Localla Nahosiyohi Hopi Tutuveni 2016-2017 Lori Piestewa Post (in memory of Lori) appears in this announcement before the Hopi Tribal Council on Dec. 30, 2016. The Royalty includes: Princess Kiena Ben (Coyote Clan), Hotellina Village; First Attendant Shannon Lopez (Snow Clan), Shungopavy Village; and Second Attendant Lundie Poyasome (Bear Clan) from Shungopavy Village.

The Hopi Tribe is pleased to announce the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument. This co-management provides much needed refuge for the flora, fauna and birds found here. All of which are inextricably connected to the longevity of Hopi history and ancestors in this region. The President’s designation is a direct response to the Hopi Tribe’s desire to have this landscape protected and preserved for future generations of all to enjoy and learn from.

The Hopi Tribe is pleased to see that the President’s Proclamation calls for direct tribal involvement with the long-term management of the monument. The concept that the Bears Ears will finally be afforded federal, substantive decision making authority versus mere consultation is unprecedented. We hope the Federal Government looks at the model in the future when considering monument designations as they relate to other Tribal Nations.

Chairman, the Hopi Tribe

Chairman Lomahquehau

Greetings from Vice Chairman Lomahquehau

Wishing Hopi a Blessed New Year filled with comfort, prosperity and good health. Love and cherish your children as they are your future and hold them in your hearts because each new day can be taught a lesson of Positive Hopi Life.

With the beginning of each new day, may you all be happy and live the life you have been given. May no careless mistake prevent you from taking care of yourself, remember you are important.

Chairman, the Hopi Tribe
Hopi Tribe receives $100,000 dividend payment check and $450,000 loan repayment check from the Upper Village of Moenkopi Governor Hubert Lewis

Lewella Nahsonhoya

Hopi Hutu

Hopi Tribe receives $100,000 dividend payment check

The Hopi Tribe's Department of Natural Resources presented a dividend check in the amount of $100,000.00 on behalf of the Hopi Tribe. The presentation was made by Honyumptewa, who is the Tribal Counsel Secretary. The check was presented to Hopi Tribe Chairman Honanie. The presentation was observed in remembrance of long-time Tribe employee Mary Begay, who recently passed away. The presentation of the dividend check from the Upper Village of Moenkopi (UMV) to the Hopi Tribe was also presented to Chairman Honanie. The combined loan of $1,050,000 was repaid to the Hopi Tribe for UVM’s Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Hopi Tribe First Quarter Meeting

The Hopi Tribe’s First Quarter Meeting was held on December 1, 2016, in the Hopi Cultural Center. The meeting began with the Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was presided over by Interim Tribal Secretary Louella Nahsonhoya. The meeting’s agenda included the following items:

1. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Certification of Tribal Council Representatives
3. Consent Agenda
4. Action Item 001-2017 – To appoint Ms. Olufunmike Owoso as a member of the Recreation Committee
5. Action Item 002-2017 – To accept FTA Formula Grant for Rural Transportation
6. Action Item 003-2017 – To approve supplemental funding for the Hopi Cultural Center
7. Action Item 004-2017 – To approve a report on LCR Adjudication (Executive Session)
8. Action Item 005-2017 – To adopt the Hopi Human Resources Policy Manual with an effective date of (Approval Date by Tribal Council)
9. Action Item 006-2017 – To amend a dividend check in the amount of $1,050,000.00. The combined loan of $1,050,000 was repaid to the Hopi Tribe for UVM’s Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant. That same day, another check was delivered to the Treasurer Robert Sumatzkuku.
10. Action Item 007-2017 – To approve a report on LCR Support Budget to fulfill the obligations of the Tribe in 2016
11. Action Item 008-2017 – To accept FTA Formula Grant for Rural Transportation
12. Action Item 009-2017 – To adopt the Hopi Human Resources Policy Manual with an effective date of (Approval Date by Tribal Council)
13. Action Item 010-2017 – To accept approval of the Hopi Cultural Center
14. Action Item 011-2017 – To accept the approval of the Hopi Cultural Center
15. Action Item 012-2017 – To accept the approval of the Hopi Cultural Center
16. Action Item 013-2017 – To issue an invitation to all Animal Unique entities within the PPE, Range Units – Author/Carlene Tenakhongva, Director, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority – 12/1/16 @ 10:30 a.m. – APPROVED
17. Action Item 014-2017 – To accept FTA Formula Grant for Rural Transportation
18. Action Item 015-2017 – To adopt the Hopi Human Resources Policy Manual with an effective date of (Approval Date by Tribal Council)
19. Action Item 016-2017 – To accept approval of the Hopi Cultural Center
20. Action Item 017-2017 – To adopt the Hopi Human Resources Policy Manual with an effective date of (Approval Date by Tribal Council)

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 3, 2017.
Tribal Fiscal Management Responsibility: As the governing body of the Hopi Tribe, the Hopi Tribal Council holds constitutional authority to manage the economic resources of the Tribe in the best interests of the Tribe. The Tribe shall use the funds for the welfare of the Tribe. (See constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe, ARTICLES IV, SECTION 1(a)).

General Fund: Departments/Programs

General Fund: Debits/Programs which ends mid-month December 2017.

The Budget Oversight Team (BOT) is identified in the Financial Management Policies as the BOT and consists of the following: Chairman, Office of Finance, Village Representative, Finance Director, Community Services Administrator, Community Services Manager, Tribal Treasurer, Tribal Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant to the Chairman, Assistant to the Finance Director, Assistant to the Chairman's office representative and alternate representatives as determined by the Tribal Council, and delegated to the Vice Chairman. This work is supported through a tribal resolution that calls for these lists posted on the Tribal Council website. The meetings are open to the public in meetings, work sessions and presentations all with the participation of a Tribal Council representative, Chairman's office representative and alternate representative as determined by the Tribal Council.

Hopi Tribal Council directed BOT to complete a preliminary budget process for the fiscal year 2018. It was based on the fiscal year 2017 appropriation budget. The BOT directed the respective Department Directors to ensure resolution through Department/Program meetings, work sessions and presentations all with the participation of a Tribal Council representative, Finance Director, Community Services Administrator, Community Services Manager, Tribal Treasurer, Tribal Secretary, Executive Director, Assistant to the Chairman, Assistant to the Finance Director, Assistant to the Chairman's office representative and alternate representative as determined by the Tribal Council.

It is the fiduciary responsibility of the Finance Director to review theBOT project budget proposals containing:

a. Program Objectives
b. Goals/Measurable Objectives
c. Program justifications

3. Salary and Fringe Benefit line items shall not be used to carry forward funds from one fiscal year to the next unless approved by the Tribal Council in its appropriation resolution.
Bandits steal ATM machine from outside Polacca Store

The holiday season is a perfect time of year to extend an extra helping hand to the communities and the people we serve. Christ-
mas is a wonderful and beautiful time of the year, especially for our children. Our Traditional Hopi language holds the responsibility to care for the children. Knowing and living these values along with the responsibility to protect life and property, the Hopi BIA Law Enforcement Services along with other Hopi community volunteers and organizations sponsored, for the third time, the “Shop With a Cop” program.

Nine children were selected from eight schools from local Hopi Schools. Each child received a monetary award and spent a day during their winter break participating in “Shop With A Cop.” Each child was given a $25 Wal-Mart gift card. Cash to purchase items for themselves, Christmas gifts for their families and/or to buy a small treat for family and household necessities. One Police Officer or one Volunteer accompanied each child on their shopping spree at Walmart in Day’s Inn. The children and chaperones also got to enjoy a delicious meal at the Pizza Hut Restaurant. All meals for the children were donated by Pizza Hut.

The shopping spree took place on Wednesday, December 20, 8:00 AM and returning at 3:00 PM. The student selection was made with the assistance of the school administrators. The criterion for selection was based on the student’s overall demonstration of good citizenship and academic status.

Schools & Students participating in Shop With a Cop program

Keams Canyon Elementary: Christopher Suck, 6th grade.
Hope's High School: Shawna Morrow, 6th grade.
Hope High School: Aja Gales, 12th grade.
Hopi Mission School: Shanell Lake.
Hopi Jr. High School: Jamie Seckle.
Hopi Mission School: Affleck Poleahla, Jr., 8th grade.

The parents/guardians of these children should be very proud of their outstanding students for not only maintaining good grades but also for demonstrating an outstanding attitude and great team spirit to school and role models to their peers.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Louella Nahsonhoya
Hopí Tútuvéni
During the Christmas holiday, in the early hours of December 28, thieves stole the ATM machine from outside the Polacca Circle M store and left only a hose hang-
ing from the wall. The ATM machine was found approximately half a mile East of the store near the Polacca bridge on Highway 264.

Due to pending investigations, no further information was available as of press time. If anyone has any information regarding this crime, please contact the Hopi BIA Law Enforcement Services at 928-734-7340. The BIA Hopi police are investigating the case.
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Interested firms may request for RFP information from the Tribe by calling (928) 734-9592, no later than January 5, 2017 at 5 pm MST.

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Four Years Later, Tester Examines Impact of the Land Buy-Back Program

**Vice-Chairman Questions DOI official, Tribal Leaders, and Trusteess on the Success of Historic Land Consolidation Endeavor**

The Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations was the result of a settlement from a class-action lawsuit brought to federal court by Elouise Cobell, a Montanan, an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe, and recent Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient.

The land buy-back program aims to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at a fair market value, which has provided tribal governments greater control of their land.

Since the land buy-back program began making offers to tribal members in 2013, nearly $900 million has been paid to land owners for roughly 1.7 million acres that has been returned to tribal members.

This month, the Interior Department sent out over $270 million in offers to Blackfeet tribal members who own fractionalized land interests on the Blackfeet Reservation. Tribal members from the Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Flathead, Fort Belknap, and Fort Peck Reservations have already received payouts from the land buy-back program.

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

U.S. Senate

Four years after the launch of the Historic Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, Senator Jon Tester heard from tribal leaders who were impacted by the $1.9 billion initiative to restore fractionalized land into tribal control.

During a Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing, Tester heard testimony and questioned the Interior Department’s Deputy Secretary, as well as Montana Tribal Leaders Fort Peck Chairman Floyd Azure and Blackfeet Vice-Chairman Terry Tatsey on the impacts they have seen with the land buy-back program.

“Addressing the problems of land fractionation is an important step for Indian Country,” Tester said in the hearing. “By returning these lands to tribes, the Land Buy-Back program has helped tribal governments in a number of ways from addressing jurisdictional issues and protecting cultural and natural resources to developing key infrastructures.”

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