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# HOPI TUTUVENI

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## HAKITONMUYA

MAY  
*The Wait Moon*  
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## 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  
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## This Month in Hopi History

- May 1907, Paaqavi est..
- May 1942, Stock reduction begins
- May 1891, Hopis arrested and sent to Ft. Wingate
- May 1918, Act of 40 Statute Law 564

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Class of 2018!**  
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Students and Parents stand in front of the Legislative Building waiting to be heard in Kykotsmovi, Arizona. Photo by: Carl Onsae

## WE WANT TO BE HEARD! Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Board Removed by Hopi Tribal Council

(Kykotsmovi, Ariz.) – What led to the planning of the protest/march on May 10, 2018? What was the reasoning behind the dismissal of the Hopi Junior High school board? Questions and concerns from parents and students wanting to know the full answers to why all of a sudden changes in leadership changed over night.

Students and parents waited outside the legislative building in the unseasonably hot temperatures just for their chance to speak to the Hopi Tribal Council and to see if they could be put on the council's proposed agenda.

Parents and students who were concerned about the quick change in the school board and how it affected their education at the Hopi High School gathered however because Tribal Council went into Executive Session were not allowed to voice their concerns. The sudden change in the Governing Board leadership for the school, as a result of Tribal Council taking the dismissal action resulted in leaving some students of the graduating class concerned if

their diplomas will be legally signed or if they would graduate at all.

Four (4) to five (5) Hopi High students along with parents and community members came to speak their minds to the Hopi Tribal Council, and to question why the standing Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Board was dismissed two weeks prior to graduation.

“As far as thinking about this or looking at it, it's almost graduation time

***“I want to be here to support them, because they lack the support from other teachers and students.” - Mina***

and with no school board who's going to sign out their certificates? Also, the teachers are concerned [as well]. Do they still have jobs or what?” Mary Siow, a concerned individual stated.

Toni Mina, whose daughter was present on behalf of her fellow classmates, said, “I want to be here to support my

daughter and her classmates, because they lack the support from other teachers, students and parents. [I want them] to be heard today, and I'm hoping that council will listen to us and to support our views and concerns.”

As the council meeting began, students and parents flooded the council chambers while some individuals stood and raised their hands to be heard. No one on council acknowledged those individuals. A motion was passed to have Tribal Council enter Executive session, which meant individuals not considered a part of Tribal council had to be escorted out of the council chambers, which seemed to frustrate the students and parents more. As the protesters stood and waited with no assurance that they would get a chance to speak with the Hopi Tribal Council, one parent so determined to speak voiced intentions of waiting all night, if needed. As the wait grew longer, one parent said “We have been waiting here since 9:34 this morning and waited three hours, they still haven't said anything to us...

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## Tuba City High School Governing Board Deciding Whether to Renew Teacher Contracts

(Tuba City, Arizona) – The Tuba City High School governing board had a meeting on May 14, 2018 to address the school employee contracts in accordance with the posted agenda which included teachers, counselors and support staff some of whom are Hopi.

In total there were approximately thirty (30) meeting attendees, which included members of the general public, media, school staff, parents and several students.

At the point of addressing the topic of minutes from the previous meeting, one school board member announced his desire to go into executive session prior to allowing fellow board members the opportunity to complete their review and vote on accepting the minutes. The board president reminded the individual that the board was in mid-review and had not taken action on the issue at

hand yet therefore the individual remained silent. Once the action was completed the same individual board member expressed his desire to go into executive session, which the rest of the board entertained, his motion and determined to go into executive session. The action resulted in having other the meeting participants, except for the board, being asked and escorted into the hallway.

While the board met in executive session, other meeting attendees waited in the hallway. The group of participants seemed frustrated with not being able to be in the room with the board members while business was being conducted and seemed compelled to share some of their concerns.

Debbie Yellowman, a school counselor who was waiting stated, “Some of us are bread winners of the family and we make this our livelihood, and

every year it seems to get worse, it feels like we are being harassed and it feels like my job is always on the line.”

Others present made reference to feeling “unjustified” surrounding governing board's decisions around contracts of certain staff and teachers.

Cheryl Onsae-Scott, Tuba City High School freshman class counselor attended the school board meeting to listen to the outcome of her contract. She stated “We follow all the rules, we make sure we uphold the policies that the governing board set for us, but I feel that I'm always being targeted, it makes my job harder to concentrate on, and not only that, this affects my personal life as well.”

Some in attendance who described themselves as teachers and staff of the Tuba City school district also expressed feeling confused and angry

around the subject at hand as well as the policies that the Tuba City High school governing board set into place which they felt were being upheld by the staff and teachers and how when personal feelings get into the mix of business, it can affect not only the daily lives of the teachers and staff, but the education of the students as well.

Approximately one hour passed before the participants were called back into the meeting room, the tense staff and teachers listened as names were being read by the board members. Of the members in attendance, all those who are staff were approved. It is known that this is the type of stress educators and school staff face every year around this time, however with good leadership and positive communications these types of transitions can be better prepared for.

Carl Onsae  
Assistant Editor

**Former Superintendent of  
Hopi Mission School  
Sentenced to Prison**

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**High Winds  
Impacting Life on the Hopi  
Reservaion**

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***“Breakfast  
with a Cop”  
a successful  
event.***

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## We want to be heard! story cont.

...whether we can go in or go home.”

In addition to the protestors making verbal statements some resorted to providing copies of written statements and letters to those witnessing the protest. Ms. Dushon Monongye, who joined the protest for the reason of, as she described “being a concerned community member” provided an eighteen page packet which included copies of six (6) letters to Hopi Tribal Council from various individuals ranging in dates from April 16, 2018 through April 20, 2018, and a copy of a MEMO with a date of “7 April 2018” to standers by. Some of the document copies provided by Ms. Monongye referenced concerns and complaints regarding Hopi Jr./Sr. High School, test scores, financial operations, enrollment, personnel issues and grievances, board governance, requests for an investigation,

With the protest winding down, only one student remained with her parent and with one or two community members still

waiting outside to be called back into the council chambers. At approximately 1:30 p.m., the three-hour wait was finally over. As the council meeting was almost called to a close at approximately 2:00 p.m. the once filled chambers had only a handful of protesters present, still with their hands up, waiting to be acknowledged. One council member did acknowledge the protester’s presence and asked fellow council members to allow the visitors to speak. The concerned parents and students spoke their mind and voiced their opinions and the few protesters still present in council chambers expressed when the meeting finally adjourned a big sigh of relief.

“Meeting with the council was a success, now we wait and see if our voice had an impact on their decision with the school board, only time will tell. As a parent, I stand behind my child to make sure my child becomes successful in any which way possible.” Toni Mina stated.

Carl Onsae  
Assistant Editor

## High Winds Impacting Life on the Hopi Reservation



Wind blown sand dunes on the Hopi Reservation. Photo by: Carl Onsae

Driving around the Hopi Reservation in springtime lately isn’t a dangerous thing to do, especially if you know the weather patterns. Unfortunately, forces of nature can still throw things off a bit. Moreover, the patterns of winds seem to be stronger this time of the year.

Springtime is upon the Hopi Reservation, and that means all of Northern Arizona will become an extremely windy place. Don’t worry too much about being blown to the other side of the Reservation in this rough, rogue breeze. Other effects of the wind such as dust storms and road closures might become an obstacle on and off the Hopi Reservation.

Spring is a transitional time of the year and springtime changes every year. Temperatures drastically fluctuate and plant life begins to awake along, with Hopi men planting in the early spring. Jet streams flow from the north, so colder and more powerful low-pressure systems travel from the west or northwest, creating a dry southwest flow. As these two fronts begin to meet, a pressure gradient develops creating the powerful winds we see during the springtime here on the Hopi Reservation and parts of the Northern Arizona.

The increase heat from the sun also contributes to the turbulence, as the warm air rises, colder and more powerful currents are forced to the ground also resulting in a powerful wind current closer to the ground.

Little Colorado River, Black Mesa, Chinle Valley to name a few, are places to avoid during these high wind advisory moments.

Don’t underestimate the power of the winds on the Hopi Reservation, but don’t let them scare you off. Spring dust storms are significantly larger than the typical monsoon season. So it’s important to make sure you have an emergency supply kit in your car or truck during this time of the year.

Another risk to think about is fire. While there is not much vegetation here on the Hopi Reservation, high winds can create the perfect environment for uncontrollable wildfire. Make sure we practice all caution when building fires outside of the home.

April and May are the perfect months to have the strongest winds, while June and July have more moisture and calmer winds. Preparation is key when traveling on the roads in the Hopi Reservation and off the reservation.

Carl Onsae  
Assistant Editor

## WIOA Summer Youth Employment Program

The Hopi Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Program (WIOA) is once again recruiting employers to provide work experience and training to youth between the ages of 16-24.

We are seeking employers who will contribute to our youth’s success by teaching practical work skills and occupational guidance in an effective work environment. Placements will depend on the youth’s career interest, needs, and ability to make their placement a positive experience. Keep in mind our youth recruits are learning on the job, as well as making great contributions to your organization. Patience and guidance are essential for their success! We are also promoting for “GREEN” industry jobs to be made available whenever possible.

The WIOA Program offers year-round services to eligible youth, with possible summer youth employment offered, as only one part of their participation. Academics are a priority for both in and out of school youth so that they

are prepared for long-term training and/or unsubsidized employment. We offer a range of services/referrals, in-service trainings, and collaborate with other programs to achieve successful outcomes. We invite you to join in these efforts! New and past employers are encouraged to submit a; Request for Position (RFP) application, position descriptions, weekly activities form, and supervisor background certification forms Summer employment will start on June 11 through August 3, 2018 (8 weeks).

For more information, you may contact Everett Gomez, Case Manager at (928) 734-3536, Rosemary Polivema, Secretary at (928) 734-3542. We appreciate your continued support and interest!

The Hopi Tribe WIOA Program is an equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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Students from the Past WIOA Program clean up the Highway Photo by: Everett Gomez

## Retraction from the Editor

In the May 8, 2018 Tutuveni Publication the following articles were in need of correction:

Front page article ‘The Hopi Tribe Joins U.M.W in NGS Power Negotiations’ should be attributed to Romalita Laban rather than Candace Hamana

Page 4 article ‘US Congresswoman Kyresten Sinema Visit’s Hopi’ should have read: US Congresswoman Kyrsten Senema Visits Hopi.

We sincerely apologize for any confusion and/or misspellings. Askwali/Kwa kwa

-Romalita Laban  
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**Hopi High School  
Commencement Exercises  
May 24, 2018 at 2 pm**

**Hopi Jr. High Promotion  
May 23, 2018 at 5 pm**



# HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL

## Second Quarter Session

### May 21, 2018

## PROPOSED AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER  
II. CERTIFICATION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES  
III. ROLL CALL  
IV. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
V. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
VI. CORRESPONDENCE  
VII. CALENDAR PLANNING  
VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
May 2, 3, 4, 5, 23, 24, 25, 2016  
IX. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
1. Review of Request for Proposals – Gaming Attorneys – Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel – Tabled until Council is ready to address  
2. Discussion/Possible Action - Hopi Taxation – Rep. Jack Harding, Jr. – Tabled until week of May 21, 2018  
3. Discussion/Possible Action – Moenkopi Day School – Chairman Nuvangyaoma – \*\*Time Certain – May 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.  
4. Discussion/Possible Action – Letter dated April 23, 2018, from Tribal Courts regarding Karen Pennington. - Tabled until May 22, 2018  
XI. NEW BUSINESS  
1. A.I. #045-2018 – To approve completed Enrollment Applications for Hopi Membership – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Office of Enrollment  
2. A.I. #047-2018 – To approve Village audits and Village carry-over funds – Author/Priscilla Pavatea, Chairperson, Sichomovi Board of Directors  
3. A.I. #048-2018 – To Remove District Six Allocation process from Ordinance 43, Section C.4. and return process to the Hearing Board, Author/Priscilla Pavatea, Director, Office of Range Management  
4. Scheduling of Interviews for Deputy Revenue Commissioner - (3 letters of interest)  
5. Scheduling of Interview for HTEDC Board Member (1 letter of interest)  
6. Scheduling of Interviews for Hopi Election Committee (2 letters of interest)  
XII. REPORTS  
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  
9. Transportation Committee -Week of May 21, 2018  
10. Law Enforcement Committee  
11. Office of Revenue Commission  
12. Investment Committee  
13. Health/Education Committee  
14. Benefits Committee -Week of June 25, 2018  
15. Report re: Galveston Motel Update – Norberto Cisneros, Attorney -Week of May 21, 2018  
16. Report - Hopi Tribal Housing Authority – Week of May 21, 2018  
17. Report update on the Snowbowl Case – Michael Goodstein, Hunsucker Goodstein Law - \*\*Time Certain – May 23, 2018 @ 1:30 p.m.  
XIII. ADJOURNMENT  
\*Hopi Tribal Council may go into Executive Session on any agenda item  
\*\*Time Certain Requests  
COMPLETED ITEMS  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
February 20, 2018  
March 5, 2018  
March 26, 2018  
April 2, 2018  
April 23, 2018  
May 7, 2018  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
March 1, 2, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2016 - APPROVED  
April 4, 5, 6, 7, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2016 - APPROVED  
NEW BUSINESS  
1. Action Item #015-2018 – To accept and approve the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact – Author/Roger Tungovia, Director, Department of Public Safety & Emergency Services – APPROVED  
2. Action Item #018-2018 – To correct the dates of funding period for Resolution H-123-2017 – IGA between the Hopi Tribe and Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System – Author/Beatrice Norton, Director, Office of Aging & Adult Services – APPROVED  
3. Action Item #019-2018 – To rescind Resolution H-025-2017 – Permitting of Livestock on Hopi Land Management District Six – Author/David Talayumtewa, Council Representative, Village of Kykotsmovi – WITH-DRAWN  
4. Action Item #021-2018 – To approve a 3 year Sole Source “Consulting Agreement” with Dr. David McIntyre, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist to provide behavioral health clinical services – Author/Laverne Dallas, Director, Behavioral Health Services – APPROVED  
5. Action Item #022-2018 – To reauthorize the allocation of funds to the Cultural Preservation Office Hopivewat Museum Project – Author/Stewart Koyiyumtewa, Archivist, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office – APPROVED  
6. Action Item #023-2018 - To approve a three (3) year term renewal for waste disposal/collection services with Waste Management through Sole Source Procurement – Author/Ron Reid, Ph.D., Deputy Executive Director – APPROVED  
7. Action Item #024-2018 – To approve completed Enrollment applications for Hopi Membership – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Office of Enrollment – APPROVED  
8. Action Item #025-2018 – To amend Resolution H-075-2016 and obtain approval to utilize residual of \$84,996.00 of allocation for pre-audit accounting services by Walker & Armstrong, LLP for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 – Author/Cheryl Tootsie, Assistant Finance Director, Office of Financial Management - APPROVED  
9. Action Item #026-2018 – To approve a Consulting Agreement between the Hopi Tribe and David J. McIntyre, Ph.D., ABPP, for professional services to conduct Court ordered Mental Health evaluation services in criminal and civil cases – Author/Karen Pennington, Chief Judge, Hopi Tribal Court - APPROVED  
10. Action Item #027-2018 – To approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Hopi Tribe on behalf of Hopi Resource Enforcement Services – Author/Virgil Pinto, Chief Ranger, Hopi Resource Enforcement Services - APPROVED  
11. Action Item #028-2018 – To approve a contract with Chris Roll to serve in the Prosecutor’s Office – Author/Craig F. Wallace, Chief Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor – APPROVED  
12. Action Item #029-2018 – To approve hire of Sole Source Attorney and request funding from Hopi Tribal Council for the Hopi Election Board – Author/Colleen Seletstewa, Vice Chairman, Hopi Election Board - APPROVED  
13. Action Item #030-2019 – To formally endorse and support the goals and objectives of Hopitutuqaiki, the Hopi School so that it may obtain 501(c)(3) status allowing it to seek other avenues for funding – Author/Robert Rhodes, Facilitator, Hopitutuqaiki - APPROVED  
14. Action Item #031-2019 – To approve Office of General Counsel Contract between the Hopi Tribe and Sarah Works – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel - APPROVED  
15. Action Item #032-2019 – To approve a Deputy General Counsel Contract between the Hopi Tribe and Carlene Tenakhongva – Author, Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel - APPROVED  
16. Action Item #033-2019 – To approve an extension and amendment of the General Counsel Contract between the Hopi Tribe and Theresa Thin Elk – Author/Patricia Davis-Gibson, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel - APPROVED  
17. Action Item #034-2018 – Coronado National Forest, Proposed Rosemont Copper Mine Designating Earth Justice and Lawsuit – Author/Stewart B.

Koyiyumtewa, Acting Manager, Hopi Cultural Preservation Office - APPROVED  
18. Action Item #035-2018 – To approve an extension and amendment of the Deputy General Counsel contract between the Hopi Tribe and Patricia Davis-Gibson – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel – APPROVED  
19. Action Item #036-2018 – To officially support the “Yes to NGS” Campaign – Author/Lamar Keevama, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi - APPROVED  
20. Action Item #037-2018 – To approve Hopi Tribal Relinquishment of minors – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Office of Enrollment - APPROVED  
21. Action Item #038-2018 – To approve renewal of Cooperative Agreement for Hunting Management between the Hopi Tribe, State of Arizona and Arizona Game and Fish Department – Author/Darren Talayumtewa, Director, Hopi Wildlife & Ecosystems Management Program - APPROVED  
22. Action Item #039-2018 – To amend H-036-2017 for HIR 4(29) Turquoise Trail to correct Contract Number – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation - APPROVED  
23. Action Item #040-2018 – To approve and support the Hopi Wildland Fire Management Plan for the next fifteen years – Author/LaDonna Carlisle, Natural Resources Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Hopi Agency - APPROVED  
24. Action Item #041-2018 – To approve Consulting Agreement with Angelina Okuda-Jacobs, Esq. to complete the revision or replacement of Ordinance 36 – Author/Noreen Sakiestewa, Director, Department of Education - APPROVED  
25. Action Item #042 2018 – Second Mesa Day School – Ratify the Interim Board – Author/David Talayumtewa, Tribal Council Representative - APPROVED  
26. Action Item #043 2018 – Authority to Intervene on all school matters by Hopi Tribal Council – Author/David Talayumtewa, Tribal Council Representative - APPROVED  
27. Action Item #014-2018 – To approve establishment of a dispute resolution board and appointment of two members in accordance with the Settlement Agreement in the case captioned Benally v. Kaye, Case No. 05-17041 (9th Cir. Ct. App.) Author /Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel – APPROVED  
28. Action Item #044-2018 – To approve the appropriations of funds to pay attorney’s fees for Calendar Year 2018 – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel - APPROVED  
29. Action Item #046-2018 – To approve the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory Roadway Inventory & Long Range Transportation Plan of 2018 – Author/Michael Lomayaktewa, Director, Hopi Department of Transportation -APPROVED  
30. Discussion with Finance and Head start Administration on the Audit issue – Hopi Tribal Council/Rayma Duyongwa/Cheryl Tootsie – COMPLETED  
31. Discussion with Finance on Travel Authorizations /Travel Expense Claims – Lamar Keevama – COMPLETED  
32. Discussion – Gaming Compact Issue – Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe - COMPLETED  
33. Presentation on new Western Area Power Administration (W.A.P.A.) Special Allocations Contract – Kendrick Lomayestewa, Director, Hopi Renewable Energy Office - COMPLETED  
34. Discussion - Development schedule to review plans and goals and update information with Hopi Tribal Council – Budget Oversight Team - COMPLETED  
35. Discussion on Snow Bowl issue – Hopi Tribal Council - COMPLETED  
36. Discussion regarding Peabody and NGS lobbying efforts and other related issues – Robert Charley, Tribal Council Representative, Upper Village of Moenkopi - COMPLETED  
37. Discussion with HTEDC and Solar Project Team about economic development – Lamar Keevama, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi –COMPLETED  
38. Discussion: Letter from Office of Revenue Commission re: Hopi Tribe Law and Human Resources Policy Violation – Hopi Tribal Council – COMPLETED  
39. Discussion – Relating to Rules of Order (H-26-96) – Agenda topics – Chairman Nuvangyaoma– COMPLETED  
40. Appointment of a Member to the Tutuveni Board by Tribal Council – COMPLETED  
41. Presentation on the 2018 Hopi Tribe Insurance Policies – Steve Goble, Insurance Agent, The Mahoney Group/Edgar Shupla, Director, Office of Facilities and Risk Management Services - COMPLETE  
42. Interviews for Election Board – Hopi Tribal Council - COMPLETE  
43. Information relating to the Galveston Hotel - COMPLETE  
44. Discussion/Action – Letter from Mishongnovi Board of Directors regarding Second Mesa Day School – COMPLETE  
45. Discussion - Letter of December 6, 2017 from Hopi Environmental Protection Office (HEPO) re: EPA and programmatic issues only – WITH-DRAWN  
46. Development of a Desert View Inter-Tribal Cultural Heritage site plan – Superintendent, National Park Service - COMPLETE  
47. Budget Oversight Committee – Direction for the 2019 Budgeting Process – Goals and Objectives from Hopi Tribal Council. - COMPLETE  
48. Visit by Congressman Tom O’Halloran – Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma - COMPLETED  
49. Discussion/possible action re: Interim Chairman of the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation – Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe - COMPLETED  
50. Discussion/possible action re: City of Flagstaff’s Community Design & Redevelopment Administrator’s request to have Hopi consider putting a Peace Pole at Heritage Square – Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma, Chairman, The Hopi Tribe – COMPLETED  
51. Discussion/Action – Attorney Contracts – Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel/Theresa Lomakema, Tribal Secretary - COMPLETED  
52. Discussion/possible action - Hopi Jr./Sr. High School COMPLETED  
53. Discussion/Possible action regarding Hopi Tribal Council’s Payroll Issue – LeRoy Shingoitewa, Tribal Council Representative - COMPLETED  
54. Discussion/Possible action regarding Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation Board Vacancy – Craig Andrews, Tribal Council Representative – COMPLETED  
55. Office of General Counsel – Information on NGS - COMPLETED  
56. Indian Health Service, Eastern Arizona District Office – to update tribal officers and council members regarding proposed, funded and active sanitation facilities construction projects on Hopi Reservation Communities – Brad Rea-COMPLETED  
57. Presentation on Peace Pole – Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans – Attorney - COMPLETED  
58. Discussion/Possible Action – Deputy General Counsel Sarah Works letter– Chairman Nuvangyaoma - COMPLETED  
59. Discussion/Possible Action – Lamar Keevama’s attendance at meetings – Lamar Keevama - COMPLETED  
HOPI TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REPORTS  
1. Office of the Chairman \* 1st Quarter COMPLETED  
2. Office of the Vice Chairman \* 1st Quarter COMPLETED  
3. Office of Tribal Secretary \* 1st Quarter COMPLETED  
4. Office of the Treasurer \* 1st Quarter COMPLETED  
5. General Counsel \* 1st Quarter COMPLETED  
6. Report on status and activities of the First Mesa Youth Center - Eldon Kalemza, Jr., Manager, First Mesa Youth Center – COMPLETE  
7. Budget Oversight Team – Update on FY 2019 Budgeting process – COMPLETE  
8. Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation – COMPLETE  
9. Report re: Hopi Jr./Sr. High School Findings – Health and Education Committee - COMPLETE

## Submission Guidelines

*The Hopi Tutuveni wants to hear from you! We welcome the submission of articles, press releases and letters to the editor. All submission must be sent electronically as either a Word or PDF file. Specifics on each of the submission types is provided below. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Managing Editor, Romalita Laban at (928) 734-3282 or RLaban@hopi.nsn.us*

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# Former Superintendent of Hopi Mission School Sentenced to Prison for Embezzlement

PHOENIX – This week, Thane Epefania, 45, of Avondale, Ariz., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Steven P. Logan to two years in prison for embezzling money from the Hopi Mission School located on the Hopi Reservation in Kykotsmobi, Ariz. Epefania had previously pleaded guilty to money laundering and wire fraud.

Epefania served as the Superintendent and Administrator of the Hopi Mission School, a private, charitable school funded primarily with donations and through participation

in government programs. Beginning in 2012, Epefania used his position and influence to embezzle school funds and also directed staff to provide him money to create the appearance that the funds were being used to operate the school. Epefania obtained almost \$1 million to support his gambling habit and to pay for personal expenses.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Social Security Administration, Inspector General Office of Investigation. The

prosecution was handled by Monica B. Edelstein and Natalie Huddleston, Assistant U.S. Attorneys.

CASE NUMBER: CR-16-08241-PCT-SPL  
RELEASE NUMBER: 2018-060\_Epefania

For more information on the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Arizona, visit <http://www.justice.gov/usao/az/>

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# “Breakfast With a Cop” Brings the Hopi Community Closer

Carl Onsae  
Assistant Editor



Breakfast with Cop in full swing, bringing the community closer. Photo by: Carl Onsae

(Kykotsmobi, Arizona) - It’s a simple concept, Hopi Rangers, BIA law enforcement officials, and Arizona Law enforcement, along with the community members, come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, drink coffee and have breakfast with a cop.

Community members came to the local Ranger station in Kykotsmobi, Arizona to have breakfast with a Cop to get along with their law enforcement, but no matter why they came to the local event, they are likely to leave with a more positive impression of their local law enforcement agency.

Marcus Yowyetewa, Lieutenant of the Hopi Police department, stated that this Breakfast with a Cop is a statewide event, which brings

awareness to all first responders and law enforcement, also to honor the law enforcement officials that have lost their lives while on duty.

One of the keys to Breakfast with a Cop’s success is that it removes the physical barriers and crisis situations that routinely define interactions between law enforcement officials and community members. Instead it allows for relaxed, informal one-on-one interactions in a friendly atmosphere. This informal contact increases trust in police officers as individuals which is the foundation to building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving.

With the education that these brave officials do for the community members it brings the community closer and make the community safer.

# Special Meeting to Discuss Hopi Education on the Hopi Reservation

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On Wednesday, May 30 and May 31, 2018 the Public Works, LLC in conjunction with the Tribal Education Department (TED) Advisory Committee will have a two-day meeting at the Hopi High School library to discuss the future of the Hopi schools. The meeting is taking place after work has been conducted by the Hopi Department of Education for almost a year with Public Works, LLC to conduct a comprehensive analysis on the Hopi schools and drafting recommendations to re-design a successful, high quality education system that meets the needs and demands of education here on the Hopi reservation. Public Works, LLC will give a report and will give the public the opportunity to reflect and discuss the next steps to better the education here on the Hopi reservation.

The TED advisory committee consists of representatives from the Hopi Tribal Chairman’s office, the Health and Education board, the Hopi Board of Education, the Hopi Department of Education and Workforce Development, and school administrators. Everyone in the Hopi community is welcome to join the discussion to make better the educational system that this community needs.

Questions and to register for the meeting, can be directed to Dr. Noreen Sakiestewa - Hopi Department of Education & Workforce Development at 928-734-3501 or by contacting Judy Youvella - Hopi Board of Education office at 928.734-3503 or [JYouvella@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:JYouvella@hopi.nsn.us)



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## NOTICE! NOTICE!

### Village of Hotevilla Village Meeting

*Estates concern Homes-Houses-Lands-Possessions*

**Subject:**

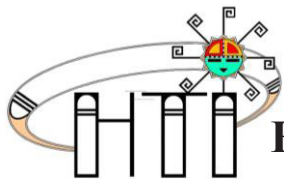
**Decision on inheritance of the estates of**  
*Manuel Hoyungowa, Karen Hoyungowa,  
Troy Hoyungowa, and Todd Hoyungowa.*

**Location: Hotevilla Youth/Elderly Center**  
*(Hotevilla community center, south of the  
Post office)*

**Date: Sunday, June 10 2018**

**Time: 1:00pm**

*Meeting held in pursuant to the Hopi Tribal Courts case no. 2017-CV-0123*



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## Rancher's News

### Office of Range Management



#### DROUGHT CONDITIONS ON HOPI

The O.R.M thanks all the ranchers who attended the Hopi Conservation District's Drought Workshop held on April 26. Many issues came out of this workshop and are now being looked at and worked on. We also hope you take advantage of the funding available to the ranchers and farmers through the USDA FSA programs.

Drought has now become a big topic within our State and on our reservation due to the lack of moisture. We have received very little moisture during the winter and spring months. Right now we are at 82 days since we last received any significant moisture.

We at the Office of Range Management have the responsibility to help conserve, preserve and protect our rangeland natural resources when conditions, such as drought, threaten our land base. How we protect our rangelands goes back to the regulations/ordinances we have which address land issues. For the Office of Range Management this would include the Drought Contingency Plan, the Integrated Management Plans for woodlands and range, and Ordinance 43.

Right now ranchers should be looking at their range units to determine vegetation quantity and quality, water availability, livestock condition. Based on what you see you should be making adjustments to your livestock numbers to fit the current conditions within your range units. Don't wait till the last minute, do this now.

We are encouraging all ranchers to start their own reduction of their herds by:

1.CULLING: get rid of dry cows, yearling heifers you will not use for replacement and 2 year old heifers. Get rid of your steers, they should not be on the range anyway if they are 6 months or older.

2.SELL: Look at selling your 2018 calf crop by June 1. The buyers like calves weaned from their moms and able to eat feed. They will pay more for them.

3.GET OUT OF THE CATTLE BUSINESS FOR A WHILE: If you are having to already supplement with hay and mineral/salt blocks and are having to haul water continuously then you may want to consider selling your herd till things get better. If you notify the Office of Range Management in writing of what you plan to do it will not affect your grazing permit status. Grazing permits for Hopi ranchers are good for 5 years.

Other steps to be taken include:

1.Supplementation with 12%-37% Crude Protein blocks or tubs. This is needed due to the vegetation lacking the essential mineral and vitamins needed to keep the livestock in good condition. Most of what is out there is last year's growth. Protein will help to digest the dry feed that the livestock are eating out on the range. It breaks it down into energy needed by your cows. Trace Mineral Salt blocks are also effective. Purchasing hay is too expensive and not worth the effort.

Use your common sense, if your livestock are losing weight, are down to a body score of 2 or a low 3, you have no new growth and don't have the means to buy supplemental feed and you are hauling water every day...it's time to seriously think about selling out or reducing your livestock drastically.

The Office of Range Management can assist you with hauling if you have large amounts of livestock to be removed from your range area. We will help haul if there are 15 head or more. There is a cost of \$5.00/head to cover the gas and transportation cost. If you need assistance you can call the Keams Canyon office at 928-738-0014.

#### OPINION

# Hopi Nation and the Freedom of Speech

*Freedom of Speech on the Hopi Reservation*

By: Carl Onsae

When we hear the phrase "Freedom of Speech or Freedom of the Press", we instantly think that we can speak, write, or draw freely about our minds without any penalties. Although, the Amendment that made it possible to speak, write or draw freely also has limitations.

The First Amendment protects a person's right to convey his or her own message, to voice one's own ideas and not to be compelled to publicly disclose personal beliefs and associations. When any government tries to compel a person to speak its message, these rights are seriously damaged.

On the Hopi Reservation, freedom of speech is not a major issue to think of when it comes to having the freedom of speech, Hopi children and adults think that the reservation is a safe place to express their freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Although, Hopis use various forms of

free speech every day, whether they speak, draw, paint, or write about their thoughts and about the issues that are happening on the reservation. It is non-threatening to the Hopi nation when Hopis use this amendment in this context, but when the Hopi Tribe controls the media outlets utilized to bring about attention to the different issues, it may appear to the Hopis as problematic.

The right to free speech is likewise violated when people are required to associate themselves with an idea with which they disagree with.

When we talk about media and the "Freedom of the Press" there is a clause called, the "Free Press Clause". These free speech and free press clauses have been interpreted as providing the same protection to speakers as to writers, except for wireless broadcasting which has been given less constitutional protection. This law is used to protect the multi-

media source. Are journalists entitled to protection by certain media shield laws in this context?

The Free Press Clause protects the right of individuals to express themselves through publication and dissemination of information, ideas and opinions without interference, constraint or prosecution by any government. This right was described in *Branzburg v. Hayes* as "a fundamental personal right" that is not confined to newspapers and periodicals.

In the *Lovell v. City of Griffin* case (1938), Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes defined "press" as "every sort of publication which affords a vehicle of information and opinion." This right has been extended to media including newspapers, books, plays, movies, and video games.

What does this have to do with the Hopi Nation? Our tribal government does have censorship over certain types of media. Certain types of me-

dia or the general public have asked the Hopi government for certain types public information and have requested the Hopi government to allow "Public Meetings" to be accessible by the media and general public but have been denied. Do we need to know what's going on in these "Meetings?" Can the Hopi government have the right to say "No" when it comes to freedom of the press? Is the first amendment just a guideline for the Hopi government? Can the Hopi government create its own internal censorship laws? Also, can the Hopi government put restrictions on certain types of media outlets that practice the first amendment? You could be involved in your democracy by asking these types of questions and becoming involved with what happens on the Hopi reservation. So with this, it begs the question, how will you be the judge on what is really Hopi's freedom of speech and freedom of the press?

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