



# HOPI TUTUVENI

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## OSOMUYA MARCH

*The moon of  
whistling winds*

## HOPI CALENDAR

Kyaamuya- December  
Paamuya- January  
Powamuya- February  
Osomuyaw- March  
Kwiyamuyaw- April  
Hakitonmuyaw- May  
Woko'uyis- June  
Talangva- July  
Talapaamuya- August  
Nasan'muyaw- September  
Toho'osmuyaw- October  
Kelmuya- November

## This Month In Hopi History

- Drought causes abandonment of Cliff Dwellings on Mesa Verde and Tesgi Canyon, AD 1250.

- Great Drought during this time caused 36 to 47 Hopi pueblos to be abandoned A.D.. 1276-1299

- During severe smallpox epidemic, Hopis lived at Zuni Pueblo, 1866-1867,

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Indians Into Medicine Health Day U of A**  
March 12.  
(480) 369-5910 [jhonge-va@email.arizona.edu](mailto:jhonge-va@email.arizona.edu)

**Hopi Head Start Recruitment for School Year 2015-2016.** For info contact (928) 734-3513

**Food Handler's Training**  
@ Bacavi Community Center – March 22.

**Wood Harvest Hart Ranch**  
March 26 – 27.  
(928) 734-3603/3607

**2016 Presidential Preference Election Dates:**  
Contact Hopi Elections Office or 1-928-524-4062

**Disability Awareness Conf.**  
April 15 Hopi High Sch.  
Registration (928) 734-3412

**Youth Wellness Camp-**  
Whispering Pines, Prescott,  
June 5-10  
contact 928-734-3432

**Natural Resource Conservation Workshops for Arizona Youth** – July 25-29. Contact Kim at (520) 766-3602 or [kimm@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:kimm@cals.arizona.edu).

**Pueblo Grande Museum Upcoming Events**  
– March – May 2016.  
Contact (602) 495-0901

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## Hopi Tribe awaits Flagstaff City Council to approve Settlement Agreement

Office of the Chairman  
The Hopi Tribe

**Kykotsmovi, Ariz.** – The Hopi Tribe urges immediate approval by the City of Flagstaff of a settlement to end years of litigation between the two governments. The settlement requires the City to construct, operate and maintain an Earthen Filtration System (“EFS”) at Thorpe Park to improve the quality of reclaimed wastewater being sold by the City to the Arizona Snowbowl (“Snowbowl”) for snowmaking at its ski resort on federal land in the San Francisco Peaks.

The San Francisco Peaks, known as Nuvatukya’ovi to the Hopi Tribe, is without a doubt one of the most sacred places to the Hopi Tribe. On August 19, 2011, the Hopi Tribe filed suit in Arizona Superior Court in Coconino County challenging the City’s decision to sell reclaimed wastewater to Snowbowl, alleging that the sale of up to 1.5 million gallons of reclaimed wastewater per day to Snowbowl is illegal because it violates several Arizona laws that govern the proper use of reclaimed wastewater, and creates a public nuisance through environmental contamination.

The Hopi Tribe was the only tribe to assert and litigate public nuisance claims against the City. This settlement – between the Hopi Tribe and the City – resolves those longstanding claims, which have been pending for many years. The litigation involved significant motions practice and appeals to establish the validity of the Hopi Tribe’s public nuisance claims. The Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program has evaluated the EFS filtration system proposed by the City, and has determined that it will substantially improve the quality of the reclaimed water sold by the City to Snowbowl.

The settlement reserves the Hopi Tribe’s right to continue to oppose snowmaking on the San Francisco Peaks, but is an important step in ensuring the use of cleaner water for snowmaking, despite the Hopi Tribe’s continued opposition to snowmaking on the Peaks.

The Hopi Tribe Chairman Herman G. Honanie stressed the importance of the

Tribe’s stance against snowmaking: “Let’s be clear: the Hopi people stand united in their opposition to any activity at Snowbowl, including snowmaking.”

The Hopi Tribal Council has been closely overseeing the difficult litigation and settlement negotiations throughout the course of the process. Hopi Tribal Council members discussed and analyzed the matter periodically with staff for the Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program, other departments, and members of the Hopi Tribe over the course of many months, before unanimously approving the settlement on February 24, 2016.

The settlement agreement makes clear that the Hopi Tribe still opposes snowmaking on the San Francisco Peaks. This is consistent with the Hopi Tribe’s longstanding position. Additionally, to the extent other Tribes have voiced their views opposing snowmaking on the San Francisco Peaks, have filed claims related to the expansion at Snowbowl over the years, and are periodically in consultation with the United States Forest Service, the City and Snowbowl regarding these issues, the settlement has no legal effect on these activities. All these activities can continue as contemplated by the settlement agreement.

The settlement has no adverse effect on the sovereign immunity of the Hopi Tribe or the City, but does allow the Arizona Superior Court to retain jurisdiction over the parties for the limited purpose of enforcing the terms of the settlement.

The Hopi Tribe expects that the City negotiated the settlement in good faith, and will approve the settlement based on the recommendation of the City’s staff and City attorney, who participated in the settlement negotiations. As stated by Hopi Tribal Councilman Norman Honanie, “cleaner water on the San Francisco peaks benefits the City, fits in with the City’s green goals, and recognizes the importance of this issue to the Hopi Tribe and all of the members of the Flagstaff community.” ###

## Lewis represents Team USA on Junior Women’s Running Squad



**Courtney Lewis (Bacavi Village) is the great-granddaughter of the late Valjean and Elda Joshevama**

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

Courtney Lewis (Village of Bacavi) a senior at Flagstaff High School just returned from the APA Pan American Cross-Country Cup held in Caraballeda, Venezuela. Lewis was one of five runners representing Team USA Junior Women’s squad after qualifying at the USATF Cross-Country Championships in Bend, OR where she finished second place overall in the Junior Women’s 6k race.

Before her international running career, Lewis began running in junior high school at Fort Mohave Valley Junior High School. She said from the beginning she ran for fun; then began running competitively when she entered high school at Fort Mohave Valley High School, a Division III school.

“I was the only girl on the cross country team for two years,” said Lewis. “The girls didn’t want to join because of the weather during the season when it’s very warm.”

The temperature normally reaches 100 to 110 degrees in Fort Mohave Valley.

During her junior year in high school, her family moved to the Hopi reserva-

tion for the summer before moving to Flagstaff. Lewis said it was hard to get used to the elevation change from 5000 to 7000 ft. She began her training on the trails in the village of Bacavi and ran in several races on Hopi.

Before moving to Flagstaff she was able to run the sandy hills of Bacavi without stopping. The sandy hills helped Lewis gain her strength.

When she began running for Flagstaff High School, she adjusted to the elevation and earned her way to the top, leading her team to a State Championship title and earning herself the Individual State Title last fall.

She was recipient of the 2015 Navajo Times Runner of the Year Award, the Arizona Daily Sun Female Athlete of the Year Award and two-year MVP for cross country.

After the cross country season was over, she continued running and ran in the Nike Cross Southwest Regionals in Casa Grande, AZ to qualify for the Wings of America Team.

The Wings of America Team is a team comprised of the Nation’s best American Indian runners training to compete in the USA Cross Country Championships.

## Hopi Three Canyon Ranches celebrate second year of success



**Tribal employees, Council members, ranchers, families, and H3CR staff attend celebration**

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Three Canyon Ranches (H3CR) celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary as a private LLC on Mar. 11 at their headquarters near the Twin Arrows exit off I-40. Many Hopi Tribal employees, Hopi ranchers, H3CR staff, families and Hopi leaders joined in the celebration.

“The Hopi Three Canyon Ranches were purchased in 1996 and 1997 with money received from the U.S Government through the Navajo/Hopi Land Dispute Act for Hopi to reacquire some of their aboriginal lands,” said Patrick Browning, General Manager of the Hopi Three Canyon Ranches. “The second part of purchasing the ranches, was that Sen.

John McCain required that lands purchased by the Hopi Tribe be condemned and turned into Hopi Trust lands, but that has not happened.”

The H3CR is comprised of four ranches: Hart Ranch, Clear Creek Ranch, Aja Ranch and 26-Bar Ranch located south of I-40 from Springerville to Twin Arrows.

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# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

THE HOPI  
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## HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL - Second Quarter Session March 1, 2016 AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Certification of Tribal Council Representatives
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Announcements
- VI. Correspondence
- VII. Calendar Planning
- VIII. Approval of Minutes:

February 2, 3, 4, 5, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2015  
March 1, 2, 3, 23, 24, 25, 26, 2015  
April 6, 7, 8, 9, 20, 21, 22, 29, 2015  
May 4, 5, 6, 7, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2015

### IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Action Item 099-2015 – To approve funding for School Tuition – Author Marilyn M. Michael, Village of Shungopavi – TABLED
2. Action Item 116-2015 – To apply for BIE Tribal Education Dept. Grant and accept funds from BIE for 3 years – 2015 – 2017; \$200,000 per year – Author/Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa, Department of Education - TABLED
3. Action Item 007-2016 – To adopt the Hopi Human Resources Policy Manual with an effective date of (Approval Date by Tribal Council) – Author/Lisa Pawwinnee, Director, Office of Human Resources – TABLED
4. Action Item 016-2016 – To approve the Hopi Small Animal Control Ordinance and General Fund Budget of \$132,252 to implement the Hopi Small Animal Control Program – Author/Madeline Sahneyah, Public Health Compliance Officer - TABLED

### XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Action Item 030-2016 – Disapproval of Hopi enrollment application for Tribal Membership for one (1) adult applicant – Author/Mary L. Polacca – 3/1/16 @ 1:30 p.m.
2. Action Item 031-2016 – To approve Enrollment Applications for Hopi Tribal membership – Author/Mary L. Polacca – 3/1/16 @ 2:30 p.m.
3. Action Item 032-2016 – To approve \$829,831.00 to pay off overpayment made in error to villages – Author/Robert Sumatzkuku – 3/1/16 @ 3:30 p.m.
4. Action Item 035-2016 – To approve renaming the Land Committee to Land Commission – Author/Lamar Keevama – 3/7/16 @ 9:30 a.m.
5. Action Item 036-2016 – To approve Budget Modification and justifications to \$271,550.00 and authorize OHLA to expend the re-

maining funds in the amount of \$103,753.16 – Author/Edison Tu’tsi - 3/7/16 @ 10:30 a.m.

6. Action Item 037-2016 – To approve funding Capital Outlay in the amount of \$1 million – 3/7/16 @ 1:30 p.m.
7. Action Item 038-2016 – To establish a Hopi Cultural Property Committee – Author/Troy Honahnjie, Jr. - 3/8/16 @ 9:30 a.m.

### XII. REPORTS- (1 hr time allotted) \*Required Quarterly Reports

8. Office of the Chairman \*
9. Office of the Vice Chairman \* 3/8/16 @ 10:30 a.m.
10. Office of Tribal Secretary \*
11. Office of the Treasurer \*
12. General Counsel \*
13. Office of the Executive Director \*
14. Land Team \*
15. Water/Energy Team \*
16. Transportation Task Team \*
17. Law Enforcement Task Team \*
18. Re-Org. Team \*
19. Office of Revenue Commission \*
20. Gaming Task Team \* -
21. Update Report – Paris Auction
22. Status Report on the Navajo Generating Plant and Kayenta Mine Complex EIS – Mark Slaughter & Sandra Eto, Bureau of Reclamation - 3/7/16 @ 2:30 p.m.
23. Status Report of Ethnographic Investigation on J21W – Leigh Kuwanwisiwma & Maren Hopkins – 3/7/16 @ 3:30 p.m.

### XIII. APPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

1. Audit Team
2. Fire Designee (2)
3. Election Board – Alternate (1) vacancy - Memo OTS 7/23/15
4. Hopi Tribal Treasurer
5. Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation – Board of Directors (2 positions for Hopi/Tewa Tribal Members)
6. Hopi Tribal Housing Authority- Board of Commissioner (1) vacancy
7. General Counsel

### XIV. OTHER

Visit by Hopi Day School Student Council  
Introduction – 3/7/16 @ 9:15 a.m.

### XV. ADJOURNMENT

## Mishongnovi Interim Board advises Council of the removal of Council Representative Andrews

Louella Nahsonhoya  
Hopi Tutuveni

In a letter to the Hopi Tribal Council, the Mishongnovi Interim Board of Directors (MIBOD) advised the Tribal Council that the Interim Board unanimously voted to remove Malinda Andrews as Council Representative for the Village of Mishongnovi, effective immediately.

The letter informed the Council that a Special Board Meeting notice was sent to Andrews mandating her presence at a March 3 meeting, to be held in Executive Session. Andrews did not attend the meeting and did not notify the MIBOD that she would not be in attendance. The scheduled meeting convened addressing

Andrews’ non-attendance and other matters, which had prompted the Executive Session. After discussions, the MIBOD unanimously voted to remove Andrews as Council Representative for the Village of Mishongnovi.

A letter was sent to Andrews informing her of the Interim Board’s decision to remove her as Tribal Council Representative for the Village of Mishongnovi. A letter was also sent to the Tribal Council advising them of the removal.

Letters were signed by MIBOD members: Chairperson Arthur Batala; Vice Chairperson Lucy Lucas; Secretary/Treasurer Crystal Dee; Sgt. of Arms Elmo Nevayaktewa; Member Marilyn Tewa

## Council approves name change from Land Team to Land Commission

Louella Nahsonhoya  
Hopi Tutuveni

Action Item (A.I.) 035-2016, authored by Bacavi Council Representative and Land Committee Chairman Lamar Keevama, sought the approval of Tribal Council to rename the Land Committee to Land Commission.

In his presentation to the Council, Keevama reminded Council that through several previous Resolutions, the Tribal Council had initially established a Land Acquisitions Team and gave it authority and funding to acquire lands for the Hopi Tribe. Through the years, the acquisitions team had progressed and through it, acquired more responsibility. Recognizing the work still needing to be accomplished, the Tribal Council approved a name change from the Land Acquisitions Team to the Land Team empowering it with responsibility to accomplish its work.

Later on, by approval of the Reorganization structure (Resolution H-118-2015), the Land Team was eliminated and the Land Committee was established.

Keevama said the Land Team currently has a good working relationship with the Department of Natural Resources programs and said there is still much work to be accomplished. Keevama said tasks

involving the liability of land issues fits better under a Land Commission rather than the Department Director making decisions.

Keevama reminded Council that with all the work still needing to be accomplished, the Tribe cannot continue to work in status quo, but must move forward and proceed carefully.

Keevama said the authorities and responsibilities formerly delegated to the Land Team would not change and remain in effect. The name change from Land Team to Land Commission would be more formal and the Commission would have more “teeth” in its mission.

Council discussed and had several questions, comments and suggestions on the delegated authority that would come with the name change. After careful discussion and consideration, the change of name from Land Team to Land Commission was passed by a majority vote of 10 yes, 8 No and 1 abstention.

Land Commission Chairman Lamar Keevama said he was grateful to the Tribal Council for approving the name change.

“This was the wishes of the Land Team,” said Keevama. “I think this is a good step in the right direction in dealing with Hopi land issues.”

## Council approves new applicants for Tribal membership

Mary L. Polacca  
Director of Enrollment

The Hopi Tribal Council approved a total of 39 enrollment applicants for membership into the Hopi Tribe on March 1.

The following named enrollees or their sponsors have authorized to publish their names in the Hopi Tutuveni newspaper:

**Bacavi Village Affiliation**  
Brandon Antonio Waconda

**Hotevilla Village Affiliation**  
Etta Jubilee Connors

**Moenkopi Village Affiliation**  
Chloe Taalavi Polacca  
Kimberly Mary Ulibarri

**Mishongnovi Village Affiliation**  
Ziah Bell Zurita

**Kykotsmovi Village Affiliation**  
Stephen Curt Fredericks  
Jhonny Tiger Pete  
Rebekah Wadsworth  
Jasmyne Lauren Riley Zeena

**Shungopavi Village Affiliation**  
Stelin Haze Poola

**Sichomovi Village Affiliation**  
Edie LuLu DesiRae Denet  
Phillipe Roy Garcia, Jr.

**Walpi Village Affiliation:**  
Savannah Rose Charles  
Kailer Henry Jose Colon  
Santo Tito Colon

Based on Tribal Council’s action the total Hopi Tribal Membership as of March 2016 is: 14,277. Please note that the Tribal Membership is increased throughout the year as Hopi Tribal Council approves new enrollees and is decreased when deaths are reported and Hopi Tribal relinquishments occur.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Hopi Tribal Enrollment Office is requesting assistance from members of the Hopi Tribe to update their address data on record with the Enrollment Office, of individuals who are now residing off the Hopi reservation or have returned back to the reservation, by contacting the Enrollment Office at (928)734-3152 or by postal mail at: Hopi Tribe Enrollment Office/ P.O 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

## FAC accepts Hopi Tribe’s FYE 2012 audit

Louella Nahsonhoya  
Hopi Tutuveni

Assistant Finance Director Willis N. Kuwanvama announced Tuesday, March 1, that the Hopi Tribe FYE 2012 Audit was complete and had been sent to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC).

The FAC officially accepted the Tribe’s Single Audit FYE 2012 audit sub-

mission on February 29th.

In his announcement, Kuwanvama thanked everyone for their hardwork “throughout the, often times, demanding process.”

“We appreciate your efforts and commitment to completing the next audit for the Tribe for which the pre-audit work has already commenced,” said Kuwanvama.

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# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL



Patrick Browning, General Manager of the Hopi Three Canyon Ranch and Lamar Keevama, Bacavi Village Tribal Council Representative.

## Clarification to article “Chief Judge rules in Case No. 2015-CR-0977

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

In the Feb. 16 issue of the Hopi Tutuveni, “*Chief Judge Wallace rules in Case. No. 2015-CR-0977,*” Chief Judge Craig Wallace pointed out a correction that required clarification to be made to the article where he found Aaron Takala NOT guilty of Aggravated Assault, but GUILTY of the lesser included offense of assault.

Takala was charged with Aggravated Assault, Domestic Violence and Kidnapping of last April.

The article reads, “Takala was found guilty of Domestic Violence.” It did not include Assault, the lesser offence. According to the Court Order document it states, “The Hopi Tribal Court finds and adjudges the Defendant GUILTY of assault, pursuant to Hopi Code Section 3.7.1.2., and Domestic Violence, pursuant to Hopi Code Section 3.6.7.6, with the Assault being the underlying act of domestic violence”.

“The evidence did not fall within the definition of “serious physical injury” in the Hopi Code,” said Judge Wallace.

Takala appeared before Judge Wallace in the Hopi Tribal Courts on Feb. 11 for his sentencing hearing on the charges he was found guilty; Domestic Violence and Assault- Attempting.

In the Judgement Order provided by Judge Wallace, it states that Takala was sentenced to 700 days for Domestic Violence and 180 days for Assault – Attempting.

The Judgement Order states the sentencing shall run concurrent with one another for a total of 700 days with 153 days credit for time served. Takala will remain in the custody of the Hopi BIA Corrections and Law Enforcement Services and began serving 240 days of the jail sentence at the San Luis Detention Facility. He must participate in the Turning Points Program while in custody until his release date of Oct. 8, 2016.

Judge Wallace ordered suspending the sentence of 307 days in jail and placed the defendant on SUPERVISED Probation under the supervision of the Hopi Tribal Probation Department for a period of 18 months.

## H3CR celebration from p1

A couple years ago, Browning and Clayton Honyumptewa, Department of Natural Resources Director proposed to the Hopi Tribal Council to have the H3CR become an LLC; it was previously under the management of the Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC). The Hopi Tribe thought it would best fit the ranches to become a Limited Liability Company to keep the ranching business out of politics.

As an LLC, H3CR is registered with the State to follow the state requirements of an LLC and must follow certain obligations of an LLC where they must have a Board of Directors, monthly meetings, report their audits and meeting minutes.

“We recognized issues with the ranches being under HTEDC and we introduced an Action Item to make H3CR a stand-alone,” said Lamar Keevama Bacavi Council Representative. “We felt it was a good decision based on the successes of the ranches today.”

In 2011, the H3CR, LLC and the Hopi Tribe received a Conservative Stewardship Program (CSP) grant in the amount of \$9 million to improve Hopi ranch lands.. The program was designed to perform required improvements and techniques over a period of five years. Janice Lewis, CSP Manager was hired to oversee the grant and has been very instrumental in getting land improvement projects started and complete.

“Lewis has a lot of experience and the tenacity to keep on top of these projects. She currently has 50 projects going,” said Browning. “As part of the CSP grant, we are renovating existing homes on the ranches, upgrading existing wells and installing new wells. One of the wells will be a solar pumping well.”

Before H3CR became LLC, HTEDC was in charge of the contract for two years. HTEDC lacked the experience of managing a ranch and Browning was having challenges with HTEDC.

“Before I got here, we almost lost the contract two times; and again four times

in the six months I was here under HTEDC,” said Browning. “Things weren’t being handled with Hopi and the intent of the contract foremost in their minds.”

The H3CR has three programs that give back to the Hopi Tribe: the Hopi Certified Beef Program, Bull Lease Program, Hopi Youth Ranch Internship Program, hay and mineral sales.

The Hopi Certified Beef Program is in its third year and has been established as Gold standard in the Southwest.

“This is not only for Native cow herds, but for all of the Southwest that our Certified Beef Program is being recognized for,” said Browning.

The Bull Lease Program is a program where Hopi ranchers can lease registered bulls from H3CR during breeding season. A total of 45 bulls are taken to the Hopi Sales Corral where ranchers draw for the bulls at \$500 each. Browning is proud of the program because it has been successful and many Hopi ranchers are happy with the program. He said they were skeptical at first until it was actually implemented.

The Hopi Youth Ranch Internship Program is open to Hopi youth who would like to work on the ranch during the summer. Browning said he was having a hard time recruiting cowboys for the job.

“I couldn’t find a reliable cowboy so I thought it would be best to raise cowboys so I went to Hopi High School and recruited some young guys,” said Browning. “We have two of the interns here today.”

Before the program was implemented they were lacking funds. Browning and his wife donated \$20K to the program. DNR Director Honyumptewa donated to the program when he received funding.

The H3CR comprises of a half million acres, with six ranch hands who manage the lands 24/7. Since being purchased, 167K acres of H3CR has been put into trust land and 147K acres are still State lands.

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## Hopi Jr./Sr. High School seniors not required to take test to graduate from High School

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

This year, seniors at Hopi Jr./Sr. High School (HJSHS) do not have to take the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test to graduate, as was required in the past.

“The only requirement for seniors to graduate is that they have 22 credits at the end of the school year prior to graduation,” said DuShon Monongye, High School Academic Counselor.

In Nov. 2014, the Arizona State Board of Education adopted Arizona’s Measurement of Education Readiness to Inform Teaching (Az MERIT) test to measure a student’s understanding in the areas of math, reading and writing.

This is the second year HJSHS will implement the test to the 10<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

“The test scores for Az MERIT are used for scholarship applications, summer school and is used by the Upward Bound Program,” said Laurel Poleyestewa, Academic Counselor.

Poleyestewa said the Arizona Department of Education has not yet

determined if the Az MERIT will be a graduation requirement, but said there needs to be some form of test for seniors at the end of the year.

“Students still need to do well on these tests; just because there are no tests required for graduation does not mean these tests are not important,” said Poleyestewa.

Students at HJSHS are also required to take the Northwest Evaluation Association (NEWA) test three times a year as mandated by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). The NEWA test measures pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade growth and learning in the areas of math, reading and writing.

According to BIE, test results from NEWA encourages student success and helps teachers identify areas of improvement or challenges, thereby teachers can make adjustment to lesson plans to meet student needs.

“If a student scores low in any area of reading, math or writing, they will receive help in that area; if they score above average, they will be put in honors classes,” said Poleyestewa.

Poleyestewa said in speaking with some of the teachers, they found that their students scored high on the test as opposed to working in the classroom.

“These kids are smart, but they are not motivated in the classroom and we need find ways to fix that,” said Poleyestewa.

After taking the NEWA test, a teacher moved some students into an honors class because they demonstrated they could comprehend that subject; but, when the students got into the classroom, they couldn’t do the work. “Their motivation was not there,” said Poleyestewa.

Students, especially 10<sup>th</sup> graders, also take the American College Test (ACT) Aspire which is a pre-test for the ACT. This test shows if a student is ready for college.

Monongye said she would like to see this test as a requirement or mandated for all 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

“They do not know how important this test is and we keep stressing to them that they need to take this test now before they leave; because it’s free,” said Monongye.



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR / VIEWS / OPINIONS

## Open Letter to the public



Dear Members of the Hopi Public,

In 1996, a thoughtful and generous couple, Robert and Mary Jane Albin of Prescott, Arizona (pictured above) willed a large portion of their estate “to the HOPI INDIAN TRIBE to be used exclusively for the purpose of educating Hopi children.” After several years, the estate has now been settled and valued at approximately \$479,000. In considering the administration of the estate for its stated purpose, the attorneys handling the Albin’s property felt assured knowing that the Tribe had the foresight to create an educationally-focused organization in the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) that was capable of satisfying the conditions of the estate and donor’s intent- to educate Hopi children.

HEEF came about nearly 15 years ago when the Hopi Tribal Council, acting on the long held belief that education is the key to the success and survival of the Hopi people, enacted a tribal law known as Hopi Tribal Ordinance #54. In addition to establishing the personnel organization and an oversight board, Ordinance #54 created within HEEF a distinct trust account, segregated from all other Tribal monies, the funds of which would be used exclusively for the educational needs of Hopi people.

To ensure that HEEF remains a perpetual source of educational funding, Ordinance #54 mandated that HEEF deposit, invest, and hold in perpetuity in the trust fund virtually all monies given to it, including the Tribe’s generous initial deposit of \$10 million and subsequent gifts received from outside sources. Ordinance #54 insisted that only the interest and investment returns earned on the Fund’s monies, as well as certain limited types of external gifts, can be used on a day-to-day basis to carry out HEEF’s mission – in other words, only the money earned on the HEEF trust fund can be used for grants and scholarships, community education programs, staffing and operations.

The overall goal of HEEF is simple -- to accept, invest, and make as much money as possible to meet as many of the educational needs of the Hopi people as possible. This distinct mission of fund oversight sets the HEEF apart from the Hopi Tribe Grants and Scholarship Program (HTGSP). HEEF is not directly involved with the distribution of those funds to the students – that responsibility is left solely to the HTGSP. HEEF and HTGSP work in partnership to carry forward their separate but related responsibilities.

The HEEF is governed by a 26 member Board of Directors. The Board is a diverse group that includes Hopi and non-Hopi individuals representing various professions, levels of education, and experiences. Each of the Board Members believes in the HEEF mission and accepts the responsibility to oversee the Fund. The Board, along with the Executive Director, is responsible for the safeguarding and growth of the Fund for the Hopi people. As fiduciaries, we are proud to share the following highlights with you:

- Through careful, thoughtful, and responsible management and oversight the original \$10 million investment is currently valued at over \$20 million.
- HEEF funds have been used to assist an

average of 120 college students per semester. Throughout the years a total of 309 Hopi students have achieved their associate, bachelor, masters, doctorate and law degrees.

- HEEF also awards a small but important part of its annual operational monies to fund IMAGINE Grants. These small grants fund community educational programs developed by Hopi tribal members on and near the Reservation. Those who create the programs apply directly to HEEF for funding, and the themes of the programs vary greatly from culture, language, and arts, to science and technology. Some of the recent grant recipients include Hopitutukai, Adventures for Hopi, Sun Camping on the Mesas, The Nakwatsvewat Institute, the Hotevilla Ngumanki Program, KUYI, etc. Since 2004, a total of \$136,000 of HEEF funding has been used to fund IMAGINE Grants.
- Through fundraising efforts, over \$ 1.5 million has been solicited and added to the HEEF trust fund. The existence of HEEF as a segregated Tribal fund has been an important factor considered by many donors in making their gifts to the Tribe.
- The annual independent audits that the HEEF has gone through each year since inception have all come back as Unmodified, the best result possible.

We share a few of our successes with you to demonstrate that the HEEF is working as it should and is an effective tool for the advancement of Hopi tribal members’ educational opportunities. Through continued gift acceptance, fund raising, and wise investment strategies by HEEF, more opportunities for the education and success of Hopi people are on the horizon.

One of those possible opportunities could very well be the Albin estate gift to the Tribe “for the purpose of educating Hopi children.” That purpose is at the heart of the Ordinance #54 that created HEEF and is carried out on a daily basis by the HEEF Board, Executive Director, and staff. We would hope that the Tribal Council would take into account that purpose, as well as the proven track record of HEEF, when it soon considers an action item to distribute the Albin estate monies. If allocated to HEEF, those monies would not only fund students today or even next year, but be placed in a fund of monies that will assist Hopi students in achieving their educational dreams for generations to come.

We as members of the HEEF Executive Committee would be happy to discuss our purpose, history, and goals with the community at large as well as with members of the Tribal Council. And on behalf of the entire HEEF Board, the Executive Director, and staff, we want the community to know that we are working hard to make more resources available than ever to support the educational goals and aspirations of Hopi students.

Respectfully,  
The HEEF Executive Committee:  
Dr. Kim Kahe Corkin, President  
Romalita Laban, Vice President  
Dr. Pamela Powell, Secretary  
Brent Hines, Treasurer  
Tim Evans, EC Member  
Stephanie Parker, EC Member  
Debbie Nez Manuel, EC Member

## Open Letter of Invitation

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter of invitation to Hopi Village CSA’s, Village members, Tribal Departments/Programs and Community partners to invite you or a representative to join in the planning of four Community Summits to help update the Hopi Pötskwaniat – Hopi Tribal Consolidated Strategic Plan. The Hopi Tribe will be working in partnership with the Hopi Foundation who will help to facilitate the planning and final outcomes report for each summit. The following topic areas are defined by the previous Pötskwaniat that we wish to focus these summits around:

- I) Economic Development Summit- Tentatively scheduled for April 18-19, 2016
- II) Education Summit- to be held June, 2016
- III) Conservation & Natural Resources - to be held in August, 2016
- IV) Governance & Self Sufficiency - to be held in October, 2016

The goals of updating the Pötskwaniat Strategic Plan are to provide opportunity for tribal agencies, villages, and community-based organizations to report on developments since the last updates to the Pötskwaniat Strategic Plan and receive community input for the update of the Plan this year.

Key areas of the planning that you or your representatives can support are specified below.

**Steering Committee:** The role of the Steering Committee is to guide the overall key planning areas of the Summits defined below as well as to assist with the development of the final report of the Summits and update the 2016 Hopi Pötskwaniat Consolidated Strategic Plan.

Key Planning Areas:

- **Historical Review & Updates from**

**Partners:** For example, soliciting, compiling and summarizing presentations for break-out discussion groups.

- **Survey Development:** For example, survey development, solicitation, and data compilation & summary preparation for Steering Committee.

- **Marketing & Community Outreach:** For example, development and distribution of print & media marketing, radio interviews, and general public outreach.

- **Event Planning:** For example, logistical site planning, event volunteers for registration/set-up/clean-up, supply & equipment needs and food catering/set-up.

- **Facilitation:** For example, discussion group facilitator(s), recorders/note-takers, subject matter experts, training and break-out session topic agendas.

- **Agenda:** For example, review survey data to help guide focus areas of the Summit agenda, select keynote speakers and support break-out session workflow.

- **Reporting:** For example, participate in final Summit debriefings to summarize the outcomes of community input from the Summit events.

The Steering Committee will meet at least 2 times per month prior to the Summits providing guidance to key planning areas and then meeting weekly the month leading up to the Summits.

We look forward to the planning of successful Summits and welcome the expertise and support of your staff to assist in various aspects of the planning. For more information, please contact **Marissa Nuvayestewa, at (928) 734-2380 or via email [marissa@hopifoundation.org](mailto:marissa@hopifoundation.org).**

Sincerely,  
Wayne Taylor, Jr., Executive Director  
Office of the Executive Director

## Women Who Inspire

By: Sharon Fredericks  
VA Counselor

March is Women’s History Month. Hopi is a matrilineal society which means we follow our mother’s lineage in our culture. It is through our mothers or grandmothers that we learn cultural teachings that will carry us through our lives. The women of the past have endured much hardship and deserve a “Thank you!” or Asquali! for all they have done. I attribute this to those women.

I, like many, born and raised on the reservation thought all women were hard-working, strict, and were jacks-of-all-trades. My own mother chopped wood daily, drove trucks, chopped weeds at the field, prepared meals, made all Hopi foods and sewed blankets or clothing. She also took other ladies out to gather wild greens in the summer and picked fruit and corn during harvest without tiring. She was up at O’dark thirty, and had the same expectation of us. The job (whatever she assigned on a minute-by-minute basis) was not complete until she was satisfied it was. The standard for me at that time was very high. We were saved by our father who believed “Children should be allowed to be children, and have a childhood of fun”, philosophy. I’m sure my mother was eager to get us past that age so she could start assigning tasks.

Later, I joined the military and was *somewhat* grateful she was a tough mom because I think that helped me to persevere the regime it required. She always had that, “Just-do-it attitude; no sniveling” philosophy.

One day I asked her about her growing up. She told me she was very grateful to my grandmother who took her in when her own mother died during her childbirth; AND to the goat at the church where they got milk to get her past her nursing days!

Those who knew my mother know she never missed a chance to get in a good chuckle or a belly-shaking laugh. My mother was born in a time when there were no services on Hopi. No paved roads, no electricity where she lived and most of what they grew were what they survived on. She and other ladies told me that when a person’s house was wired for electricity, people came in the evening to look in the windows. I guess just to see what the “light” looked like.

She grew up grinding corn on her hands and knees with her Bacavi friends. She said after they finished grinding for one girls’ family, there was more to grind and they had to keep going until all was com-

plete. Despite their humble beginnings, she said life was peaceful back then.

One of the valuable lessons I got from my mother was to always find something to do - doing something with your hands - sewing, pottery or plaque-making. I watched her do all of that. The other thing she did was sing. She was a great singer of all songs. She said her father sang all the time so she knew many kachina songs and sang almost every day until the last of her days.

Today, my work is helping and/or teaching war veterans how to overcome the grips of Post-traumatic stress on their lives. We call that in modern times, therapy.

Trauma can be learned from any kind of experience like war, or having your mother die in childbirth. Veterans tell their stories of how they overcame their trauma, sometimes through sheer will to live another day.

I believe that’s what she did. After her traumatic beginnings, she made her life worth living. Not by our standards, but by hers. Some days, she laughed to get past the sad times. Other days she worked hard all day until she collapsed into the chair. I know she had stress too, but she told me to keep thinking in a way that will get you past it. One thing she never did was, give up.

I know that many of you can see your own mothers or grandmothers in this story. I’ve met many of them. I’ve met women who raised their families alone, without their fathers. I’ve met women who managed college with 4 kids to feed and raise, holding two jobs. I’ve met women who prepared food all night long so at dawn the men could eat a delicious meal. I’ve met many, many very strong women who inspire me. I’m so thankful to them for providing that example.

There are many women today who make the headlines and who are doing great things for their people. We applaud them!

But behind the scenes we have these women, women like my mom and your mom, women who ARE making HISTORY, here with me and you. We know what we know, to carry on the culture. You know exactly what to do alone because she taught you how.

My mother is now gone but every time I make some kind of Hopi food, I can “hear” her instructions in the back of my head.

I hope this story inspires you to make your own HISTORY with your daughters and sons so that we remain **STANDING STRONG** while making our own history, in our own way.



# LOCAL NEWS

## HUD Office of Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Services withholds funding from Hopi Housing Authority

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

In a letter to the Hopi Tribal Council (HTC), Chester Carl, Executive Director of the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) said the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Formula Customer Service determined the Hopi Tribe was over-funded by \$1.1 million. Carl said HUD determined the overfunding was for 84 homeownership housing units that reached title conveyance eligibility dates; but titles were never conveyed to homeowners, and HTHA continued to receive from 2012 to 2015. HUD informed HTHA that all units in any projects that reach their Date of Full Availability (DOFA) in or prior to FY1990, were removed from the Tribe’s Formula Current Assisted Stock (FCAS) data, as of FY2016. According to the Native

American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA), 25 U.S.C., all Mutual Help and Turnkey III units developed under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 that are conveyed, or eligible to be conveyed to homeowner prior to Oct. 1 of the calendar year for which funds are provided, are no longer FCAS eligible; unless the tribe can demonstrate that unit has not been conveyed for reasons beyond its control. According to the terms of the Mutual Help and Occupancy Agreements (MHOA), units are eligible for conveyance no later than 25 years from the date of the Home Owners Agreements. Carl said the current management at HTHA was not aware of the agreement or instruction from HUD to keep them apprised of conveyance eligible units. “It appears the only communication HUD had with HTHA regarding the unconveyed units were made in Nov. 2008, Nov. 2009,

Nov. 2010 and Apr. 2011, in which HUD stated the tribe must continue to document their efforts to resolve these title issues and convey the units,” said Carl. Carl said some of the challenges for the units not being conveyed were due to issues with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Land Titles and Records Office and the high turnover in Executive Directors at HTHA. HTHA was verbally told by a representative from BIA that title conveyances were not their priority and in a letter BIA stated that due to budget constraints title conveyance documents would be transferred to the BIA Real Estate Service, Western Regional Office. The only information HTHA found in their files showing their communication with HUD, was an email dated Sept. 2013 from Cristal Quinn, Grants Management Specialist stating she would provide technical assistance, but was never provided. HTHA has since re-

sponded to IHBG Formula Customer Service stating they would not waive their rights to a notice and hearing if HUD decides to take action and withhold NAHASDA funds from the Hopi Tribe; and they disagree with HUD’s decision and will exercise the right to appeal. Last month, HTHA received notice of \$600 million funds allocated among 587 tribes, with notation that there was a reduction in funds for Hopi. “It appears HUD took action to reduce funding without going through the process as required by NAHASDA regulations,” said Carl. Since that time, HTHA has established a lobbyist in Washington DC to help protect Hopi funds without any cutbacks and is currently working with Senator McCain’s office to apply pressure to HUD officials to not take back the funding. “These funds will be used on future projects,” said Carl.

## Hopi Tribe and Kaibab National Forest honored for partnership project

Michael Lyndon  
Tribal Relations Prog Mgr  
Kaibab National Forest

Hopi Tribe and Kaibab National Forest were recently honored with a national-level Forest Service award for their partnership on important springs restoration work on the North Kaibab Ranger District. The recipients of the 2015 “Rise to the Future” awards for excellence and leadership in fisheries, hydrology, soil science and air programs were announced this month and included recognition of the Hopi Tribe and Kaibab National Forest for “Tribal Accomplishment” related to the Big Springs and Castle Springs Restoration Project, which highlighted the ecological importance of natural springs as well as their cultural significance to tribes. “I feel humbled and grateful that the partnership would be recognized for its merits and acknowledge that it is but a starting point for continued collaborative efforts in the future,” said Everett Gomez, Reed/Bamboo Clan, Paaqavi Village, and a case manager for the Hopi Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program. The Big Springs and Castle Springs Restoration Project was the first tribal-Forest Service collaborative project to be implemented after the 2014 publication of the new Land and Resources Management Plan for the Kaibab National Forest. This was significant because the project put into action two important goals of the newly revised forest plan.

First, it implemented desired conditions for seeps and springs that had been developed collaboratively and identified in the plan. Second, it provided a setting for exchanging information between tribal elders and youth about land stewardship and offered an opportunity for the sharing of traditional ecological knowledge between the tribe and forest, which will contribute to future management actions on seeps and springs. Over the course of a week in 2014, Hopi elders and cultural advisors [Hopi Cultural Resource Advisory Task Team] worked with 18 tribal youth from the Hopi Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program, Hopi cultural and natural resources staff, Kaibab National Forest leadership, and representatives from a variety of other organizations and programs to conduct key restoration actions at two natural springs sites on the North Kaibab Ranger District. Since then, additional phased restoration work has been accomplished, and annual projects are planned for the coming years. Partners have removed graffiti at Castle Springs and eliminated a decaying corral, rusted barbed wire fence and trash in the area. They have also removed invasive vegetation encroaching in an adjacent meadow, constructed water catchments using traditional techniques for both wildlife and cattle, and built a fence to protect the spring. At Big Springs, a more visible path has been constructed in order to deter visitors from making their own paths, alleviating the spider web effect of footpaths that was damaging fragile soils. And, throughout the project area, Hopi ancestral sites have been restored and protected against potential impacts from recreation and public use. “This work is important in many ways such as bringing our youth and elders together to promote teaching and understanding; cultural identity and survival; preserving our environment encompassing land, air and water; strong partnerships and sharing of resources between the entities involved; education and employment pathways for our youth; and, understanding better the importance of the spiritual value surrounding all these things,” Gomez said.

Prior to the implementation of the restoration treatments, technical specialists from the Kaibab National Forest, Hopi Tribe and Springs Stewardship Institute collected baseline data at both springs locations. They plan to conduct long-term monitoring at the sites to assess the potential ecological benefits of incorporating traditional ecological knowledge and techniques into other restoration efforts on the forest. “The Hopi Tribe and the Kaibab National Forest have been working together for over 20 years, but I feel the work that’s taking place through this partnership sets a new precedent for collaborative management of the forest,” said Mike Lyndon, tribal liaison for the Kaibab. “These projects are greatly increasing the exchange of technical and traditional knowledge between the forest and the tribe while accomplishing critical restoration projects in places that are culturally important to native people. This has been, and continues to be, a valuable learning process for all of us.” Representatives of the Hopi Tribe and Kaibab National Forest will be presented with their “Rise to the Future” award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May. Viewprojectphotosat<https://www.flickr.com/photos/kaibabnationalforest/albums/72157648171820197>. The Kaibab National Forest and Hopi Tribe worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Communications to collaboratively produce a short video about the project, which will soon be released

## APS power failure forces businesses on Hopi Reservation to close for one day

Crystal Dee  
Hopi Tutuveni

Hopi residents woke to no electricity in their homes on Feb. 29, due to an electrical wire that went down near the Hopi Health Care Center. The power outage at first only affected residence of Second Mesa and some residence in Kykotsmovi. Later at around 11:30, all of Third Mesa was without electricity. The power was restored late in the afternoon at around two o’clock after Arizona Public Service (APS) response crews made repairs. According to Rick Nicosia, APS Manager of the Northeast Division, APS experienced a failure of a tension sleeve, a device that splices two pieces of wires together. “It failed in an unexpected way and that caused the wire to come down to the ground,” said Nicosia. “We don’t expect those typical devices to fail and that one in particular has been in service for a few years.” Nicosia explained there was an odd

hole in the middle of the wire and they are doing everything they can to pinpoint the cause of the failure. The wire and sleeves that failed were collected and taken to the APS Engineering and Standard Department for a forensic analysis to make sure it was not a material defect. “It was not an electrical failure, it was a mechanical failure,” said Nicosia. After a forensic analysis has been completed, a report is filed and sent to all the division managers within APS where it will be submitted for Corrective Action after which a number of things will occur to improve the problem. The Hopi reservation has experienced many power outages within the last year and APS said there are several things in the works to improve reliability and efforts are ongoing. According to APS, 33% of power outages are related to weather and/or critters and wildlife getting into their equipment. “As a company, APS has spent around \$1.5 million on infrastructure upgrades and our system reliability is

very critical to us,” said Nicosia. APS said they try to provide uninterrupted services to their customers by responding efficiently and following their notification process. When a power outage occurs, APS contacts the Hopi Chairman’s Office; Edgar Shupla, Hopi Tribe Facilities Maintenance Director and other resources like the Hopi radio station, KUYI to inform their customer of power outages. They also have an employee who is dedicated to the Hopi reservation 24/7 and is also a first responder when an electrical outage occurs; if he can’t fix the problem, he calls for back up if additional equipment is needed. “We need people to call us when they experience a power outage,” said Jenna Shaver, APS Media Contact. “It helps us to pin point what areas are affected and will help us to respond quicker. You can go to APS.com and report the power outage.” Nicosia said APS takes power outages very seriously and wants Hopi to have safe and reliable power all the time.

## Hopi Guild closed indefinitely due to storm damages

By: Milland Lomakema  
Hopi Guild

The Hopi Guild is currently closed indefinitely due to heavy weather storm damages. Because of the lack of financial resources, it is very hard to meet the cost of fixing and repair work on the guild. The Hopi Guild appreciates any donations, material and

volunteer help to make repairs. Your response will be deeply appreciated. Any questions, call Milland Lomakema Sr. at (928) 613-7193. Thank you for your kindness. Have a prosperous New Year. Quok’Hai. By lolo ma sani

## Tree Thinning and Brush Removal Project

Carl Seweystewa  
Wildlife/Ecosystems Management

The Wildlife/Ecosystems Management Program (WEMP) will be conducting a Tree Thinning and Brush Removal Project at Polacca Wash beginning April 6, and is expected to last approximately six months. The purpose of this Project is to reduce the fuel load within the 200 acre wildland/urban interface management area. Reducing the amount of the fuel load will protect the personal and residential property, in the Polacca community, from the risks of moderate to high intensity fires and also ensure personal safety to residents. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the WEMP at (928)734-3607.





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**In the Hopi Tribal Court,  
Keams Canyon, Arizona**

In the Matter of the Change of Name of: Steven Honanie

Case No. 2015-CV-0111, NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF CHANGE OF NAME.

Notice is hereby given that Steven Honanie has petitioned the court for the change of name from: Steven Honanie to Steven Lomatskioma. 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: November 10, 2015  
/s/ Margene Namoki, Clerk of the Court


**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Articles of Organization have been filed in the Office of the Arizona Corporation Commission for:

NAME: TRIBAL INK, LLC L-2057051-1  
The address of the known place of business is:  
Highway 264 1 Main Street,  
Hotevilla, Arizona 86030

The name and street address of the Statutory Agent is:  
Elton Calnimpewa, P.O. Box 970, Hotevilla, Arizona 86030

Management of the limited liability company is reserved to the members. The names and addresses of each person who is a member are: Elton Calnimpewa, P.O. Box 970, Hotevilla, Arizona 86030




**HOPI CREDIT ASSOCIATION (HCA)  
NOTICE TO CONTACT**

The following individuals need to contact the Hopi Credit Association as soon as possible at 928-737-2000.

**Skeena Cedarface**  
**Jolene Phillips**  
**Christopher Talayumptewa**

**Marilyn Mase**  
**Walden Tewa, Jr.**

**NOTICE:** HCA website: hopicredit.org and email address: hcassociation@aol.com are no longer in use.



The Office of Marketing & Sales, Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites is interested in filling the following position(s):

**Operations & Marketing Associate**  
Full Time Position- Salary Depending On Experience  
**Closing Date-March 28th 2016**

Management support of marketing initiatives and programs for the Moenkopi Developers Corporation, create and execute multi-channel marketing and lead generation, social media optimization, writing, editing, and producing print. Associate will also develop, launch, and track campaigns, use online analytics to capture and report marketing results and strategize creative ways to improve marketing outreach. Candidate must demonstrate an ability to learn and engage individuals with a high level of professionalism and communication. An Associate's Degree in a related area with 5 or more years experience in tourism and/or a retail environment preferred. Candidates with a combination of experience in retail, business, and tourism will be considered.

**Tour Guide**  
On-Call Position- \$10 per hour plus gratis  
**Closing Date March 28th 2016**


Guiding and managing Half Day/Full Day tours of Hopi and the Grand Canyon. Guide must have a basic understanding of Microsoft office and be able to utilize email and basic accounting systems. Guide must be able to lift 75-100 lbs, and handle a moderate amount of outdoor, physical activity. Ideal candidate would excel at multi-tasking, interpersonal communication, and demonstrate a capacity to learn and adapt. Basic knowledge of Hopi art, food, & culture required. Candidate must have a phone, valid driver's license, and pass a drug test for consideration.

To apply, please complete a general application and submit your resume to:  
Moenkopi Legacy Inn & Suites / P.O. Box 2260 / Tuba City AZ, 86045 / Att: James Surveyor

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

**Hopi Assisted Living Facility in Moenkopi Seeks  
Candidates for Board Members**

If you are an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe and would like to be considered submit a letter of interest to the Board President Florence Choyou at POB 397 Tuba City, Arizona 86045



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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS OF MARCH 8, 2016**

<b>Job #03-003 LEGAL SECRETARY</b> Office of General Counsel Hourly: \$15.19 Number of Positions: 1 Closing Date: March 21, 2016	<b>Job #03-002 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR</b> Hopi Resource Enforcement Services Hourly: \$20.23 Number of Positions: 1 Closing Date: March 21, 2016
<b>Job #03-001 ACCOUNTANT</b> Village of Sichomovi Hourly: \$15.00 Number of Positions: 1 Closing Date: March 21, 2016	<b>Job #02-022 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR</b> Office of Special Needs Salary: \$53,286.00 Number of Positions: 1 Closing Date: March 21, 2016
<b>Job #02-018 DIABETES PREVENTION EDUCATOR</b> Hopi Wellness Center Hourly: \$13.43 Number of Positions: 1 Closing Date: March 21, 2016 *30 Hours Per Week*	<b>Job #02-017 PROJECT MANAGER</b> Hopi Emergency Medical Services Salary: \$64,688.00 Number of Positions: 1 Closing Date: March 21, 2016 *Full Time 18 Month Position*
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LOCAL NEWS

Hopi Housing Authority breaks ground for 40 rental housing units in Winslow



Crystal Dee, Hopi Tutuveni

In his welcoming address at the Rental Unit housing groundbreaking ceremony in Winslow, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) Board of Commissioner Vice Chairman Patrick Secakuku said “this is a historic event and has been a long time coming; but we are finally realizing the 40 housing units coming to fruition and reality.” Secakuku said the 40 rental housing units was a vision several years ago, 2013 to be exact. He said it wouldn’t have been made possible without the help of Tribal Leaders Chairman Herman G. Honanie, Vice Chairman Alfred Lomahquahu Jr. and the Hopi Tribal Council; as well as HTHA Executive Director Chester Carl and Deputy Executive Director Elward Edd.

The \$12 million project is being funded by appropriations through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). HTHA receives \$6.2 million in appropriations yearly.

Construction is slated to begin next week by the Chuska Development Corporation, a Native American-owned Corporation established in New Mexico in 1977.

Laurence Manuelito, President of Chuska Development Corporation said they are dedicated to serving Native American clientele throughout the Southwest. Although he is licensed to do work off reservation, he prefers to work with Native American communities. “There are rules and regulations when working on reservations. Many construction companies don’t know that and as a Native American Corporation we have that advantage and understand these rules and regulations,” said Manuelito. “We will work closely with the Hopi Tribal Employee Rights Office.”

“We are very excited to move dirt and we will begin setting up mobilization within the next week,” said Manuelito.

“In order for us to get this project completed on time, we will need to work together and communicate.”

The design phase was completed early last spring, but there were challenges in getting approvals from various tribal departments, according to Carl. The land development permit was approved a week

prior to the groundbreaking ceremony.

Another challenge HTHA faced was Ordinance 55 which approved the Hopi Tribal Planning Ordinance to regulate land development on the Hopi Reservation.

“Because there hadn’t been any construction on the Hopi reservation since 2004, there were questions on building regulations and home codes,” said Secakuku.

Secakuku couldn’t be more excited about the project becoming a reality because of the challenges they faced. He said the contractors were willing to wait when they could have easily walked away.

“We want good homes for our Hopi people, we want the best for them,” said Secakuku.

Carl said it’s hard when a family comes to you crying saying they have no place to live; or a family that lives in another state saying they want to move home, but they don’t have a place to go.

“You can’t tell them anything because we don’t have anything to offer. Because of that, we have put a lot of effort into moving this project forward,” said Carl.

It would have been ideal to have this project closer to home; however the Winslow site was the only opportunity they had since HTHA was at the verge of losing funds from NAHASDA.

The new rental units, an addition to the Owa-Ki-Tsoki Winslow Complex, will feature single and duplex energy efficient homes with carports. Each home will have a plaque acknowledging it is an energy star home.

“Our home is where our roots develop and that is where we nourish our children,” said Hopi Chairman Herman G. Honanie.

The rentals units will be based on income and renters must provide required documentation that will be verified by the HTHA Residential Services Department.

HTHA is also proud to announce other upcoming projects:

- The 19 scattered housing project currently in the construction phase.
- Spider Mound housing project in the design. Engineering phase to be complete in Sept.
- The Moenkopi homeownership project in the design phase.
- First Mesa Development Project in the planning phase.

Lewis Continued from P1



Team USA: Courtney Lewis, kneeling second right front row. Team USA ran in the Pan American Cross Country Cup in Caraballeda, Venezuela on March 5.

Lewis and her team placed first at the USA Cross Country Championship and she placed individually second overall with a time of 7:59. This qualified her to earn a spot on the Team USA cross country team to compete in the Pan American Cross Country Championship.

Lewis placed 15th overall in Caraballeda, Venezuela with a time of 24:00.

“It wasn’t my best race, but I’m still proud of what I got and I was one of the top three Americans to finish the race,” said Lewis.

Now that her running season is over, she plans to work with Wings of America at the summer camps throughout Native American communities in the Southwest.

Last week, Lewis verbally committed to

running for Arizona State University in the fall. She visited the campus and feels confident with her decision.

“It’s a big relief off my shoulders,” said Lewis of her decision. “I will major in Nutrition with a minor in sports medicine.”

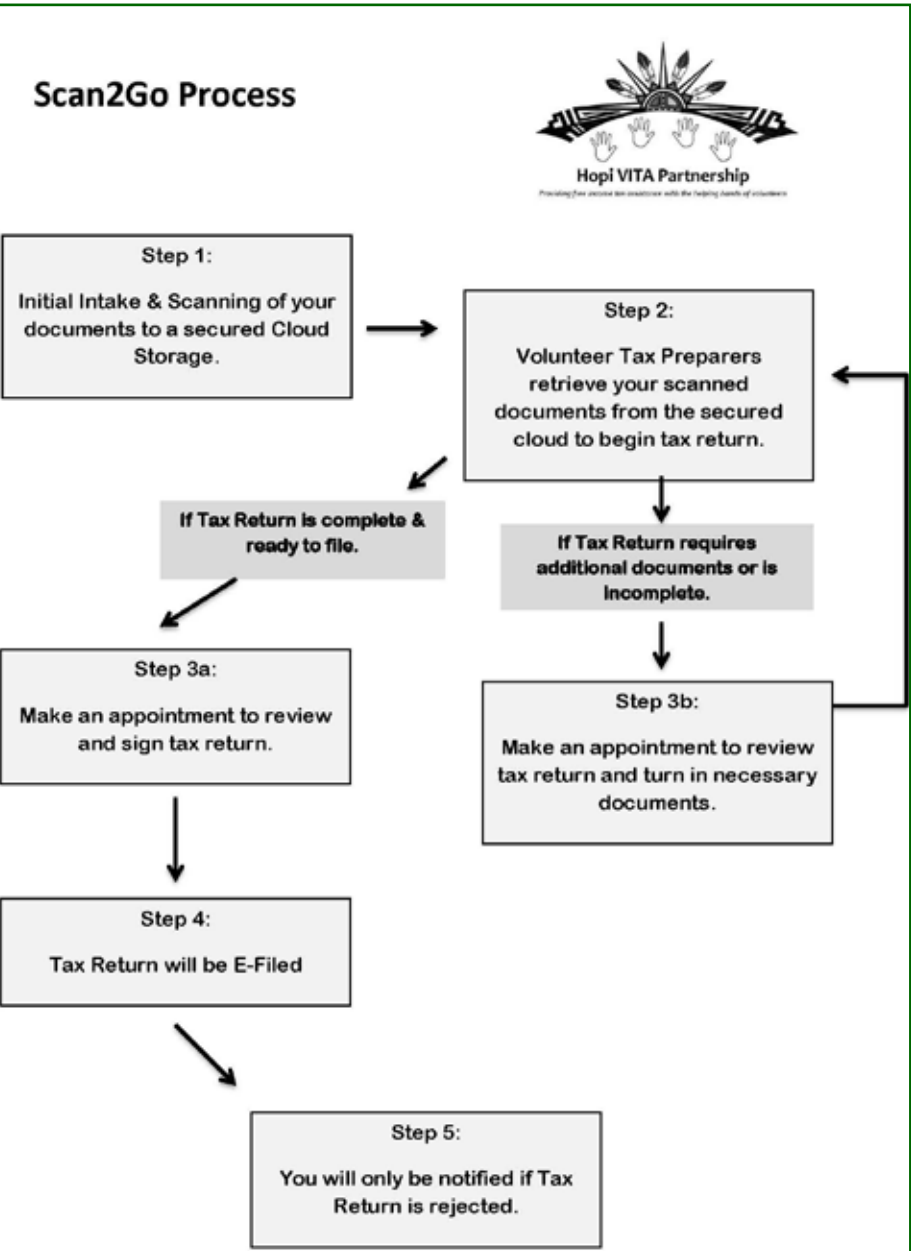
Although Lewis encountered minor challenges throughout her cross country season, she is thankful to have the support of her family and friends to get through those tough times.

“You have to work hard for what you love. Running never stops,” said Lewis.

Lewis is the daughter of Janice and Shan Lewis and is a member of the Roadrunner and Neolge (Sun) clan of the Hopi/Fort Mohave tribes. She is the great granddaughter of the late Valgean and Elda Joshevama.



The traditional homes of Kathryn Burton (top) and Delores Ami (below) are located in the village of Bacavi and were renovated through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), Private Home Rehabilitation Project. Both Burton and Ami, along with 15 Hopi families across the Hopi reservation applied for the program and were awarded \$70K to rehabilitate their dilapidated traditional and modern homes to standard conditions. Chester Carl, Executive Director Hopi Tribal Housing Authority said it took four months to re-build the traditional homes and 3 months for the modern homes.



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LOCAL NEWS

Early literacy starts before young children can talk

Liz Barker Alvarez  
AZ First Things First  
lbarker@azftf.gov

(PHOENIX, AZ)- As elementary schools statewide geared up to celebrate the birthday of famed children’s author Dr. Seuss on March 2 by hosting reading events, First Things First and Read On Arizona reminded families that literacy starts way before a child reaches kindergarten.

“Early language abilities are directly related to later reading abilities. Studies have linked the number of words children know at ages 3 and 4 to their reading comprehension levels at ages 9 and 10,” FTF Chief Executive Officer Sam Leyvas said. “And gaps in children’s vocabulary can start to develop between 9 and 18 months of age; those gaps only widen as babies get older. So if we want to make our children good readers, we need to start when learning begins: at birth.”

State Literacy Director Terri Clark emphasized that while many link literacy to reading books, it really starts with language.

“Language is the foundation of literacy,” said Clark, who leads Read On Arizona. “The more words that young children learn, the more prepared they’ll be to read and comprehend later on. And even more than quantity, it’s the quality of words that makes the biggest difference in developing a rich vocabulary.”

Babies begin to devel-

op language skills through high-quality interactions with caring adults in their lives, like their families or their teachers in child care and preschool.

Families can help foster early language and literacy skills in several ways. Help children build their vocabulary by talking, singing and playing. Make these activities part of your daily interactions. For example: sing along with the car radio; point out letters, shapes, colors and objects at the grocery store or park; and make up stories or rhymes about things you see all around you. And most importantly, read with young children from the day they are born.

“Research shows that reading books to young children introduces them to a wider range of words than they might normally hear in everyday conversation,” said Clark.

First Things First and Read On Arizona offer several resources to help families instill a love of reading in their young children. First Things First’s [early literacy webpage](#) ([azftf.gov/early-literacy](#)) hosts videos that demonstrate how to read with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. And, Read On Arizona, an FTF partner that engages communities in supporting early literacy for children from birth to 8 years old, has an [early literacy guide](#) and [book suggestions](#) for every developmental stage on their website, [readonarizona.org](#).

izona.org.

Another way families can help their children become good readers is by ensuring that their child care and preschool settings are learning environments rich in language and literacy. Through its website, [qualityfirstaz.com](#), FTF offers families tools to help them choose quality early learning programs that meet their needs.

By helping children develop language and a love of books from an early age and by ensuring that early learning settings are of high quality, families and communities are setting young children up for success in kindergarten and beyond.

About First Things First – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit [azftf.gov](#).

About Read On Arizona – Read On Arizona is a statewide, public/private partnership of agencies, philanthropic organizations, and community stakeholders committed to creating an effective continuum of services to improve language and literacy outcomes for Arizona’s children from birth through age eight over the next ten years. To learn more, visit [readonarizona.org](#).

Volunteer seats open to those who want to be a voice for young children

Cynthia Pardo  
AZ First Things First

If you are passionate about children and want to impact the early childhood programs available to young kids in our community, First Things First needs you!

Research has shown a child’s early experiences lay the foundation for a lifetime of success in school and beyond. First Things First partners with parents and communities to give children birth through age 5 the tools they need to arrive at kindergarten prepared to succeed. Regional councils made up of community volunteers inform decisions about which programs First Things First funds in their area to strengthen families, expand early learning opportunities and increase access to preventative health services.

Volunteering on a regional council is a unique, high-level leadership opportunity to make a positive impact on children and families in our community.

Regional council members help define priorities for funding and strengthen the services and supports available to young children and their families. By collaborating with other dedicated community members, they provide opportunities for young children to get a strong start in life.

First Things First is accepting applications in the Coconino Region from various backgrounds for the following seats that are open either due to vacancy or terms about to expire: individuals from the education, health, child care, business, school administrator and philanthropic – who want to be a voice for children in our community. Regional council members must live or work in this region. Six regional council seats are open in this region.

If you or someone you

know has 10 hours per month to make a difference in the lives of young children in our community, please visit [azftf.gov/serve](#). There, you can learn about the volunteer positions available in our area, read a detailed description of the position, and fill out an application.

The job of getting kids ready for school starts the day they are born. Please consider lending your expertise, insight and community spirit to help ensure that all Arizona children are ready to succeed in kindergarten and beyond! ###

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**FLU CLINIC for All Ages**  
Where: HOPI HEALTH CARE CENTER  
Date: March 9, 16, 23, 2016  
Time: 10 am - 3:00 pm  
More information at: (928) 737-6257

Free Disability Awareness Conference

Early Intervention Program  
Office of Special Needs

The Hopi Early Intervention Program is sponsoring a FREE Disability Awareness Conference on April 15 at Hopi High School. This FREE event is being sponsored by the Hopi Early Intervention Program with a focus on Early Intervention. “Planting the Seeds for a Bright Future” is the theme of the conference.

Early Intervention includes all services provided to children beginning at birth and beyond, to help them become successful in life. Services include: WIC services, AzEIP, First Things First, Parenting Arizona, Head

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April 15, 2016 Hopi High School  
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# Native American Caucus meets to discuss tax revenue collected on AZ Native lands

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The Native American Caucus met recently for a presentation on the collection and distribution of transaction privilege tax, which is more commonly called sales tax, on Arizona’s Native American lands.

“I appreciate that so many people, including non-Native American legislators, attended our TPT presentation. Amending TPT collection and distribution has been a priority for the Native American Caucus for years,” Rep. Sally Ann Gonzales, D-Tucson (District 3), said.

At the meeting, Elain Smith, representing the Arizona Department of Revenue’s Office of Economic Research and Analysis, gave the caucus an overview of Arizona’s TPT system. In fiscal year 2015, the state collected more than \$46.3 million in TPT revenue from Arizona’s Native American nations. However, Native American nations received only about \$2.6 million in the form of state funding for Diné College and the Navajo Technical College.

“It is important to discuss this issue at the Legislature because our current TPT collection and distribution system is unfair and not equally applied, and its inequity harms our Native American communities. Significant revenue is generated for the state on Indian land, but our reservations are left out of the distribution of that money,” Rep. Albert Hale, D-St. Michaels (District 7), said.

Gonzales agreed that the return of this revenue to Native American nations is too low.

“Currently, Diné College and the Navajo Technical College are the only Na-

tive American entities that receive TPT revenue. And the money they do receive is less than six percent of the TPT revenue collected on reservations. This system is totally unfair to Arizona’s Native American communities,” Gonzales said.

Rep. Jennifer D. Benally, D-Tuba City (District 7), reiterated the importance of the Native American Caucus meetings and said she hopes legislators and the public continue to attend.

“Arizonans need to know how much money is collected by the state from all of Arizona’s 22 Native American nations and that the money going back to Indian nations does not reflect their contributions. This is not an issue just for members of the Native American Caucus but for all state legislators and all Arizonans,” Benally said.

# House unanimously approves measure to update AZ Advisory Council on Indian Healthcare

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – The House of Representatives unanimously approved HB 2312, a bill Rep. Albert Hale, D-St. Michaels (District 7), sponsored to expand Native American representation on the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care. The bill would require the governor to appoint a member from each of Arizona’s 22 Indian Nations to the Council.

Hale said that he and Sen. Carlyle Begay, R-Gando (District 7), who introduced a similar bill in the Arizona Senate, worked closely with the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona on this legislation.

“I would like to thank Sen. Begay, the Advisory Council and the ITCA for their work on this important legislation,” Hale said.

The bill also clarifies the Council’s purpose, which is to provide Native American governments and health care organizations a role in shaping the health care laws and policies that affect the communities they serve. The Council’s website, has more information about upcoming meetings.

“The Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care should be better connected to the communities it serves, and bringing more voices to the table will help to achieve that,” Rep. Hale said. “I appreciate the support my colleagues have shown for this issue, and I will continue to work with them to make this change happen.”

# Senators Tester and Heitkamp to honor contributions of Native American women

(U.S. Senate)—Senators Jon Tester and Heidi Heitkamp will celebrate National Women’s History Month by honoring Native American women change makers who have made significant contributions to Indian Country and the entire nation.

“Native American women have helped shaped this nation and their contributions to society are a rich part of our history and heritage,” said Tester, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee. “Let’s all take a moment to honor the hard work of these trailblazers as we preserve their inspirational stories for the next generation of American leaders.”

“From Sakakawea, who helped pave the way for one of the grand expeditions across the country, to Alyce Spotted Bear, a great leader and educator on MHA Nation in North Dakota who I named my first bill in the U.S. Senate after, Native American women have left their marks on our country’s history,” said Heitkamp, a member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. “Throughout the month, Senator Tester and I will tell the stories of just a few of the many Native women who have influenced our communities and our country, and led the way for future generations of Native women.”

Over the next 30 days, Tester and Heitkamp will launch the hashtag #NativeHERoes and individually recognize Native American women leaders like Elouise Cobell, Maria TallChief, and Wilma Mankiller on their social media accounts.

# Hopi Resource Enforcement Services February Arrest Report

**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.

**The Hopi Resource Enforcement Services.**

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Ravae Roland	Domestic Violence, Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Endangerment, Kidnapping
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Jeanette Katoney	Aggravated DUI, Intoxication, Excessive Speed
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Eugene Navasie	Intoxication, Possession of Marijuana
Quinton Laban	Intoxication, Warrant
Craig Harvey	Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct, Disrupting Religious Ceremonies, Property Damage, Possession of Alcohol, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Controlled Substance
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Amber Lomahaptewa	Intoxication, DUI

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# Former Director of Phoenix VA Hospital pleads guilty

**PHOENIX** – On March 1, 2016, Sharon M. Helman, 45, of Surprise, Ariz., the former director of the Phoenix VA Medical Center, pleaded guilty to making a false financial disclosure to the federal government.

“I commend the FBI and the VA Office of Inspector General for their thorough investigation concerning the VA Medical Center in Phoenix, which revealed that the Center’s director had received, but failed to report, tens of thousands of dollars of gifts from a lobbyist,” stated U.S. Attorney John S. Leonardo. “Based on their thorough investigation, we do not intend to pursue any additional criminal charges at this time.”

“The FBI recognizes and appreciates the tremendous sacrifice and service our veterans have made for our country. With this in mind, we conducted a thorough and extensive investigation of the allegations surrounding the Phoenix VA. Our investigation revealed that the former director of the Phoenix VA Medical Center failed to report gifts as required under federal law,” said FBI Acting Special Agent in Charge Mark Cwynar. “Although this plea agreement calls for a term of probation, making a false financial disclosure to the federal government is a felony and will permanently attach to Ms. Helman’s legacy.”

Michael E. Seitler, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, North-west Field Office, stated: “VA executives have an obligation to clearly disclose any potential conflicts of interest. By providing false information to VA, Ms. Helman concealed her financial relationship with a senior employee of a consulting firm. That firm advised large corporations seeking to expand their VA business. This prosecution holds Ms. Helman accountable. We hope it will deter any other government executives who may be tempted to conceal this type of information.”

Helman was director of the Phoenix VA hospital from February 2012 to December 2014. Federal law required Helman to annually complete and file a financial disclosure report and to disclose, among many other things, gifts received during the applicable calendar year. In her plea agreement, Helman admitted that, in March 2014, she submitted a financial disclosure in which she falsely reported that she received no gifts during 2013. That report was false because during 2013 Helman had, in fact, received gifts totaling more than \$19,300. The gifts included an automobile, a check for \$5,000, concert tickets, and two round-trip airline tickets.

Helman also acknowledged that she filed a false report for 2012, failing to report four gifts of a total value of more than \$2,000. Furthermore, although she did not file a financial disclosure report for 2014, Helman agreed that between January 2 and July 1 of that year, she received six gifts valued at more than \$27,700.

All of the gifts were from a single source, a person identified in court as a former high-level VA employee who from 2005-2009 served as Helman’s supervisor. During the 2012- 2014 time period, that person was an executive consultant, and later vice president, of a consulting and lobbying firm that assisted companies in expanding their business with the VA. Helman acknowledged that, had she properly reported the gifts and their source, the VA would have done a conflict-of-interest analysis to determine whether her acceptance of the gifts was permitted under applicable laws and regulations.

Although a conviction for making a false statement to a government agency carries a maximum penalty of five years, Helman’s plea agreement provides for a term of probation.

Sentencing is set before United States District Judge Steven P. Logan on Monday, April 25, 2016. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the VA Office of Inspector General. The prosecution is being handled by Frank T. Galati, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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