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## Osomuya March

*The moon of  
whistling winds*

## HOPI CALENDAR

Kyaamuya- December  
Paamuya- January  
Powamuya- February  
Osomuya- March  
Kwiyamuyaw- April  
Hakitonmuya- May  
Woko'uyis- June  
Talangva- July  
Talapaamuya- August  
Nasan'muya- September  
Toho'osmuya- October  
Kelmuya- November

## This Month in Hopi History

•A.D. 1250, Drought causes abandonment of Cliff Dwellings on Mesa Verde and Tsegi Canyon

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

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

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## Data shows severe obesity among Native Youth in 14 Southwest Tribes



Marshall Masayesva, Program Director, Adventures for Hopi, demonstrates kayak maneuvers.

Valerie Nuvayestewa,  
Hopi Special Diabetes  
Prevention Educator

"It is the first time in history our people are dying from diabetes-diabetes and obesity-and not starvation," Denisa Livingston from the Dine' Community Advocacy Alliance noted.

Recent data that was analyzed on native youth from 14 tribes in the Southwestern U.S., most of whom reside in Arizona and who attended a one-week residential summer wellness camp during 15 camp years between 1995-2015, found that there was a high prevalence of severe obesity among the youth who attended, (age range 9-16 years). Severe obesity is above the 95th percentile on the BMI chart; over half of the youth were in the Class 2 (120%) and Class 3 (140%) obesity levels.

Emerging evidence also suggests that maternal stress, in combination with food insecurity, may negatively impact child weight status. That may well be most households across reservations. Our children are growing up in environments where they are neither nurtured nor nourished.

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## Tribal Council approves grazing allocations for thirteen range units in Land Management District 6

Louella Nahsonhoya  
Hopi Tutuveni

After several years of research, assessments, and meetings regarding the issuance of grazing permits in thirteen range units in Land Management District Six, the Hopi Tribal Council (HTC) adopted Resolution H-025-2017, which authorizes and directs the Hopi Office of Range Management (ORM) to begin issuing grazing permits in D6.

Pursuant to Hopi Tribe Ordinance 43 (Resolution H-49-89), the Ordinance for Control of Livestock and Grazing on the Hopi Reservation, ranchers are required to have permits to graze their livestock within boundaries of the Hopi Reservation.

Severe drought conditions, and land management issues of overgrazing in D6, prompted livestock owners to recommend and request that grazing allocations also be applied to D6. The Council approved permitting D6 through Resolution H-008-2014; however, shortly thereafter, postponed the implementation of permits by passage of Resolution H-082-2015.

Council then approved Resolution H-116-2015, directing the ORM to consult with Villages, ranchers and farmers on their

thoughts regarding the D6 permits and make the necessary amendments to Ordinance 43 to include grazing permits.

The ORM began consultations with the villages, ranchers and farmers in 2015. ORM Director Priscilla Pavatea said a majority of ranchers agreed to participate in the permitting.

After that time, Council approved Resolution H-013-2016 rescinding H-082-2015 and amended Ordinance 43 to include permitting in D6.

Still, further studies and consultations continued and finally on Feb. 28, the HTC, by majority vote, adopted Resolution H-025-2017 authorizing grazing allocations in each of the thirteen range units which make up Land Management District 6.

By passage of this Resolution, the Council further authorized ORM to issue permits to those ranchers (identified on a list submitted to Council) and to notify those ranchers who did not want to participate and whose names did not appear on the list, to remove their livestock from D6. The Resolution also states that ranchers utilizing D6 are required to abide by Ordinance 43 and help protect, conserve and

prudently manage grazing of livestock on the Hopi Reservation. The Resolution further resolves that the South Oraibi grazing unit shall be addressed on a separate action item/resolution, within 60 days of the passage of this Resolution.

The final resolve of the Resolution declares that the HTC authorizes Hopi Resource Enforcement Services to implement the enforcement of Ordinance 43 on District 6, in its entirety.

Pavatea said "We have been trying to permit D6 ever since Ordinance 43 was passed in 1989. The Ordinance states: *This Ordinance shall govern the allocation of grazing and accommodation permits to and the use of the Hopi Reservation for grazing purposes by tribal members and Accommodation Agreement signatories and shall otherwise control the presence of livestock on the Hopi Reservation.* Previous Director Robinson Honani, and I, made several attempts to get this approved, but it was the ranchers themselves, who were in support of this and were influential in finally getting this passed."

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## Hopi Housing Authority Annual Performance Report

Louella Nahsonhoya  
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As a recipient of funds under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination act of 1996 (NAHASDA), the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority (HTHA) is required to publicly announce its Annual Performance Report (APR) at the end of each Fiscal Year.

At a recent Hopi Tribal Council session, HTHA Executive Director Wes Corbin, presented the FY2016 Performance Report addressed to the Hopi Sinom. In his presentation, Corbin reviewed and outlined housing activities planned and/or accomplished during the program

year. All proposed plans were in accordance with established statutes and regulations of HUD.

Corbin said there is a continuous need for housing and the need to assist low-income families is a foremost priority. Present housing conditions and the need for housing include: multiple family units in a household, homelessness, renters in need of affordable housing, housing for college students, substandard housing units in need of rehabilitation, handicap accessible housing, infrastructure, and energy efficient home upgrades, to name a few.

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## Officer involved shooting in Polacca

Office of the Chairman  
The Hopi Tribe

**Kykotsmovi-** Hopi Resource Enforcement Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Hopi Law Enforcement announced that an investigation is ongoing into an officer involved shooting that occurred in Polacca.

The incident occurred on February 16 at approximately 1:59 pm while officers were conducting an attempt to locate an individual wanted on a federal arrest warrant. An adult

Native American male was fatally shot during a confrontation with officers. The deceased male has been identified as Gene Austin, 36, of Polacca.

One officer sustained minor injuries during the confrontation. No additional officers were injured.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations is actively investigating this incident. No additional information is available at this time. ##



HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
Second Quarter Session  
March 1, 2017 AGENDA - Amendment #1

- 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**  
November 9, 10, 23, 24, 25, 2015- Approved 3/1/17  
**IX. Approval of Agenda**  
**X. Unfinished Business**  
1. **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  
2. **Action Item 096-2016** – To approve amendment to Ordinance 37– Hopi Labor Code– TERO Fee – Author/Brant Honahnie, Director, TERO - 3/6/17, 3:30pm  
3. **Action Item 006-2017** – To appoint Ms. Olufunmike Owoso as Chief Prosecutor – Author/Dwayne Secakuku, Chief of Staff, Office of Vice Chairman– TABLED  
4. **Action Item 014-2017** – To amend Ordinance 17A (Revised) to increase fees on all non-Hopi businesses – Author/Danny Honanie, Chief Revenue Commissioner, Office of Revenue Commission – TABLED  
**XI. NEW BUSINESS**  
1. **Action Item 022-2017** – To increase width of Stetson Road roadway easement – Author/Lamar Keevama, Tribal Council Representative, Bacavi Village – 3/6/17, 9:30am  
2. **Action Item 023-2017** – To authorize Chairman of the Hopi Tribe to execute a land lease with SEC Power Corporation – Author/Lamar Keevama, Tribal Council Representative, Bacavi Village – 3/6/17, 10:30am  
3. **Action Item 024-2017** – To approve Tribal Enrollment applications for Hopi Membership – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Office of Enrollment – 3/6/17, 2:30pm.  
4. **Action Item 025-2017** – To approve carry over funds in the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office Revolving Account into subsequent years – Author/Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director, HCPO - 3/7/17, 2:30pm.  
**XII. REPORTS** - (1 hr. time allotted) \*Required  
1. Office of the Chairman \*  
2. Office of the Vice Chairman \*  
3. Office of Tribal Secretary \*  
4. Office of the Treasurer \*  
5. General Counsel \*  
6. Office of the Executive Director \*

7. Land Commission \*  
8. Water/Energy Committee \* - 3/1/17, 10:30am- COMPLETE  
9. Transportation Committee \*  
10. Law Enforcement Committee \*  
11. Office of Revenue Commission \*  
12. Investment Committee \*  
13. Health/Education Committee \*  
14. Budget Oversight Team  
15. Report on progress of Task Team 2 – Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr., Vice Chairman - 3/6/17, 1:30pm .  
16. Report on Peabody Bankruptcy Case – Karen Pennington, Deputy General Counsel - 3/7/17, 8am  
17. Report – update on Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP) – Lionel Puhuyesva, Director, Hopi Water Resources Program - 3/7/17, 3:30pm  
**XIII. APPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**  
1. Audit Team  
2. Fire Designee (2)  
3. Election Board – Alternate 3 position  
4. Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation – Board of Directors (2 positions for Hopi/Tewa Tribal Members)  
5. General Counsel (1 position) & Deputy General Counsel (1 position)- 3/8/17, 9:30am-5pm & 3/9/17, 10:30am-5pm

- XIV. OTHER**  
1. Discussion on BIA Law Enforcement Service’s Scope of Work – Mario Redlegs, Acting Special Agent in Charge, District III, BIA Office of Justice Services and Jamie Kootswatewa, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, District III, OJS – 2/23/17@ 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. - To be rescheduled  
2. Discussion re: Vice Chairman’s Email of October 25, 2016 alleging Chairman in serious neglect of duty – LeRoy Shingoitewa, Tribal Council Representative - 1/6/17 - @ 3:30 p.m. - To be rescheduled  
3. Hopi Tribal Council Orientation & Priority Setting – Hopi Tribal Council - 1/23, 24 25/17, 9am-5pm daily – To be continued  
4. Visit and observation of HTC session by Hopi Day School Student Council & Sponsor – Jaselynn Shulavicie, Student Council Sponsor - 3/7/17 @ 9:00 a.m.  
5. Discussion – Appeal to extend appointment of Tribal Registrar Karen Shupla and Election Board Member Colleen Seletstewa’s term – Kristopher Holmes, Chairman, Hopi Election Board – 3/7/17, 9:30am.  
6. Discussion re: review & oversight authority including personnel evaluations over all Regulated Entities – Herman G. Honanie, Chairman - 3/7/17, 10:30am  
7. Discussion re: cleanup alternative at Tuba City Dump – Clancy Tenley, USEPA- 3/7/17, 1:30pm  
**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
First Quarter Session - December 1, 2016 AGENDA  
February 23, 2017 Amendment #7

- I. Call to Order**  
**II. Certification of Tribal Council Representatives**  
**III. Roll Call**  
**IV. Invocation/Pledge Of Allegiance**  
**V. Announcements**  
**VI. Correspondence**  
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2. Office of the Vice Chairman \* - 1/4/17 @ 9:30 a.m. - COMPLETE  
3. Office of Tribal Secretary \* - 1/6/17 @ 10:30 a.m. – COMPLETE – Written Report  
4. Office of the Treasurer \* - 1/4/17 @ 1:30 p.m. - COMPLETE  
5. General Counsel \*  
6. Office of the Executive Director \* - 2/6/17 @ 10:30 a.m. - COMPLETE  
7. Land Commission \* - 1/4/17 @ 2:30 p.m. - COMPLETE  
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9. Transportation Committee \* - 1/6/16 @ 2:30 p.m. - COMPLETE  
10. Law Enforcement Committee \* - 2/21/17@ 2:30 p.m. - COMPLETE  
11. Office of Revenue Commission \*  
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3. Election Board – Alternate 2 and 3 positions - Memo OTS 7/23/15 - 1/3/17 @ 3:30 p.m. – COMPLETE (Alternate 2 position filled)  
4. Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation– Board of Directors

- (2 positions for Hopi/Tewa Tribal Members)  
5. General Counsel  
6. Sergeant-at-Arms – Interviews - 12/6/16 @ 10:30 – 12:00 noon - COMPLETE  
7. Tribal Council Committee Appointments - 12/29/16 @ 9:45 a.m. – COMPLETE  
8. Tribal Secretary – Interviews - 1/3/17 @ 4:25 p.m. - COMPLETE  
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- COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS**  
1. **A.I. 113-2016** - To approve Employee Benefits Committee By-Laws & Employee Benefits Trust Documents – Author/Lisa Pawwinnee, Director, Office of Human Resources - 12/5/16 @ 2:30 p.m. - APPROVED  
2. **A.I. 116-2016** – To approve amendments/additions to Constitution & By-laws of the Hopi Tribe – Author/Kristopher Holmes, Chairman, Hopi Election Board – 12/5/16 @ 3:30 p.m. - APPROVED  
3. **A.I. 129-2016** – To correct Resolution H-058-2015 and amend consulting agreement between the Hopi Tribe and Patricia Sekaquaptewa – Author/Carlene Tenakhongva, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman – 12/1/16 @ 1:30 p.m. - APPROVED  
4. **A.I. 130-2016** – To correct Resolution H-060-2015 and amend consulting agreement between the Hopi Tribe and Robert Clinton – Author/Carlene Tenakhongva, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman – 12/1/16 @ 2:30 p.m. – APPROVED  
5. **A.I. #132-2016** – To approve Fiscal Year 2017 General Fund Budget – Author/Robert Sumatzkuku, Treasurer, The Hopi Tribe – 12/1/16 @ 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – APPROVED  
6. **Action Item 133-2016** – To approve Hopi Tribe Enrollment Applications – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Enrollment Office - 12/5/16 @ 1:30 p.m. - APPROVED  
7. **A.I. 134-2016** – To approve Hopi Tribal Housing Authority’s Fiscal Year 2017 Indian Housing Plan – Author/Wes Corben, Executive Director, Hopi Tribal Housing Authority – 12/1/16 @ 10:30 a.m. – APPROVED  
8. **Action Item 135-2016** – Request for \$100,000.00 to purchase Point of Entry system for the Hopi Cultural Center to remain in compliance with U.S. EPA Administrative Order – Author/Lionel Puhuyesva, Director, Water Resources Program - 12/28/16 @ 10:30 a.m. – APPROVED  
9. **Action Item 001-2017** – To issue allocation of available Animal Units within the HPL Range Units – Author/Priscilla Pavatea, Director, Office of Range Management - 12/28/16 @ 1:30 p.m. - APPROVED  
10. **Action Item 002-2017** – To approve supplemental funding for Moye White to continue to provide legal services concerning Peabody Western Coal Company’s bankruptcy case – Author/Karen Pennington, Deputy General Counsel - 12/28/16 @ 2:30 p.m. - APPROVED

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Grazing Allocations from P1

According to Pavatea, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) was originally responsible for issuing permits on D6; but when the Hopi Tribe took over Land Operations through a 638 contact, they also assumed responsibility for issuing grazing permits. “The ORM is responsible for issuing grazing permits on D6 and we finally got it approved in 2014 and again now, by passage of this Resolution,” said Pavatea. “We will now

process grazing permits based on the allocations approved and begin notifying and issuing permits to the ranchers. We will also notify those ranchers who did not receive permits, to remove their livestock from the land base. Enforcement will be done by HRES. We want to work cooperatively with all ranchers and assist them in getting their approved allocation numbers. Removing livestock from range units will be more

difficult and we will work with HRES on this. This will take time because it is a big change for this area, but by cooperation from all parties, it can be done.” Pavatea said 99% of ranchers do not practice range management techniques and the DNR/ORM will continue to focus on protecting the land, protecting the livestock and enforcing the policy.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Tutuveni Editor:

March is recognized as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and we need to spread the message to your readers that Colorectal Cancer Screening Saves Lives. Colorectal Cancer is the second leading cancer killer, but it doesn’t have to be. Colorectal cancer is an “equal opportunity cancer” because both men and women are at risk. There is strong scientific evidence that screening for colorectal cancer beginning at age 50 saves lives. If you are 50 or older, getting a colorectal screening test could save your life. Talk to your health care provider about which test is right for you and how often you should be screened. If you want to learn about the

different types of screening tests, you can contact Hopi Cancer Support Services, the Hopi Health Care Center or the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation.

All too often people tend to ignore information like this because they feel like Superman or Superwoman, you know, “indestructible” or they take an “it couldn’t happen to me” attitude. Remember, too many Indian People die from colorectal cancer each year and that is reality. So knowing that you can reduce your risk through screening should be a “no brainer”, right? Right. Be smart and get yourself screened. I did.

Dana Russell, Manger  
Hopi Cancer Support Services

HTC First Quarter Session - Continued  
Amendment #7

- 11. **Action Item 003-2017** – To create a Revolving Account for Hopi Senom Transit – Author/Donovan Gomez, Transit Administrator - 12/28/16 @ 3:30 p.m. - APPROVED
- 12. **Action Item 004-2017** - To accept FTA Formula Grant for Rural Areas, Public Transportation on Indian Reservations for FY 2016 – Author/Donovan Gomez - 12/28/16 @ 4:15 p.m. – APPROVED
- 13. **A.I. 005-2017** – To approve contract with Antol & Hance, P.C. as Conflict Counsel – Author/Craig Wallace, Acting Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Court - 1/3/17 @ 1:30 p.m. - APPROVED
- 14. **Action Item 007-2017** – To retain Norberto J. Cisneros, Esq. of Maddox, Isaacson & Cisneros, L.L.P. as attorney of record for the Hopi Tribe in lawsuits related to the Tribe’s investments – Author/Karen Pennington, Deputy General Counsel - 12/30/16 @ 3:30 p.m. – APPROVED
- 15. **Action Item 008-2017** – To approve request to carry over any remaining funds in the 2016 LCR Support Budget into 2017 and the years following until exhausted – Author/Karen Pennington, Deputy General Counsel - 1/4/17 @ 10:30 a.m. - APPROVED
- 16. **Action Item 009-2017** – To accept the Ramah Settlement in the amount of \$3,308,423.44 by the Hopi Tribal Council – Author/Robert Sumatzkuku, Treasurer, - 1/6/17 @ 10:30 a.m. – APPROVED
- 17. **Action Item 010-2017** – To approve attorney contract between Hopi Tribe and Verrin Kewenvoyouma to assist with negotiating and signing a Gaming Compact with the State of Arizona – Author/Herman G. Honanie, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe – 2/21/17 @ 10:30 a.m. - APPROVED
- 18. **Action Item 011-2017** – To have the Hopi Tribe acknowledge requirements contained in 25 CFR 115.813 - 2/7/17 @ 10:30 a.m. - WITHDRAWN
- 19. **Action Item 012-2017** – To approve 638 contracting of HHCC Expansion Construction and construction of Keams Canyon Apartments from Phoenix Area – Indian Health Service – Author/Daniel Honahni, Executive Director, Office of Executive Director - 2/7/17 @ 2:30 p.m. - APPROVED
- 20. **Action Item 013-2017** – To approve MOA between Navajo County and the Hopi Tribe which was signed in May 2014 for funding of materials for road maintenance projects – Author/Karen Pennington, Deputy General Counsel – 2/9/17 @ 10:30 a.m. – APPROVED
- 21. **Action Item 015-2017** – To request approval for 2014-2018 grazing allocations for Land Management District Six – Author/Priscilla Pavatea, Director, Office of Range Management - 2/22/17 @ 9:30 a.m. - APPROVED
- 22. **Action Item 016-2017** – To accept Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2016 – Author/Andrew Gashwazra, Director Office of Planning & Evaluation - 2/8/17 @ 2:30 p.m. - APPROVED
- 23. **Action Item 017-2017** – To procure 2017 General Liability, Property and Casualty Insurance Policies – Author/Edgar Shupla, Director, Office of Facilities Management - 2/9/17 @ 9:30 a.m. - APPROVED
- 24. **Action Item 018-2017** – To rescind H-091-2009 – Author, Lamar Keevama, Tribal Council Representative, Bacavi Village – 2/9/17 @ 2:30 p.m. – APPROVED
- 25. **Action Item 019-2017** – To obtain Hopi Tribal Council certification of the Eligible Voters list which is compiled by the Hopi Enrollment Dept. – Author/Kristopher Holmes, Chairman, Hopi Election Board - 2/21/17 @ 1:30 p.m. - APPROVED
- 26. **Action Item 020-2017** – To approve Consulting Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and Hawkes & Mehnert LLP – Author/Craig Wallace, Acting Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Court - 2/8/17 @ 9:30 a.m. – APPROVED
- 27. **Action Item 021-2017** – To rescind Resolution H-083-1979 – Author/Karen Pennington, Deputy General Counsel - 2/22/17 @ 10:30 a.m. - APPROVED

COMPLETE REPORTS

- 1. Report on Investments Account held with Rockefeller

- & Co. – Matt Gelfand - 12/5/16, 10:30am COMPLETE
- 2. Update report on LCR Adjudication (Executive Session) – Karen Pennington, Deputy General Counsel - 12/5/16 – COMPLETE
- 3. Update Report on the Lomayesva Case (Executive Session)– Karen Pennington – 12/30/16 @ 10:00 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 4. Report – Case updates – Norberto Cisneros - 1/5/17 @ 10:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 5. Presentation on Benally Case, Mishongnovi Forfeiture Case and current cases – Norberto Cisneros – 1/30/17 @ 9:30 – 5:00 p.m. – COMPLETE
- 6. Report on Hopi Wellness Court – Judge Eric Mehnert – 2/6/17 @ 2:30 p.m. - COMPLETE
- 7. Report re: strategies to extend 2019 deadline on NGS closure – Task Team 1 - 2/6/17, 1:30 p.m.– COMPLETE
- 8. Discussion with Executive Director Daniel Honahni & Assistant Finance Director Shirley Wesaw re: discrepancies, concerns & complaints related to Office of Financial Management – 2/21/17, 3:30 PM- COMPLETE
- 9. Visit/observation of Council meeting by Jeddito Public School 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and Teacher Delores Noble - 2/22/17 @ 9:00 a.m. - COMPLETE
- 10. Hopi Tribal Housing Authority’s Annual Performance Report and update on ongoing HTHA projects – Wes Corbin, Executive Director, HTHA – 2/22/17 @ 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. – COMPLETE

OTHER COMPLETE

- 1. Introduction of SixKiller Lobbyist and discussion re: priorities of the Hopi Tribe – Carlene Tenakhongva, Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice Chairman - 12/6/16 @ 9:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 2. Hopi Three Canyon Ranches Dividend Check Presentation – Clayton Honyumtewa, Manager, Department of Natural Resources - 12/29/16 @ 9:15 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 3. Check Presentation – Wastewater Treatment Plant final loan payment – Hubert Lewis, Governor, Upper Village of Moenkopi - 12/29/16 @ 9:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 4. Introduction of Lori Piestewa Post #80 Reigning Royalty Princess and Attendants – Eugene Talas, Adjutant, Lori Piestewa Post #80 - 12/30/16 @ 9:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 5. Review of the FY 2013 Audit Report – Moss Adams – 12/30/16 @ 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – COMPLETE
- 6. Report on Hopi Education Endowment Fund – LuAnn Leonard, Director, HEEF - 12/7/16 @ 9:30 a.m. – 12/30/16 – COMPLETE
- 7. Discussion – Upcoming ending of attorney contracts (Executive Session) – Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr. Vice Chairman - 12/30/16 @ 3:00 p.m. – COMPLETE
- 8. Discussion – Research on impact of climate change and community adaptation with respect to long-term performance of disposal cell covers for uranium mill tailings located in Native American communities – Carrie N. Joseph – 1/3/17 @ 10:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 9. Presentation of draft Information Technology Policies – Jerolyn Takala, Director, IT - 1/3/17 @ 2:30 p.m. – COMPLETE
- 10. Discussion with All Villages/Community – Responsibility of the Office of Chairman and/or Hopi Tribal Council to fulfill the obligations as approved on the Village Budgets/Appropriations – Sandy Whitehair, CSA, Shungopavi Village and Villages/Community - 1/4/17 @ 3:30 p.m. – COMPLETE
- 11. Recognition of Hopi High School Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams for their accomplishments at the Arizona State Cross Country Finals and Coach Rick Baker – Hopi Tribal Council - 1/5/17 @ 9:30 a.m. – COMPLETE
- 12. Presentation of 2019 BIA Budget – Wendell Honanie, Superintendent, Hopi Agency - 1/5/17 @ 1:30 p.m. – COMPLETE
- 13. Discussion with Villages on concerns - 2/6/17 @ 3:30 p.m. – COMPLETE
- 14. Discussion to come up with specific strategy and what the Hopi Tribe intends these committees to do and what authority they have – Task Team 1 & 2 - COMPLETE

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# March is Nutrition Awareness Month

Kanesha Quanimptewa  
Diabetes Prevention Educator  
Hopi Special Diabetes Program

March is Nutrition Awareness Month; are you aware of what you are putting in your body? We take time to make sure that our automobiles are well serviced, our electronics are up to date, and even make sure our pets are well fed; for some reason, we take only a fraction of our time to focus on our bodies. We take care of everything else besides what really matters, our body, and continue to neglect our most precious gift, our health. This is the only body we get, so why aren't we taking care of it?

According to the USDA, the average American consumes 150 to 170 pounds

of sugar per year. One-third of the United States is obese while another one-third is overweight. This puts two-thirds of our population at risk for diabetes. Despite all of this, we make very little effort to change our approach to nutrition.

Small changes to your diet can result in weight loss, lowering blood pressure, lowering cholesterol levels, reducing heart disease, and can even prevent type 2 Diabetes. Making small changes can feel overwhelming; I am not suggesting that you eliminate all of your guilty pleasures; however, eating in moderation and small

changes can give you great results. Alternate a bottle of water for every other beverage you drink. If you have a hard time drinking just water, there are great alternatives like flavored water and infused water. The idea is to increase your water consumption. After all, water is an essential part of a healthy body.

Make these small changes simply by adding good, healthy food to your current diet, and eventually you will see a change. You will be amazed at how much better you will look and feel. You have nothing to lose and your health to gain.

1st Annual  
Men's Wellness  
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Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center


March 16, 2017

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Obesity – Cont'd from P1

“The environment is what shapes and forms our culture, so if we can start taking better control and empowering ourselves with our own wellness by eating our (native) foods, by being active on the land—all those things-reciprocity happens,” stated Valerie Segrest, Muckleshoot Tribe.

We need a framework to bring the community together to take control of our lives because our poor health is a symptom of deeper problems in our communities. We need community involvement in developing health policy. We need our Tribal Council to be engaged. We need our elders and youth to be engaged.

The Hopi/Tewa Sinom is not alone in this “diabetesity” epidemic. Other tribes all over the country are in the same predicament with their youth, our future tribal leaders, that is, if they live long enough to lead. Every month, another young life is lost to chronic diseases, such as diabetes.

Diabetes demands a daily sacrifice from those afflicted with this. It wakes a mother at two in the morning to test her two year old's blood sugar. It spreads despair in grandparents whose limited mobility due to nerve damage in their hands and feet keeps them from enjoying a walk with their grandchildren. It steals precious hours of time from those who have to make visits to the hospital or the dialysis center. It does not discriminate, nor pause to hesitate on who it will lay claim to, mothers, uncles, sisters, grandparents, your little brother, niece, nephew....no remorse shown, nor sympathy for family members who will be left to care for their loved ones.

Every 23 seconds someone hears the three

words that will change their life as they know it; “you have diabetes” - ADA website

That fact blows me away every time. Every 23 seconds someone is diagnosed with diabetes. Janie Simms Hipp, Director of the University Of Arkansas School Of Law's Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, sums it up very well by saying, “If you want to destroy a people, you take away the power of their food. If you want to build a people backup, you build them up through their food.

The government has done this very effectively by taking our language, our culture, our food. By actively reclaiming all of this, by actively engaging our youth, we can begin to reverse the “diabetesity” epidemic that is overcoming the health of the young ones around us.

NOW is the time to reinvest in our youth, and by that, I mean invest a part of your time daily to nurture the young ones around you. Not only your own children, but reach out to those who have no guidance, who have not been so fortunate to have been raised in a loving, supportive family. Embrace them as your own, it our duty, our responsibility to be human to all human beings.

We must also never overlook the importance of prayer. When we pray our Creator strengthens and guides us throughout the day. Prayer will also help us on our journey and provide us with the answers needed to overcome this “diabetesity” epidemic that seeks to destroy the very identity of our people.

Now is the time to stand strong and preserve what we still have left.

The Hopi  
Environmental Health Project


STUDY INFORMATION

- The Hopi Tribe, in collaboration with professors from the University of Arizona, is evaluating the environment inside Hopi homes on several health conditions. This Project will help programs at the Hopi Department of Community Health Services and the Hopi Environmental Protection Office to identify health and environmental issues facing the Hopi.
- Household exposures found in the air, water, and food are major sources of environmental hazards for many communities. These exposures or hazards, along with factors such as unemployment, poor access to preventive programs and health services, can affect human health including respiratory and cardiovascular health, diabetes, cancer and obesity. You may have heard that a recent survey suggests 24% of Hopi have asthma, which is high compared to national averages.
- The goal is to recruit people from 90 Hopi homes over a 3 year period. The homes will be selected at random (by chance) from across Hopi communities. We will collect information about both the home and the people living in the home at two different seasons of the year (winter and summer).
- One person in the house will be asked to answer some questions about conditions of your house. You will be asked to allow environmental sampling of the air, soil, dust, and water at your home for pollutants. Information about these equipment is available and will be described to you.
- You, and anyone else in the house who is 18 years of age or older, will be asked to complete some tests about your lung and heart health. We will also ask if you are willing to give a urine sample which we will test for metals, like arsenic or uranium.
- The project requires equipment be placed at your home to measure the quality of the air during both the winter and summer seasons. Some of this equipment will need to stay in your home for at least 24 hours. This means that there will be 4 visits to your home over the next 12 months. The project will involve 4 to 5 hours of your time over 2-3 days in winter and then again in summer. A description and pictures of the equipment to be used in this study is available.
- You will receive reports from the project about your home and your personal tests.
- You may decide not to participate and you may stop your participation at any time.
- You will receive a \$100 thank you for participation after both the winter and summer sampling visits.
- This Project is funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It has received approval from the Hopi Tribal Council.

For further information, you can contact

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# Black Mesa Trust applauds decision to Shutter Navajo Generating Station

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“I am very happy and relieved that Black Mesa Trust’s struggle to save sacred waters on Black Mesa will finally end in 2019,” said Black Mesa Trust Executive Director Vernon Masayesva. “Black Mesa Trust was founded in 1998 with the singular mission of saving drinking water stored deep under our sacred land. We will succeed, but the price for allowing industrial use of pristine drinking water has been unconscionably high.”

- Over 45 billion gallons of water stored in ancient aquifers is gone forever. This would have been enough water to sustain a Hopi population of 10,000 people for over 300 years, but it was gone in just 47 years.
- Many springs are now dry and an unknown number of others are contaminated. Some of the springs were used to conduct ceremonies.
- An unknown number of Hopi ancestral villages, burial sites, sacred shrines and petroglyphs have been destroyed. These were footprints of our ancestors who settled on Black Mesa over 1,000 years ago.
- Hundreds of acres of cedar trees have been uprooted by bulldozers. Cedars are used for purification and medicine.
- The dynamiting of coal seams has released an unknown quantity of methane gas. Coal fires may have been ignited and of so they are still burning, creating cave-like tunnels within the mesa.
- The extraction of billions of water stored in highly-pressurized aquifers has caused thousands of sinkholes in the landscape.
- Impacts on the health of Dine’ (Navajo people) living downwind from the mine area and their livestock, their main source of livelihood, have never been objectively investigated.
- Nor has the impact of groundwater pumping on Siipa’pu, place of Emergence from the Third World to the Fourth World, located near the convergence of Little Colorado River and the main Colorado River been examined.
- Over 165 impoundment ponds built by the mining company have blocked the rainwater and snowmelt that used to flow through washes to Siipa’pu.
- Moenkopi Wash, which once provided water for fields and crops, is bone dry most of the year. The impoundments were authorized by U.S. Army Corp of Engineers without full investigation of the environmental or cultural impacts or the possible effects on

Moenkopi farmers and endangered species. An investigation must be conducted and must include the outright sale of water leased form Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation to owners of Mohave Generating Station without the knowledge of the Hopi Tribe.

Now that Peabody Energy’s coal strip mining has ended, we begin a new chapter. It is time to begin healing the ecological-cultural landscapes.

We must hold the federal government, Peabody, and owners of Navajo Generating Station, which includes U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, accountable for leaving us with a devastated landscape, the irretrievable loss of drinking water, compromised aquifers and the destruction of cultural sites and artifacts, not to mention desecration of our ancestor’s burial sites.

A full investigation and congressional hearing on the scope, extent and damages cause by coal mining on Black Mesa must be held.

The Hopi and Dine’ must work together to call for economic restitution. We deserve to be compensated for the economic benefit bestowed on millions of Arizona rate-payers and utility companies while Hopi and Dine’ are living in abject poverty. Arizona State University’s Morrison Institute conducted an economic impact study that shows Arizona reaped over a trillion dollars in benefits due to delivery of water from the Colorado River to Phoenix and Tucson through the 330-mile open canal called Central Arizona Project. Not a penny went to Hopi and Dine’ on whose backs this was done, even though it was coal and water from Black Mesa that powered Navajo Generating Station, which was built in part to pump water for the Central Arizona Project.

For Hopi people the healing process must begin. The modern Hopi Tribal Council must take responsibility for approving the coal lease, which treated water like a commodity that could be negotiated, leased and sold in direct violation of ancient Hopi beliefs that water is life, therefore sacred.

We thank the many environmental, religious organizations and individuals who helped us achieve this victory.

We thank the founders and members of Black Mesa Trust, some of whom have joined the spirit world.

Black Mesa Trust, a non-profit 501© 3 organization, has submitted a proposal to mitigate the impact of the loss of jobs and revenues generated by NGS and coal mining. It is available upon request to [kuyi@aol.com](mailto:kuyi@aol.com).

## Housing from P1

The HTHA’s Indian Housing Plan (IHP) has been designed to address the housing shortage by constructing new homes and rental units, rehabilitation of substandard homes, assisting families with mortgage buy-downs and rental assistance for low-income families and college students. Full funding for these housing projects are leveraged by NAHASDA funds.

Eligibility for housing programs is based on the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) household income of 80% median income or lower. The low-income requirement will ensure homeowners are able to make minimum house or rental payments, leading to successful homeownership.

Corbin reported that in his position as new Executive Director (E.D), he has encountered and/or inherited several challenges which have caused delays in Projects. Corbin replaced Chester Carl who resigned as ED effective 9/22/2016. Rights –of-Ways (ROW) have been a major problem, due to no clearances obtained prior to start of Projects.

Corbin said there were also three different leases for a certain Project, all with different legal descriptions. The Spider Mound project has been placed on hold by the YuWehLoo Pahki Board due to land assignment issues and the 2016-10 Scattered Housing Project is in the pre-planning/pre-engineering phase but needs environmental reviews and clearances have to be obtained.

He said, although there are delays, he will ensure HTHA is in compliance before moving forward. He also wants to make it known that “Projects have not stopped, but are delayed to get things in order.”

“The urgency to get Projects started (by previous E.D.) was a priority, rather than follow proper protocols for construction,” said Corbin.

When asked by Council why proper protocols, processes and procedures were not followed, Corbin stated that it could have been a threat of expending funds by a certain date, or risk losing the funding; or, it could have been to make certain ones happy. Other areas of non-compliance and/or findings:

- 1) No established procedures and/or policies for self-monitoring
- 2) Lack of self-monitoring reporting, including monitoring of sub-recipients.
- 3) Single Audit Finding for FY2015
  1. Payroll 5/25: Compensatory time paid, not-preapproved
  - Payroll 1/25: Overpayment due to error (pending investigation)
  2. SF425’s were not prepared properly.
  3. Drawdowns: Over drawdown-request date 7/22/15
4. Procurement:
  - a. Suspension and debarment check was not performed
  - b. All Nations Environment: did not have proper procurement documentation. Total amount paid to All Nations was \$39,300.
  - c. Pending *Ad proof* for 19 Scattered Housing Project.
  - d. Whiteriver Construction: additional cost was approved after Purchase Order (P.O.) was created. Work has not started even after Board approval.
  - e. Pending Board Resolution for Barton Southwest- additional \$10,245.40 for drainage repair at First Mesa Youth Ctr.

### HTHA Projects:

Project 2016-20 Model Activity – Construction of two warehouse facilities and open bay facility to store equipment and building material. Actual cost of Project was \$473,305.33, which was under the budget of \$520,000. Project completed in FY16.

Project 2016-1 Operation of NAHASDA Units – Provide housing assist families under the NAHASDA homeownership program with management, maintenance inspection and warranty work. Assist families with tracking payments, tracking equity accounts, compliance with occupancy, grievance and collection policy, training in compliance of homeownership agreement and extra ordinary maintenance due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. HTHA conducted maintenance inspection and warranty work repairs on 50 units, focusing on erosion work and repairs to foundations as well as HVAC assessments and replacements.

2016-2 Operation of 1937 Housing Units New Mutual Help and Low Rent – To assist families funded under the 1937 Housing Act Program with house management programs to ensure housing units are in safe, sanitary conditions. The HTHA is also back on track from a backlog of work orders from prior fiscal years and in FY2016 successfully completed all unit inspections;

thus, ensuring homes are safe and in sanitary conditions.

2016-3 Modernization of 1937 Housing Units – This Project will modernize units constructed under the 1937 Housing Act, upgrade mechanical systems, electrical and lighting, structure, upgrade use of building material for energy efficiency and make homes handicap accessible.

2016-5 First Mesa Community Development for planning and engineering of 40 rental homes - After conducting the required 30-day comment period in accordance with NEPA process, the Project was terminated by the HTHA due a large opposition from community members opposing the Project, Project funding, cultural concerns, and concerns with the land assignment. There was also no residential lease, nor pre-planning surveys as required by the Tribe’s Ordinance 55, prior to transition to the next step. The HTHA also determined that the Title VI option was not in the best financial interest, over a 12-15 year period, to offer \$1.3 million annually due to a long wait list of 70+ Hopis requesting homeownership rather than rental units

2016-6 First Mesa Day Care Center, to provide child care for families to encourage low-income families to seek education & employment for self-sufficiency. After 30-day comment period, per NEPA process, Project was terminated due to opposition and concerns as stated in 2016-5.

2016-7 Twin Arrows (TA) Community Development study to plan for future housing development of rental and homeownership homes – Conduct feasibility study on types of housing that can be constructed in the area to provide affordable housing for eligible families. The Project will also cover administrative costs of withdrawing land under a master lease, including environmental assessment. A study by Southwest Business Development Corp showed that the landsite is not feasible for community development and recommended a location south of TA. The study showed statistical data, resources and current assessments/surveys of information needed for future planning of housing units near TA. The study was successful and will benefit the Hopi Tribe.

2016-8 Winslow Development and Site Improvement – This Project will construct new affordable housing for eligible families. Construction is in progress and 85% complete; however there is a delay due to ROW issues for electricity to the site. It was discovered in 2016 that there was no ROW and currently working with BIA Realty to obtain proper clearances. The HTHA also had to redo soils testing in 2016 which was hampered by bad weather.

2016-9 Spider Mound Community Development Project – This Project will construct new housing units for low-income families. On Oct. 4, 2016, HTC approved a Resolution for a Special Land Use Assignment on Hopi Partitioned Lands (HPL) at the Yuwehloo Pahki (YP) Community Development tract. The approved Resolution authorizes HTHA to obtain a sublease for the Project. The Project, however, is currently in a holding status by request of the YP Board of Directors. In a letter dated Nov. 28, 20126, the YP Board requested HTHA address several areas of concern before a sublease can be granted. The YP board requested to meet with HTHA on three different occasions, but no meeting has transpired to date.

2-16-10 Scattered Housing Units – Planning and pre-engineering for nine homes and scheduled to complete planning, land surveys, obtain land leases, conduct environmental review archaeological and engineering services.

2016-11 Scattered Housing Units - Construction of 20 scattered housing units in progress throughout the Hopi reservation at 95% complete. Project delayed due to no ROW’s for utility connections and currently working to obtain ROW’s from APS for electricity hook up to two homes in Polacca. Additionally, no ROW’s were obtained for two homes in the Spider Mound community and currently waiting on BIA Realty to submit resolution to HTC for approval. Another hold up to the Project was the design of power and water from NTUA (provides services to Spider Mound on HPL), which took an additional three months.

2016-12 BIA HIP Homes– Project funded for FY2008. HTHA delayed the project to complete a thorough review of client files for compliance. The team also reviewed the planning steps for compliance. An RFP was published and a firm was selected to construct four Category B homes. Construction will commence in FY2017.

2016-13 Rehabilitation and Relocation Assistance of current dwellings – Rehab includes roof repair, wall reconstruction of traditional homes, install flooring, plumbing, kitchen and bathroom, upgrade windows and make handicap accessible. Serious delays were encountered due to dilapidated and deteriorating home conditions. These were not seen during inspections and only became visible during construction. Other problems: mold, mice infestations, asbestos, lead paint, weather conditions, and cultural ceremonies (most homes are located in plaza or kiva areas).

2016-14 NAHASDA Units- This Project will construct two units with foundation settlement issues. HTHA obtained a new land assignment for one home and a new land use area on existing assignment for another home. Feasibility studies have been complete for both sites and anticipate completing all NEPA and Hopi Tribe requirements the first half of 2017 and construction to start the end of 2017.

2016-15 Down Payment Assistance/ Closing Cost – Project helps eligible low-income homebuyers with down payment for purchase of home. Five Hopi families were assisted with purchase of mobile home and/or new building projects. This is a new program to HTHA in FY2016 and was very successful.

2016-16 First Mesa Youth Center – Provides various activities for Youth throughout the Hopi Reservation.

2016-17 Crime Prevention/Resident Organizations – Assist residents to form Resident organizations to address crime related activity in housing areas. No Crime Prevention Plan was in place for 2016; therefore, will not continue in 2017, until a comprehensive plan is developed for crime prevention.

2016-18 Tenant Based Rental Assistance Project– This Project will assist families who qualify for rental assistance (30% of adjusted income) and does not include assistance for utilities. Thirteen Hopi families were assisted with rental assistance in Coconino, Maricopa and Navajo counties.

2016-19 Youth Apprenticeship Program – This is a job training program for Hopi individuals who wish to learn a trade in building construction to eventually gain meaningful employment. It is the goal of HTHA that these individuals will be the local workforce for construction projects on the Hopi reservation.

2016-21 Moenkopi Housing Development Project is a project to construct twelve new housing units. A resolution was passed by the Village authorizing the Project. The Village of Upper Moenkopi determined client eligibility and approved the list of enrolled/eligible members of the village. The project was delayed due to the Village not obtaining approval from HTC.

2016-22 VASH– This program will assist 15 veterans and their families with tenant based rental assistant vouchers. In cooperation with the Prescott VA office, a case manager was hired and a Rental policy was approved. The Veterans services does not have housing units available on the Hopi Reservation and is in a unique situation because homes are typically Not built on clan lands for a short term but for long term homeownership.

2016-23 Bacavi Community Building – This model activity will evaluate the existing building, conduct planning, pre-engineering and reconstruction of existing building. Evaluations, planning and pre-engineering are in progress. There is currently no documentation from land owner authorizing reconstruction. With the change of leadership, the new ED conducted an audit of the Project and found that requirements in the planning phase were not complete. The staff is now back tracking their work to ensure compliance before any advance work is done on the project. The project is on-going and HTHA is in communication with the Village CSA.

2016-24 Moenkopi Village Water Repair Project – Repairs will be made to C-Aquifer #4 which serves 1,300 low income families. There is currently a list of 125 income eligible housing units in the Village. Funds from this project will assist with costs to repair the well which will cost \$21,480.21. HTHA will assist with \$5,000. A checkwas presented to the Village and project has been deemed successful.

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MY BOOKKEEPING PLACE  
TAX SERVICE

Our office will open for the 2017 Tax

We are located in Kykotsmovi Village, on the south side of the road between the Post Office and Hopi Day School.

For the 2017 tax season, the new PATH Act passed by Congress is now in effect. The new law requires taxpayers to show proof of filing status, dependents, residence and Native American enrollment status.

Please bring the following when you come to our office:

- Identification Card (State or Tribal document)
- Birth Certificates for yourself and dependents
- Social Security cards for yourself and dependents
- Tribal enrollment cards or Certification of Indian Blood (CIB)
- School enrollment verification letters for dependent(s)
- Immunization document showing name and address for dependent
- Other documents - Guardianships, Court Documents, etc.

We encourage you make an appointment to schedule a convenient day/time.

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday, 8am - 6pm  
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CALL FOR HOPI ARTIST

The Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation will be looking to purchase a variety of art throughout 2017 monthly at wholesale prices.

Jewelry (Silver, overlay, wood)  
Gourd art (bowls & Jewelry)  
Kachina Dolls (low end price)  
Sifter Baskets  
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Hand made clothing & woven items etc.

Look out for buying dates posted at the Hopi cultural Center and plan on dropping off your art work. Lisa Talayumtewa will be at the Hopi Cultural Center on the following days:

March 9th & April 5th, 2017  
Drop off art from 9:00 am—12:00  
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Letter of Apology

To the Hopi People,

I am writing this Letter of Apology for my actions of May 19, 2016. I was caught for DUI and I am saying sorry for my actions, for it has taken time away from more important matters such as family, work and having to go to court and spend time in jail when I could spend time with family and go to work.

So again, I am saying sorry and it will never happen again.

Sincerely,  
Ryan Kewanimptewa

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HOPI JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034  
Telephone: (928) 738-5111  
Fax: (928) 738-5333

Mr. J. Jason Lobik, High School Principal  
Mrs. Lucille Sidney, Jr. High Principal

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SCHOOL YEAR  
2016-2017

CERTIFIED POSITIONS:

H.S. Vocational Ed/Carpentry Teacher – HHS-17-001 - OUF  
Junior High School Science Teacher – HHS-17-002 – OUF  
High School Academic Counselor – HHS-17-003 – OUF  
H.S. Social Studies Teacher (NAS) – HHS-17-004 - OUF  
Computer Teacher – HHS-17-005 - OUF  
H.S. Social Studies (Government/Economics) Teacher – HHS-17-006 - OUF  
School Superintendent – HHS-17-008 – OUF

CLASSIFIED POSITIONS:

OPENING DATE: 02/27/2017 – CLOSING DATE: 3/10/2017

Educational Aides (SPED) - (2) positions – HHS-17-007  
Student Liaison (SPED) – (3) positions – HHS-17-009  
Custodian – HHS-17-010

Reasons to choose Hopi Jr./Sr. High School

- Opportunity to learn about Hopi and Native American Culture and traditions
- Opportunity to challenge Native American students with College and Career Readiness
  - Competitive salary schedule to other Arizona schools
- Excellent Medical, Dental, Vision and Life Insurance benefit package
  - Athletic coaching opportunities
- Teacher Housing provided at low rental rate; Walking distance to work
- After 3 years school pays student loan forgiveness of \$15,000 (SPED ONLY)

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:  
Hopi Junior/Senior High School  
PO Box 337  
Attn: Human Resources Department  
Keams Canyon, AZ 86034  
(928) 738-5111

ALL APPLICANTS ARE SUBJECT TO A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION  
NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE.

“A Great Place to Learn”

Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation

5200 E. Cortland BLVD Ste. E200-7  
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Phone: 928-522-8675 Fax: 928-522-8678

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Line Cook Hopi Travel Plaza Holbrook, AZ	Line Cook Hopi Cultural Cener Second Mesa, AZ
Front Desk Position Days Inn Kokopelli Secona, AZ	Front Desk Position Hopi Cultural Center Second Mesa, AZ
Housekeeping Positions Hopi Cultural Center Second Mesa, AZ	Housekeeping Positions Days Inn Kokopelli Sedona, AZ
Maintenance Technician Hopi Travel Plaza Holbrook, AZ	Maintenance Technician Hopi Cultural Center Second Mesa, AZ
Restaurant Server Hopi Travel Center Holbrook, AZ	Restaurant Server Hopi Cultural Center Second Mesa, AZ
Assistant to the Controller Flagstaff Corporate Office Flagstaff, AZ	

For more information on the Jobs listed. Please contact Cindy Smith, Human Resource Manager at csmith@htedc.net or at # listed above.

ALL POSITIONS ARE HOPI PREFERENCE.

Hopi Tutuveni  
Seeks  
Freelance  
Writers

The Hopi Tutuveni is looking to hire freelance writers with previous journalism experience or subject matter expertise to research and develop news articles and feature stories of interest to its readers. The ideal applicant must have excellent research and writing skills, a high level of initiative to seek out and develop newsworthy stories, and excellent time management skills to meet deadlines.

Ability to understand and speak the Hopi language is preferred, but not required. Freelancers are self-employed, independent contractors and must possess a valid business license with the Hopi Tribe.

Applicants should send two to four writing samples along with a cover letter to Louella Nahsonhoya, Managing Editor, P.O. Box 123, Kykotsmovi, A 86039 (email address: [Lnahsonhoya@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:Lnahsonhoya@hopi.nsn.us)). For additional information please call 928-734-3282.

Second Mesa Day School

P.O. Box 98  
Second Mesa, Arizona 86043  
Phone: (928) 737-2571 Fax: (928) 737-2565  
“Itah Tsaayom Mopekya”

SY 2016-2017  
Employment Opportunities

Come join the S.M.D.S Bobcat Team!

Closing Date: March 3, 2017

CERTIFIED POSITIONS: 10 MONTH

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher  
ESS Teachers  
Art Teacher  
Gifted & Talented Teacher  
PE Teacher  
ESS Director  
Hopi Lavayi Teacher  
Substitute Teachers

CLASSIFIED POSITIONS

Bus Driver  
Substitute Bus Driver  
ESS Teacher Assistant (3) positions  
Teacher Assistant (2) positions

All positions except substitutes are eligible for full benefits: Health, Dental, Vision, Life Insurance, Short-term & Long Term disability and 401 K Retirement Plan.

All interested applicants may obtain employment application in person or by contacting the school. Applicants MUST be willing to undergo intense background investigation and MUST have a valid Driver’s License.

For further information, please contact: Janet Lamson, Human Resource Technician at Second Mesa Day School (928) 737-2571.

Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program

WOOD HARVEST at HART RANCH

Enrolled Hopi Tribal Members Only

March 25, 2017: 8:00am - 2:00pm

March 26, 2017: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Last vehicle in @ 2:00 P.M. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

DIRECTIONS:

From Flagstaff: The Hart Ranch is approximately 20 miles east on I-40. Exit at the Twin Arrows Exit (Exit 219).

From Winslow: The Hart Ranch is approximately 40 miles west on I-40. Exit at the Twin Arrows Exit (Exit 219).

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

ITEMS TO BRING:

Your Tribal Enrollment Card and/or ID.

A spare tire, tools, chain saw, lunch and plenty of water.

\*\* NOTE \*\*: A Special Hopi Tribal Wood Hauling Permit will be issued to you at the main entrance before you leave the Hart Ranch. For more information, you may contact the Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program at (928) 734-3673/3677.

March

H O P I F I T N E S S C E N T E R

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
THE BEST PROJECT YOU WILL EVER WORK ON IS YOU	1 NO NOON GF ZUMBA PARTY 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	2 INTERVAL RUN HHCC & HFC @ 12:10 p.m. AGILITY HFC @ 5:30 p.m.	3 FLEX-ABILITY HFC @ 12:00 p.m.	
6 MARCH MADNESS ONE MILE TESTING DAY	7 AGILITY HHCC & HFC @ 12:10 p.m. INTERVAL RUN HFC @ 5:30 p.m.	8 TOTAL BODY HFC @ 12:10 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.	9 INTERVAL RUN HHCC & HFC @ 12:10 p.m. AGILITY HFC @ 5:30 p.m.	10 FLEX-ABILITY HFC @ 12:00 p.m.
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27 MARCH MADNESS ONE MILE TESTING DAY	28 MARCH MADNESS ONE MILE TESTING DAY	29 NO GROUP FITNESS SPRING CARNIVAL 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	30 INTERVAL RUN HHCC & HFC @ 12:10 p.m. AGILITY HFC @ 5:30 p.m.	31 FLEX-ABILITY HFC @ 12:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Group Fitness classes will also be held at the Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC) concurrently with the Hopi Fitness Center (HFC). We hope to see you at one of these locations! For more information call (928) 734-3432





**SPRING  
CARNIVAL**

**MARCH 29, 2017**  
**5:00p.m.-10:00p.m.**

**Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center**  
**Kykotsmovi, AZ HWY 264, Mile Post 375.5**

**\$30 Game Booths/\$50 Food Booths**  
**Food Handler's Card And**  
**Peddler's Permit Required**

**GAMES, FOOD AND FUN**  
**FOR ALL AGES**

**For more Information, call (928) 734-3432**

**CO-ED YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
**APRIL 1 & 2, 2017**  
**HOPI VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CENTER**  
**KYKOTSMOVI, AZ HWY 264, MILE POST 375.5**

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**\$125.00 ENTRY FEE**  
**A \$65 Non-Refundable Deposit Is Required To Reserve A Spot On The Bracket**  
**The Remaining Balance Must Be Paid Before The Teams First Game**  
**PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (928) 734-3432**


# Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

March 8 & 9, 2017  
Hopi Wellness Center  
9 A.M.— 5 P.M.  
LIMITED REGISTRATION

To register or inquire please call Hopi Behavioral Health Services at:  
(928)737-6300

**FREE!      FREE!      FREE!**

*\*Light Breakfast and lunch will be served\**



**LivingWorks**  
suicide safer communities  
*saving lives* for tomorrow

For more Information please  
Contact:  
Hopi Behavioral Health Services  
Education Specialists at  
(928) 737-6300



***Veterans  
Income Tax  
Settlement  
Fund***

Arizona Native American Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during 1993 to 2005, may be eligible for Arizona state income tax refund. This includes all living and deceased Native American Veterans.

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services may not accept claims after December 31, 2017. So act now to file your application claim.

For more information, please contact the Hopi Veterans Services at (928) 734-3461 or to obtain the application to start your claim.




**Experience Hopi**

**We are looking for Hopi  
Demonstrators/Presenters/Lecturers  
To share knowledge about  
Hopi arts & crafts and culture  
from May thru September.**

**Give us a call today!**

**(928) 283-4500**  
or email: [darren@experiencehopi.com](mailto:darren@experiencehopi.com)  
[www.experiencehopi.com](http://www.experiencehopi.com)



**Hopi VITA Partnership**  
*Providing Income Assistance with the Helping Hands of Volunteers*

# 2017 Hopi VITA Partnership

*Providing **FREE** Income Tax Assistance  
with the Helping Hands of Volunteers*

**E-file your State & Federal Income Taxes for **FREE****  
*by IRS Certified Preparers for income up to \$85,000*

**Northland Pioneer College Hopi Center**  
*(near the Hopi High School campus)*

DAYS:	TIMES:	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday & Tuesday Only	10am—7pm	13th & 14th 20th & 21st 27th & 28th	6th & 7th 20th & 21st 27th & 28th  <i>*Closed Spring Break</i>	3rd & 4th 10th & 11th






**DOCUMENTS TO BRING:**

- All W-2 Forms/1099 Forms
- Social Security Cards for everyone on tax return
- Valid picture I.D. for adults on tax return
- 2015 tax return if available.

- 1095-If you purchased Healthcare from Marketplace
- Account and Routing numbers for Direct Deposit


*If you are married and planning to file jointly, both parties must be present to sign.*

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
 (928) 738-2265 or (888) 635-0545  
 FB: [www.facebook.com/HopiVITA](https://www.facebook.com/HopiVITA)

**SCAN 2 GO!**

**All tax preparation will have a 1 week turnaround. Must be present for the intake & screening process.**



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

The following individuals need to contact the Hopi Credit Association as soon as possible at 928-738-2205:

Christopher Quotskuyva  
Madeline Honanie  
Gorman Howato  
Tobias Lomayestewa

# 2017 Hopi Pottery Festival



*Recognize/Appreciate/*

Keynote	Featuring	Video
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**Saturday and Sunday  
April 29 and 30, 2017  
Time ??**

**Hopi Veterans' Memorial Center – Wellness Center  
Kykotsmovi, AZ**

For information on the Pottery Festival call Mesa Media at 928-737-2255 OR  
928-313-3134 OR email [appleashla@aol.com](mailto:appleashla@aol.com)



# **Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation**

**SEEKS APPLICANTS TO FILL TWO (2) MEMBERS ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**\*\*THE TWO (2) AVAILABLE POSITIONS ARE FOR HOPI/TEWA TRIBAL MEMBERS\*\***

The HTEDC is a legal entity wholly owned by the Hopi Tribe. The HTEDC is established under federal charter provisions making it distinct and separate from the Hopi Tribe. A board of seven directors governs the HTEDC. The Board is appointed by the Hopi Tribal Council, representing the sole shareholder, either a three or four-year term.

All Directors must meet the required qualifications as set forth in its By-Laws and must pass a mandatory background check.

If you are interested and want more information please contact Lynnora Mahle- Talayumtewa by phone at 928-522-8675 or e-mail at [lmahle@htedc.net](mailto:lmahle@htedc.net) or regular mail.

This packet includes information about the HTEDC and its mission, as well as information about the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Director member. Calls for more information are welcome.

**Board positions will remain open until filled**



NATIONAL  
NATIVE AMERICAN  
VETERANS  
MEMORIAL





The Hopi Tribe



Smithsonian  
Institution

The Honorable Herman G. Honanie  
Chairman  
The Hopi Tribe

Kevin Gover  
Director  
National Museum of the American Indian

cordially invite Native veterans and community members to a discussion  
about the National Native American Veterans Memorial

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (MST)**

**Kykotsmovi Community Center (KCC)**  
**Kykotsmovi Village, AZ,**  
**(KCC is located on Kykotsmovi Main Street about**  
**½ mile south of AZ Highway Route 264 near the village store)**

The National Museum of the American Indian has been  
authorized by Congress to create a memorial honoring the service  
of Native Americans in the armed forces of the United States.

Led by the Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Northern Cheyenne)  
and the Honorable Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the  
Chickasaw Nation, the memorial advisory committee

RSVP to [NMAI-RSVP@si.edu](mailto:NMAI-RSVP@si.edu)

[AmericanIndian.si.edu](http://AmericanIndian.si.edu)

War bonnets adorn uniform jackets at a Ton-Kon-Gah (Kiowa Black Leggings Society) ceremonial near Anadarko, Oklahoma, 2006. NMAI

# Consultation for the National Native American Veterans Memorial March 14

Rebecca Trautmann, Project Manager, Smithsonian  
National Museum of the American Indian Cultural Resources Center

Native Americans have served in the United States military in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War. In recent decades, they have served in greater numbers per capita than any other ethnic group.

The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) has been charged by Congress with building a National Native American Veterans Memorial to give “all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States.” Working together with the National Congress of American Indians and other Native American organizations, the museum has begun preliminary plans to construct this memorial in the next four years.

**Honoring Native Americas’ Long and Distinguished Service:** The service and sacrifice of Native American veterans, including American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, spans nearly two and a half centuries of American history. During World War II, over 44,000 Native Americans served in the U.S.

military. Hundreds of Hopi, Navajo, Comanche, and other Native language speakers—Code Talkers—played a crucial role. More than 42,000 Native Americans served during the Vietnam War. Today, the U.S. Department of Defense estimates more than 24,000 American Indian and Alaska Native men and women are on active duty, and more than 150,000 veterans self-identify as American Indian or Alaska Native.

An advisory committee for the memorial has been formed, led by the Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Northern Cheyenne) and Chickasaw Nation Lieutenant Governor Jefferson Keel. The group, composed of tribal leaders and veterans from across Native America, is assisting with outreach to communities and veterans and advising on plans for the memorial.

In the fall of 2020, the museum will launch a juried competition to select a design for the memorial. The National Native American Veterans Memorial will be located prominently on the museum’s grounds on the National Mall, between the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space

Museum and the U.S. Capitol. The dedication ceremony is planned for Veterans Day 2020, to unveil the memorial and honor the immense contributions and patriotism of Native Americans in the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Consultations with Tribal Leaders and Veterans:** The NMAI and the advisory committee are currently conducting consultations to share plans for the memorial and to seek input and support. Regional events bring together tribal leaders, Native veterans, and community members.

On Tuesday, March 14, the Hopi Tribe will host a consultation for the memorial at the Kykotsmovi Community Center, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Veterans and members of the community are invited to attend.

As Kevin Gover, Director of the National Museum of the American Indian, states, “As many more of these veterans’ stories are known, people will begin to ponder that these people who had been so terribly wronged by the United States throughout history were nevertheless patriots and believed in the promise of the United States.”

# VA Health Care Services for Hopi Veterans

By: Geno Talas  
Manager Hopi Veterans Services

The Hopi Veterans Services is happy to announce we are fully staffed again with the recent addition of Mr. Brennan Torivio, Client Transporter, who is Sunforehead Clan and from Shungopavi Village. Mr. Torivio will be transporting Hopi Veterans to their VA medical appointments at various locations on/or near the Hopi Reservation. Hopi Veterans can also be transported to medical appointments authorized under the new VA Choice Program.

Hopi Veterans who are currently enrolled in the VA Health Care System can request for our transportation service if they are registered with our program. If not registered with our program, bring a copy of your military discharge document and Hopi Enrollment card to our office so we can conduct an in-take interview with you. Once approved, registered Hopi Veterans can begin requesting transportation services at least 7 work days prior to the scheduled VA medical appointment. For elderly Veterans, a family member escort is highly encouraged and permitted to travel with the Veteran to assist with the appointments.

Due to safety considerations, our transports are for Veterans who are ambulatory (able to walk or move about) and require little assistance to get into our program vehicles. We do not have wheel-chair lift capabilities.

Now for Hopi Veterans who are not enrolled in the VA Health Care System, many services are available to enhance their health and quality of life ranging from basic health check-ups to referrals for other specialty clinics such as audiology, orthopedics, prescription glasses and other health programs. There are also special VA health programs for Women Veterans unique to their health needs. Additionally, the VA Health Care System has programs for Veterans suffering from substance abuse, mental health issues and PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder). Finally Elderly and Disabled Veterans who need home care and/or home renovations to enlarge their bathrooms or add house ramps for wheel-chair bound Veterans may qualify and apply for VA services or grants. Once enrolled in the VA Health Care System, Veterans can begin working with their assigned VA

medical provider (doctor) to obtain services or referrals for their health needs.

Hopi Veterans interested in enrolling with the VA Health Care System can come to our office or go to the nearest VA Health Care facility to fill out the necessary VA health enrollment application form. Veterans or if their family members are assisting, will also need a copy of the military discharge document to attach to the application form. Our office will help you fill out the application form and then fax the completed form to Prescott VA Medical Center Enrollment Office to process the application to determine your eligibility status. Once approved for VA Health Care, you can begin requesting for VA medical services. Hopi Veterans have a choice to be assigned to the VA clinics at either Polacca Hopi Health Care Center or the Tuba City Regional Health Care Center. Currently, the VA medical services are on Thursdays at the Polacca facility and other weekdays at the Tuba City facility. To schedule a VA appointment at either facility, you can talk to the VA medical staff at 928-283-4465.

# Native American Settlement Fund

By: Geno Talas  
Manager Hopi Veterans  
Services

Earlier this year, the Arizona Department of Revenue and the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services jointly announced the Native American Settlement Fund (NASF) passed by the Arizona State Legislature last year. This Settlement Fund was established to refund Arizona state income tax withheld from Native American veterans domiciled on their reservations while on active duty military in the years 1993 through 2005.

**Background:** On November 22, 2000, the United States Justice Department issued a memo declaring that the taxation and withholding of state income taxes from active duty military pay of Native Americans domiciled on their reservation was impermissible.

Arizona withheld state income taxes from all active duty military pay from September 1, 1993 through December 31, 2005. Beginning January 1, 2006 Arizona no longer taxed active duty military pay and therefore discontinued state income tax withholding of this type of income. The Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund (NASF) was established on July 1, 2016 to refund Arizona income tax erroneously withheld from Native Americans who served in the military while claiming tribal land as their domicile.

**Claimants:** Who may make a NASF claim? Native American veterans who had Arizona income tax withheld from their active duty military pay while domiciled on their reservation. If the veteran is deceased the surviving spouse or personal representative may make a claim. If anyone other than the surviving spouse or personal representative (e.g., child of the veteran) makes a claim they must show the value of decedent’s estate was less than \$30,000.

**Duration:** What is the time window for NASF Claims?

- The Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund was established July 1, 2016.
- The Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services (ADVS) is designated as the recipient of claims.
- The Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services *may not accept claims after December 31, 2017.*
- The Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR) *will not grant refunds after June 30, 2019.*
- Any monies left in the Native American Veterans Income Tax Settlement Fund on July 1, 2019 will be swept into the state general fund.

**Claim Process:** How does the NASF claim process work? The claimant sends their completed forms along with any relevant paperwork to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services (ADVS). ADVS has 210 days to accept or reject the claim. A non-response from ADVS after 210 days is considered a denial. Claims accepted by ADVS are next sent to the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR). ADOR has 210 days to approve or reject claims they receive from ADVS. ADOR will issue refunds to claimants with valid claims. If a claim has been denied by ADVS, you can reapply to ADVS or appeal the denial decision to the Director of the Department. If you choose to appeal, you must submit a written notice of appeal to the Director of the Department. The written notice shall include a concise statement of the reasons for the appeal. This decision is considered final thirty (30) days after receipt of the denial notice.

Locally there are several ways Native American Veterans can obtain the NASF application:

1. For those with internet access, go to [www.dvs.az.gov](http://www.dvs.az.gov) website and look for the NASF ion. There you will find the applications for both living and deceased veterans with instructions on necessary forms to attach and the mailing address.
2. For local Veterans on/near the Hopi Reservation, they can stop by the Hopi Veterans Services office located in Kykotsmovi, AZ, to obtain the applications. Additionally, for Hopi Veterans registered with our office, you can obtain your DD Form 214, military discharge document.
3. For those Veterans who do not have their W-2s for the years claimed (1993 – 2005), there is a box to check on the NASF application to request AZ Department of Revenue to obtain on your behalf. Additionally, if Veterans do not have a DD Form 214, military discharge document, fill out the SF Form 180 that is included with the application form. Your military records will be mailed directly to ADVS.
4. Finally, there is a section on the NASF application form requiring a Tribal official to attest Veterans home of record on tribal land. For Hopi Veterans, the Hopi Veterans Services is the Hopi Tribal delegate to sign the section. For non-Hopi Veterans, they will need to contact their respective Tribal governor, president or designee to determine who signs home of record section.

As mentioned the deadline date to file your NASF claim is December 31, 2017. We hope all Native Veterans take the opportunity to file a NASF claim and to help spread the word to others in your local communities. For more questions or assistance on the NASF application process please call us at (928) 734-3461 or 734-3462. Our office is located in the H.O.P.I. Cancer Support Services building in Kykotsmovi, AZ. Our business hours are Monday through Friday (excluding tribal declared holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MST).

On behalf of my staff, Hanna Polewytewa, Secretary II, and Mr. Torivio, we highly encourage all Hopi Veterans or Family members to learn more about our program services, request for VA transportation or enroll in the VA Health Care System, by giving us a call at 928-734-3461 or 734-3462. Our office is located in the H.O.P.I. Cancer Support Services building in Kykotsmovi, AZ, business hours are Monday - Friday (excluding tribal declared holidays) from 8am -5pm (MST year round).

Thank you all Veterans for your honorable service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Now let us serve you!



# HotevillaBacaviCommunitySchool Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

Pam Ovah  
Hotevilla Bacavi Community School

The Hotevilla Bacavi Community School recently held their 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Honor Roll and Perfect attendance assembly. He following students was recognized for their efforts in achieving exceptional grades and /or Perfect Attendance. The students enjoyed the afternoon with a party of mummy games and receiving incentives for their hard work. We at Hotevilla Bacavi Community School are very proud of those students and encourage all our students to strive for the best. Below is a listing of our Honor and Perfect Attendance students.

<u>“A” Honor Roll</u>	<u>“B” Honor Roll</u>	<u>Perfect Attendance</u>
Cayden Joseph Isiah Tessay	Kailee Chimerica	Isiah Tessay
Lynell Roy	Kiara Kinale	Alvin Selina
Lorissa Mahle	Aden Seletstewa	Kiara Kinale
Kaidence Nevayaktewa	Wupatsua Roy	Lorissa Mahle
Sonway Masayesva	Brianna George	Rylee Natoney
Jacelyn Mahle	Madison Talashoma	Eldrice Namoki
Scarlet Fred	Cayle Joseph	Jacelyn Mahle
Valarie Honanwyma	Renee Secakuku	Halen Fred
Clarrisa Hamilton	Stephan Lomakema	Dewey Namoki
Joseph Mc Cosar	Kai Rogers	Angel Tenakhongva
Brooklyn Allison	Danielle Tallas	Floyd Thompson
	Kiara Natoney	
	Brett Chimerica Jr.	

# Four tips to help prevent tooth decay in Arizona’s young kids

Peter Van Wyck  
First Things First

Parents and caregivers are the first defense in helping prevent tooth decay in Arizona’s youngest children.

February is National Children’s Dental Health month, which promotes the benefits of good oral health. Left untreated, tooth decay in young children’s primary teeth puts them at risk for future problems like damaged permanent teeth; increased vulnerability to infections in other parts of the body, such as the ears, sinuses and the brain; and, impaired speech development, and reduced self-esteem.

“Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease faced by young children,” said Joe Fu, First Things First’s Senior Director for Health. “It is also 100 percent preventable.”

Even though more and more toddlers and preschoolers are making that important first visit to the dentist’s office, challenges remain. According to a First Things First study, conducted in partnership with the Arizona Department of Health Services, 52 percent of Arizona’s kindergartners have experienced tooth decay compared with 36 percent of 5-year-old children nationally. Nearly one third of kindergarteners (30%) in the FTF Coconino region have untreated decay and are in need of dental care. Untreated decay findings for the region are slightly higher than for Arizona (27%). When looking at overall decay experience, a higher percentage of kindergarteners in the region had decay experience (63%) compared to

Arizona (52%).

In Coconino County, FTF works with the Coconino County Public Health Services District to bring the services of the Smart Smiles program to children 5 and under. Smart Smiles provided fluoride varnishes and oral health screenings and education from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Feb. 9 at the North Country Storytime, 2920 N. Fourth St., Flagstaff.

FTF offers these tips for families of babies, toddlers and preschoolers:

1. Clean your child’s teeth: When your baby’s first teeth come in, brush them after each feeding, especially before bedtime. Use a soft toothbrush and a rice-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. When your child turns 3, you can use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste.
2. Prevent baby bottle decay: Don’t put your baby to bed with a bottle at night or at nap time. The sugar in milk, formula, juices and soda can cause tooth decay. Beginning at 6 months, give your child water to drink to help keep their mouth clean and healthy.
3. Serve healthy food and snacks: Sugary and sticky foods cause tooth decay, so give your child fruits, vegetables or cheese instead.
4. Take your child to the dentist: By baby’s first tooth or first birthday, take them to the dentist to check that their mouth, gums and teeth are healthy. ###

# Pinon man sentenced to 48 months for domestic violence offense committed on Hopi Reservation

Cosme Lopez, Public Affairs  
Office of the U.S. Attorney  
Elizabeth A. Strange  
District of Arizona

PHOENIX – This week, Erik Yazzie, 37, of Pinon, Ariz., was sentenced by Senior U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake to 44 months of imprisonment, in addition to four months of imprisonment already served on a related prosecution in the Hopi Tribal Court.

Yazzie had previously pleaded guilty to assault by strangling or suffocating an intimate partner.

In August 2014, Yazzie, a member of the Navajo Nation Indian Tribe, assaulted a member of the Hopi Tribe. The offense occurred on the Hopi Indian Reservation in Hotevilla, Arizona.

The investigation in this case was

conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Office of Justice Services (Hopi Agency). The prosecution was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander Samuels, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

CASE NUMBER: CR-15-8128-PCT-NVW

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# Winter storm creates havoc and hardship on residential areas with unpaved roads

News Article  
Hopi Tutuveni

Everyone prays for rain and snow to moisturize the dry Hopi lands; however, this can also cause problems to areas with unpaved roads, especially residential areas.

With the last storm, residents in the lower Mishongnovi areas, residents behind First Mesa and residents in the Low Mountain junction area, faced hardship and difficulty getting in and out of their homes to access the nearest paved roads.

“Many of these roads are bus routes and need to be maintained so the chil-

dren can be safely picked up and on time,” said one resident. “Sometimes there are also emergencies, but emergency vehicles can’t make it through the muddy roads. This is also bad for our vehicles. We got stuck several times and had to leave our vehicle in the mud overnight to freeze and then walk over in the morning to get it out.”

These homeowners don’t look forward to rain or snow because of the situations they are placed in.

After the mud dries, ruts

are formed in the roads creating more problems for vehicle owners. They often face financial hardships due to maintenance and repair costs to fix their vehicles from damages caused due to the muddy road conditions.

Residents have made calls to the Hopi Department of Transportation on many occasions to have gravel put on the road and have requested roads be graded once the mud dries. Frustrated residents state they don’t know who to turn to now because their requests go unanswered.

# “Changing Views” a Language Enhance Project



NEWS RELEASE  
Jeremy King  
Facilitator, Language Enhance Project  
Moenkopi Developers Corporation

MOENKOPI, ARIZ.- - “I am proud to announce a reservation wide campaign to encourage the use and teaching of the Hopi language,” said Jeremy King, Facilitator of the Moenkopi Developers Corporations “*Changing Views*” *Language Enhancement Project*. “The Project comprises of Community enthusiasts concerned about the current issues surrounding the loss of the Hopi language and Cultural teachings.”

According to King, the conditions of the local Hopi communities, society and the environment, are worse than before and have all contributed to language loss and and culture.

During the month of January, 2016 the Colorado Plateau Foundation awarded the Moenkopi Developers Corporation a Grant Award to begin working with Hopi community members to enhance and encourage use of the Hopi Language.

Meetings were held with local Elders, community members, businesses, and

families to inform and encourage participation in the year long language enhancement Project.

The title “*Changing Views*,” was chosen in hopes that views on the importance of language and language loss would be re-evaluated and, hopefully prioritized, to help make this project a success.

The Project continues to be successful, and participants are seeking financial support to help sustain the Project.

Weekly sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-4pm in the Tsots-Vahl-Ki at the Moenkopi Legacy Inn. Sessions are open to anyone wanting to gain more information about the Project.

Children, adults, and Elders of the Hopi Tribe are the future of the Hopi Religion and considered to be the greatest working assets within the Hopi Communities. All possess great wealth in culture, tradition and ceremonial beliefs.

“The Elders of our Hopi community will not only be recognized for their

cultural knowledge and wealth of knowledge, but also the extent of historical information they possess,” said King. “We appreciate and encourage your presence, your participation, and contributions of historical information to this Project.”

Financial contribution to this Project will go towards promoting a successful and healthier life, provide a clearer understanding of the culture and most importantly, help revitalize, teach and sustain the Hopi language.

Please, “Let the language be your guide and guide your language to preserve the Hopi people and their religion,” said King. “Your support and participation to teach and learn the Hopi Language is appreciated. The Hopi Language is the pillar of Hopi culture.”

For more information King may be contacted at 928-660-3542, Monday-Friday, 11am - 5pm or via email at [thesession.2017@gmail.com](mailto:thesession.2017@gmail.com).

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Seeks  
Freelance Writers**

**The Hopi Tutuveni is looking to hire freelance writers with previous journalism experience or subject matter expertise to research and develop news articles and feature stories of interest to its readers. The ideal applicant must have excellent research and writing skills, a high level of initiative to seek out and develop newsworthy stories, and excellent time management skills to meet deadlines. Ability to understand and speak the Hopi language is preferred, but not required. Freelancers are self-employed, independent contractors and must possess a valid business license with the Hopi Tribe.**

Applicants should send two to four writing samples along with a cover letter to Louella Nahsonhoya, Managing Editor, P.O. Box 123, Kykotsmovi, A 86039 (email address: [Lnahsonhoya@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:Lnahsonhoya@hopi.nsn.us)). For additional information please call 928-734-3282.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Marketing Manager  
Hopi Tutuveni  
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**Job Description:**  
The marketing manager manages the day-to-day marketing and sales activities of the Tutuveni and long term marketing and sales strategy for the newspaper. This position is responsible for planning and organizing the marketing, advertising and sales component of the Tutuveni to generate revenue for the business. The incumbent performs duties of considerable difficulty and complexity requiring working knowledge & skills in marketing, sales, advertisement, negotiation, public relations and newspaper publication methods, digital marketing, techniques, policies & procedures. The incumbent will develop, coordinate and implement all promotional campaigns and perform other duties as assigned in order to achieve office/tribal goals and objectives.

**Minimum Qualifications:**  
*Education:* Minimum of Associates Degree in Marketing, Advertising, Accounting/Bookkeeping  
*Experience:* Two (2) years work experience in marketing, advertising, sales, bookkeeping, accounting and office manager, executive secretary level and preferable experience in the newspaper business, Or;  
*Any equivalent combination* of Education, Training and Experience, which demonstrates the ability to perform the duties of the position.

**Desired Qualifications:**  
Speak and understand the Hopi language fluently.

**Salary:**  
\$39,000 per annum, FT, Non-exempt, 32hrs/wk

A complete signed application must be submitted to the Office of Human Resources by 12:00 noon on the closing date. HR will accept resumes; however, the applicant understands that it is not in lieu of the application. “See resume attached” on the application will not be accepted. Any questions may be directed to the Office of Human Resources at (928) 734-3212.

Applications can be submitted to the Office of Human Resources in person or by mail to: The Hopi Tribe, Human Resources, PO Box 123, Kykotsmovi Arizona 86039. By Fax:: 928-734-6611 (call to verify your fax has been received). Email: [HumanResources@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:HumanResources@hopi.nsn.us)