** NOTE**** A Special Hopi Tribal Wood Hauling Permit will be issued to you at the main entrance before you leave the Hart Ranch. For information, contact Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management program at 928-734-3603/3607

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hopi Tribe and the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation [HTEDC] are preparing to enter into a Lease Agreement for a 39.634 acre tract of land where Walpi Housing is currently sited for a twenty year term.

Anyone with questions or comments, may contact Eric Tewa, Realty Technician at 928-738-2702, or via email at: ewaores@hopitelecom.net.

Deadline for
questions/comments:
Friday, October 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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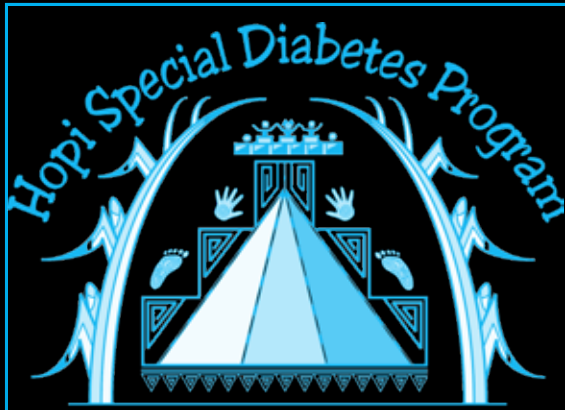
HOPI CREDIT ASSOCIATION
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The following individuals need to contact the Hopi Credit Association as soon as possible:

Lyndon Honwyteawa
Belena Harvey
Rose Namoki
Jason Yaiva
Nathaniel Numkena
Verna Sieweyumptewa
Alvin Poleahla
Neomi Ben
Mikah Kewanimpewa

Please call 928-737-2000.

NOTICE: Hopi Credit Association website: hopicredit.org and email address: hassociation@aol.com are no longer in use. New website and email address coming soon!



2015 Diabetes
EXPO
November 2, 2015

Nephi Craig

Executive Chef at Sunrise Park Resort;
Founder of the Native

American Culinary Association



Agenda

9:00am Welcome
9:15am Dialysis Demonstration
9:45am Wellness Center Activity
10:00 am Cooking Demonstration
10:45 am Theraband Exercises
11:00am Sustainable Agriculture Presentation
11:45am Prescott Youth Campers
12:30 pm Motivational Speaker
Nephi Craig
1:15pm Wellness Center Activity
1:30pm Cooking Demonstration
1:55pm Closing Remarks

Sponsored by the
Hopi Special Diabetes Program

Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center

HWY 264 Mile Post 375.5 Northeast of Kykotsmovi Village

For more information call (928) 734-3432



Who will Win?
2015 HEEF Alumni
Challenge

The 2015 HEEF Alumni Challenge is a 2-week fund-raising campaign and pits the alumni of the three in-state Arizona universities and a new group called the "Arizona Crushers" (other colleges/universities) in a competition to see which group can collectively raise the most funds.

Last year, the "Arizona Crushers" won the Alumni Challenge, unseating long time annual champion - Northern Arizona University. Everyone can give on behalf of their alma mater or on behalf of a family member. The Alumni Challenge starts Monday, October 12, 2015 and ends Friday, October 23, 2015. With your help, we can create the biggest Alumni Challenge. Simply go to www.hopieducationfund.org to join the challenge.

2015 HEEF Alumni
CHALLENGE

\$37,000 Raised Since 2004

October 12th - October 23rd, 2015

Since 2004, through the collective effort of 105 Alumni, more than \$37,000 has been raised to support the education of students through the Hopi Education Endowment Fund. Our 2015 goal is to raise \$6,000 which would make it our most successful Alumni Challenge event. The HEEF is a 7871 non-profit entity of the Hopi Tribe.

LOCAL NEWS

HJSHS teachers take stand re: two long-term custodians’ non-renewal of contracts



Larry Humeyestewa reads statement in his behalf of non-renewal



Marlinda Omaohoya reads her statement to the Governing Board

By: Stan Blindell

About 20 teachers signed a petition and several other teachers spoke out in the defense of two long-term custodians whose contracts were not renewed. They brought their concerns to the Hopi Jr/Sr High School Governing Board meeting Oct. 6.

About 35 staff, parents and community members packed into the conference room and the adjoining hallway. Usually, not more than 10 people attend the board meeting aside from the board members and administrators.

The two custodians, Larry Humeyestewa and Marlinda Omaohoya, also spoke in their own defense. The comments were made during the call to the public. By law, since the issue wasn’t on the agenda, the governing board could neither take action nor comment on the comments by the custodians and teachers. The issue could arise at a future governing board meeting.

Rita Keith, a Hopi Junior High English teacher, presented the school board with the petition.

Humeyestewa told the board that he believed that neither Garland Navakuku, supervisor of the Facilities Department, nor Althea Poneoma, lead custodian, had the authority to inform him that he would not be issued a contract for the next fiscal

year. He said only the school board has the authority to do that. He said his contract was not renewed because of personal reasons and not because “I don’t do my job well.”

“I’m hard working, honest, accountable,” he said.

Humeyestewa said because he has complained about harassment that his non-renewal may be based on retaliation. He said his past evaluations were good. Humeyestewa said he has witnesses that Poneoma has stated or complained that some of the custodial staff are to old, too slow or lazy.

“I believe I and other co-workers have been discriminated against due to our age,” he said.

Omaohoya said Navakuku only told her that her contract wasn’t renewed because of her evaluation. She said she was never given any type of warning nor reprimand.

“My termination is all based on personal issues from Althea Poneoma and Garlyn Navakuku. Both Althea and Garlyn have attitude problems,” she said.

Omaohoya said she has good working relationships with parents, staff and the public.

Skip Keith, who teaches native studies at Hopi High, expressed his support for Humeyestewa and Omaohoya.

“I urge their invaluable service to the school be

continued. It has become commonplace for visitors to our school to remark with amazement at the cleanliness and quality of our facilities in spite of the fact that they are over a quarter century old. It is partly through Marlinda and Larry’s tireless efforts over the years that these accolades have been achieved,” he said.

Keith said the two custodians create an outstanding environment that is not only clean but creates a family atmosphere. He said their concern for students is also apparent. He said his three children graduated from Hopi High School and continue to speak fondly of Omaohoya and Humeyestewa.

“I would ask respectfully that they be allowed to retain their jobs. Such devoted service over such a long time period must surely be taken into account. If Larry and Marlinda don’t deserve a second chance then I fear there is little hope for any of us,” he said.

Lynn Fredericks, a Hopi High School English teacher, gave a tear-felt plea for the board to reconsider not renewing the contracts. She said Humeyestewa and Omaohoya are hard workers who have brought a superior rating to the facility. She said they are two staff members who will not be easily replaced.

“There are better ways. Termination should be the last step,” she said.

Fredericks said she has been at the school 16 years and wonders if she will be next.

“Being older is not a reason for termination,” she said.

Myles Beam, another Hopi High English teacher, submitted a letter in support of Humeyestewa and Omaohoya. Hopi Junior High math teacher Dennis Williams read the letter into the record because Beam was unable to attend the meeting.

In the letter, Beam said he came to the reservation to escape the gringo way of living. However, he has found that rampant nepotism occurs along Highway 264 and extends to Albuquerque in terms of who gets hired for what job regardless of the negative destruction of respective communities.

“Now I am facing something new, firing people for unjust purposes,” he said. “The action is reprehensible and another example of learning and following the white way of living.”

Beam said the Hopi way of life involves dignity, compassion and fairness.

“Now, it is up to you, the school board, to promote the Hopi way, and correct this lack of integrity,” he said in the letter.

Beam said if the decision goes against what is just then his time on the Hopi Reservation will come to an end sooner than he prefers.

Blue Jirak, a Hopi High English teacher, said he’s a big supporter of the current administration, but it is wrong to let these workers go.

“They don’t come any better as workers or people,” he said.

Jirak said at Hopi “you don’t throw jobs away. This will destroy them and their families. If we destroy their families it stays with us.” He urged the school board to at least give the two custodians a generous severance package.

James Lomakema, who teaches government at Hopi High, also supported Humeyestewa and Omaohoya calling them his friends and coworkers.

Hotevilla-Bacavi school celebrates Indian Day



Tsuku dance performed by children at HBCS

Crystal Dee Hopi Tutuveni

It was a warm and breezy morning as the Kindergarten class of Hotevilla Bacavi Community School danced *Tsukut*, Clown Dance as they celebrated their annual Native American Heritage Day Oct. 2.

Lori Harding, Chief School Administrator said they had a week full of traditional activities and presentations.

“The boys went into the village to *suspalya*, going from house to house singing and collecting food for the Indian Day,” said Harding. “The girls made *tangu’viki*, ground corn wrapped in corn leaves.”

Harding said the Native American Heritage day honors students, Hopi, Tewa and Navajo, for their culture and traditional heritage, not just today but every day.

The day was filled with traditional dances beginning and the crowning of the Co-Princesses. This year was the first time the school has had Co-Princesses because there were only

three contestants.

The Co-Princesses are:

- Elaine McCord, 3rd grade is Greasewood clan from the village of Bacavi. Her parents are Elda Joshevama and Mackenzie McCord.
- Khailee Chimerica, 3rd grade is Corn clan from the village of Hotevilla. Her parents are Erica and Rett Tewa.
- Josie Mahle, 7th grade is Tansy Mustard clan from the village of Sichomovi. Her mother is Tonya Mahle and grandmother is Susie Mahle.

“I think it’s cool that we are co-Princesses because we can all get together and be in parades in together,” said Mahle.

A traditional lunch; hominy stew, bread, green chili and donations of side dishes were served to the students and the public.

Harding said she would like to thank Gladys Onsay, Marilyn Parra, the students and the community for their participation and helping to make this a successful event for everyone to enjoy.



HBCS Co-Princesses (l-r): Khailee Chimerica, Elaine McCord and Josie Mahle.

Concerned Hopi community calls meeting re: future of Hopi grant schools and BIE grant application submitted by Hopi Ed Director

Crystal Dee Hopi Tutuveni

Hotevilla Bacavi Community School (HBCS) Board hosted a public meeting regarding the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Tribal Grant application submitted by the Hopi Tribe Department of Education Director, Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa.

Todd Honyaoma, Sr. HBCS Board Vice Chairman said the meeting was an educational presentation to provide information about the application submitted by Sakiestewa so that everyone has an understanding of the grant.

In the prepared draft Action Item #116 to be presented to the Hopi Tribal Council states, *the grant was awarded to the Hopi Tribe in the amount of \$200,000 for each year beginning in 2015 for a period of three (3) years, totaling \$600,000.* The document also states the *grant is proposed to be used to conduct a feasibility study and to revise Ordinance #36, Education Ordinance.*

School boards across the Hopi reservation are upset that Sakiestewa did not share the contents of the application, nor meet with the school boards or the general public before applying for

the grant. They believe Sakiestewa is using the grant to implement the “One Grant School Initiative” which was rejected by the schools last Sept. during her presentation to the Hopi Tribal Council.

The One Grant School Initiative will redesign the BIE system and transform the current Hopi Education system to make it a one-school district, with one curriculum across the Hopi reservation and the Hopi Tribe’s Education Department will have oversight of the district office. Schools believe they will lose local control and the Hopi Tribe’s Education Department will manage each of the schools finances, hiring and curriculum. Schools will no longer have a school board.

The following were questions and concerns regarding the BIE Tribal Grant:

- Sakiestewa is the author of the Action Item/Resolution seeking approval from the Tribal Council to accept the grant and is endorsed by Hopi Chairman Herman G. Honanie.
- The Action Item requiring village input was checked, “No”. The Action Item should have required parent, village and student input.
- Application was done without anyone’s input

and/or consultation, why just the Hopi Tribe’s Executive Office?

- The application was done secretly; Sakiestewa did not want to give information to HBCS Board regarding the application and



HBCS Board Vice Chairman Todd Honyaoma led the presentation on the BIE Tribal Education Grant and what it means.

- they were denied a copy of the application.
- Grant has been awarded and waiting for Tribal Resolution for implementation.
- What are the implications of our tribal sanctions and/or audit failures and findings?
- Is the Tribe ready and prepared to take control of our local schools as it stands today?
- There is nothing in the grant to support students with special needs.

After Sakiestewa’s report to Council in Sept. 2014, a majority of the school boards were not in support of the initiative because they feel “local autonomy at the community level is best for their schools because each



school is distinctly unique”. They also encouraged Tribal Council not to support the proposal until further public presentations were made to ensure everyone fully comprehends the initiative and details of the plan.

Everett Gomez, a community member said people need to be reminded that the Hopi Tribe will have total control over the schools. The Hopi Tribal Education Department and leadership are not being transparent in

what they are doing behind the scenes and people are finding out after the fact and are objecting to these things.

“The schools need to get together to go against the grant recommendation,” said Gomez. “The tribe has no money and this money is at their disposal and not in the best interest of our children.”

Honyaoma said Sakiestewa names herself as the Project Coordinator to execute the grant and must come up with a detailed execution plan. As the Project Coordinator, she is responsible for the “fiscal and project management and coordination with the Hopi Stakeholders, and work with the Leadership Committee in the preparation of dissemination materials, and serve as a liaison between the Hopi Tribe and BIE”.

Over the course of three years, Sakiestewa will earn an estimated \$78,000 including benefits; plus her salary as the Director of the Hopi Education Department.

She also states in her report to Council that Hopi schools are failing and have not passed the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) for at least four years and believes that if schools work together it will help reform an im-

proved and highly effective school system.

She states in the BIE Tribal Grant application this is as “opportunity of the Hopi Tribe to maintain a status quo of a “One-Size-Fits-All” system or to create our own Hopi destiny,” and “the Tribe will fulfill its vision for a tribally managed school system with the acceptance of the grant proposal, the Hopi Tribe indicates its’ commitment to improving Hopi education”.

“The implementation plan start date must begin by Oct. 01 and must have a tribal resolution which is scheduled to go before Hopi Tribal Council on Oct. 29,” said Honyaoma. “We are upset because she went behind the School Boards and applied for the grant with support from the Chairman and the Executive Director.”

Sakiestewa was contacted for comment regarding the Public Meeting, but statedshe would need approval from the Chairman’s office before making any comments. She has acknowledged there are misinterpretations of the grant that need clarification and would let Hopi Tutuveni know if she can give a statement. As of press time no statement was given.

ADS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Sessions scheduled for Revised Hopi Food Ordinance #12

By: Madeline Sahneyah
Public Health Compliance Officer

The Ordinance #12 Workgroup announces upcoming public information sessions covering the proposed changes to Hopi Food Service Ordinance #12, the Tribal Ordinance regulating food service operations on the Hopi Reservation. Hopi Food Service Ordinance #12 was originally enacted by Hopi Tribal Council on January 19, 1961 and most recently revised on November 28, 1989.

A workgroup consisting of the Office of Revenue Commission, Department of Health and Human Services, and Indian Health Service Office of Environmental Health and Engineering staff have worked over the past two years to revise the ordinance to reflect current, prudent public health practice in order to better protect consumers. The workgroup is holding two sessions to provide information to interested individuals regarding proposed changes to the ordinance, including potential impacts on local food service operations.

Please join us on October 27 or 29, 2015 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Hopi Wellness Center conference room/Hopi Veterans Memorial Center to learn more about this important topic. Attendees will have the opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft ordinance to the workgroup.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Ms. Madeline Sahneyah, Public Health Compliance Officer, at (928) 734-3403 or msahneyah@hopi.nsn.us.

REVISED FOOD SERVICE ORDINANCE NO. 12

I. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to safeguard public health and to provide food that is safe, unadulterated and reliably presented on the Hopi Reservation.

II. **AUTHORITY**

The authority for this Ordinance is Article VI, Powers of the Tribal Council, Section 1. (a), 1. (g), and 1. (l) of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe.

III. **Adoption of United States Food and Drug Administration Food Code** The Hopi Tribe adopts the current edition of the United States Food and Drug Administration Food Code (hereinafter referred to as “FDA Food Code”) for the purpose of establishing reasonable rules and regulations for the sanitary and safe maintenance and operation of food service establishments on the Hopi Reservation (except for provisions noted herein) and any amendments thereto that may from time to time be made, and the whole thereof, as set forth fully therein.

IV. **DEFINITIONS**

- Confirmed Disease Outbreak** means a Foodborne Disease Outbreak in which a laboratory analysis of appropriate specimens identifies a causative agent and epidemiological analysis implicates the food as the source of the illness.
- Food** means a raw, cooked, or processed edible substance, ice, beverage, or ingredient used or intended for use of for sale in whole or in part for human consumption, or chewing gum.
- Foodborne Disease Outbreak** means the occurrence of two or more cases of a similar illness resulting from the ingestion of a common food.

Food Code or (“FDA Food Code”) means the most current edition of Food and Drug Administration Food Code and any current Annexes.

- Food Establishment** means an operation that:
 - Stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends food directly to the consumer, or otherwise provides food for human consumption such as a restaurant; satellite or catered feeding location; catering operation if the operation provides food directly to a consumer or to a conveyance used to transport people; market; vending location; conveyance used to transport people; institution; or food bank; and
 - Relinquishes possession of food to a consumer directly or indirectly through a delivery service such as home delivery or grocery orders or restaurant take-out orders, or delivery service that is provided by common carriers.

Food Establishment includes:

- An element of the operation such as a transportation vehicle or a central preparation facility that supplies a vending location or satellite feeding location unless the vending or feeding location is permitted by the Regulatory Authority; and
- An operation that is conducted in a mobile, stationary, or permanent facility or location; where consumption is on or off the premises; and regardless of whether there is a charge for the food.

Food Establishment does not include:

- An establishment that offers only prepackaged foods that are not considered a Potentially Hazardous Food;
- A produce stand that only offers whole, uncut fresh fruits and vegetables;
- A food processing plant including those that are located on the premises of a Food Establishment;
- A kitchen in a private home if the consumer is informed by a clearly visible placard at the sales or service location that the food is prepared in a kitchen that is not subject to regulation and inspection by the Regulatory Authority. However, all Food Handlers are required to have a valid Food Handler’s Card;
- A kitchen in a private home, such as a small family day-care provider; or a bed-and-breakfast operation that prepares and offers food to guests if the home is owner-occupied, the number of available guest bedrooms does not exceed 6, breakfast is the only meal offered, the number of guests served does not exceed 18, and the consumer is informed by statements contained in published advertisements, mailed brochures and placards posted at the registration areas that the food is prepared in a kitchen that is not regulated and inspected by the regulatory authority; or
- A private home that receives catered or home-delivered food.

- Food Handler** means any person employed in or operating a food establishment, whether that person is an employer, employee to other natural person, who handles, stores, transports, prepares, manufacturers, serves or sells food, or who comes in contact with eating or cooking utensils or other equipment used in the handling, preparation, manufacture service, or sale of food.
- Food Handler’s Card** means a card issued by a recognized health official or department to indicate that an individual has successfully completed a food handler’s training course and passed an approved examination on food safety practices.
- Imminent Health Hazard** means a significant threat or danger to health that is considered to exist when there is no evidence sufficient to show that a product, practice, circumstance, or event creates a situation that requires immediate correction or cessation of operation to prevent injury based on:
 - The number of potential injuries; and
 - The nature, severity, and duration of the anticipated injury.
- Inspection Official** means the Indian Health Service Sanitarian, Environmental Health Specialist or his/her designee or the Director of the Hopi Tribe’s Department of Health and Human Services or his/her designee.
- Itinerant Food Vendor** means an individual food vendor and/or peddler who travels from place to place selling food or those selling food for fund raising purposes.
- Non-Conformance** means failure of the food handlers to demonstrate their knowledge of and ability to perform in accordance with the procedural, monitoring, verification, and corrective action practices required by this Ordinance and the FDA Food Code.
- Office of the Revenue Commission** means the Hopi Tribe’s Chief Revenue Officer or his/her designee.

12. **Permit Holder** means the entity that:

- Is legally responsible for the operation of the food establishment such as the owner or the owner’s agent; and
 - Possesses a valid Sanitation Permit, Peddler’s Permit and/or Business License to operate a food establishment.
13. **Potentially Hazardous Food** means a food that requires time/temperature control for safety to limit pathogenic microorganism growth or toxin formation.
14. **Priority Item** means a provision of the FDA Food Code whose application contributes directly to the elimination, prevention, or reduction to an acceptable level, hazards associated with foodborne illness or injury and there is no other provision that directly controls the hazard. Priority items are denoted in the body of the FDA Food Code with a superscript P.
15. **Regulatory Authority** means the Hopi Tribe’s Director of the Office of Health and Human Services or his/her designee;
16. **Sampling** means a process used to check that a food is safe and that it does not contain harmful contaminants, or that it contains only permitted additives at acceptable levels, or that it contains the right levels of key ingredients and its label declarations are correct, or to know the levels of nutrients present.
17. **Sanitation Permit** means a permit issued by the Hopi Tribe’s Office of Health and Human Services upon the recommendation of the Inspection Official, reflecting the food establishment’s conformance with the provisions of the FDA Food Code and this Ordinance.
18. **Temporary** means less than ten (10) days each month.

V. **INSPECTIONS**

1. **Authority for Inspections**

The Hopi Tribal Council delegates inspection authority of all food service establishments on the Hopi Reservation to the Inspection Official and/or the Regulatory Authority. The purpose of the inspection shall be to evaluate food handling practices and general sanitation and make recommendations in accordance with the FDA Food Code and this Ordinance.

2. **Frequency of Inspections**

Inspections shall be conducted of all permanent, non-itinerant food service establishments at least annually. Additional inspections may be performed if necessary and as warranted.

3. **Access**

The Inspection Official and Regulatory Authority shall be permitted to enter any food service establishment at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inspections to determine conformance with this Ordinance and the FDA Food Code. The Inspection Official and Regulatory Authority shall be permitted to examine the records of the food service establishment to obtain information pertaining to food and supplies purchased, received, or used.

4. **Types of Inspections**

- Pre-operational** means the inspection of a new, converted, or remodeled food service establishment to verify that the food service establishment is constructed and equipped in accordance with the FDA Food Code and this Ordinance. A pre-operational inspection must be conducted prior to the issuance of a Sanitation Permit.
- Routine** means an inspection of a food service establishment to verify that the establishment is in conformance with the FDA Food Code and this Ordinance.
- Follow-up** means a re-inspection of a food service establishment to verify that the establishment has corrected the identified deficiencies noted in the routine inspection or after a pre-operational inspection.
- Complaint** means an inspection of a food service establishment following a complaint of the food service establishment operation, products or the facility.

5. **Report of Inspection**

An inspection report shall be completed following an inspection by the Inspection Official. The inspection report will discuss in narrative format any deficiencies noted. A Food Service Establishment Inspection Report Form, based on the FDA Food Code, shall also be completed by the Inspection Official.

The inspection form summarizes the requirements of the FDA Food Code. The inspection report and inspection form shall be submitted to the Permit Holder, Regulatory Authority, the person in charge of the establishment, the Office of Revenue Commission and to other appropriate agencies based on ownership and type of food service establishment. The inspection report shall state that failure to comply with any time lines for correction may result in cessation of the food service operation.

The completed inspection report is a public document that shall be made available for public disclosure by the Hopi Tribe’s Department of Health and Human Services.

6. **Correction of Deficiencies**

The Inspection Official shall specify in the inspection report a reasonable time frame for the correction of deficiencies, not to exceed ninety days.

7. **Ceasing Operations and Reporting**

- A food service establishment shall cease operations in accordance with the following provisions:
- A Permit Holder shall immediately discontinue operations and notify the Inspection Official and/or Regulatory Authority if an Imminent Health Hazard exists because of an emergency such as a fire, flood, extended interruption of electrical or water service, sewage backup, misuse of poisonous or toxic materials, onset of an apparent food borne illness outbreak, gross unsanitary occurrence or condition, or other circumstance that may endanger public health. The Inspection Official and the Regulatory Authority in coordination with the Office of Revenue Commission shall have the authority to immediately close a food establishment if an imminent health hazard exists and the Permit Holder has failed to cease operations.
 - A Permit Holder shall cease operation for failure to correct deficiencies within a specified time frame. If a Permit Holder fails to demonstrate any progress in correcting deficiencies at the follow-up inspection, the Inspection Official may recommend to the Regulatory Authority that the food establishment be closed. The Regulatory Authority in conjunction with the Inspection Official and the Office of Revenue Commission shall have the authority to close the facility until the deficiencies are corrected. The permit holder need not discontinue operations in an area of an establishment that is unaffected by an Imminent Health Hazard.

