

Changing the ‘Newscape’ in Indian Country



Patty Talahongva, Picture courtesy of Indian Country Today.

By **INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY**
Editorial Team

Patty Talahongva named to lead Indian Country Today’s new television programs
Patty Talahongva has been selected as the executive producer for Indian Country Today’s new television news program. Talahongva is a multimedia journalist who has rich experience in television, radio, and newspaper journalism. She is a member of the Hopi Tribe.
“I can’t think of anyone more qualified for this position than Patty Talahongva,” said Mark Trahan, editor of Indian Country Today. “It’s as if she has been preparing for

years for this exact job and for this moment in history.”
Indian Country Today will soon open a newsroom on the campus of Arizona State University. The goal of the nonprofit news enterprise is to expand its news gathering operation and to produce the first national news show by and about Native Americans. Indian Country Today is also planning a short daily video report as well as other broadcast projects. Talahongva will be based in Phoenix, beginning in early June.
Tahlanongva has experience with a variety of television, video, and radio formats. “I like to say I’ve produced TV newscasts as long as two-hours and as short as two min-

utes,” she said.
Talahongva has been on the front row as a reporter or producer for so many national stories She covered the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles in 1992, reporting from the streets, in 2004 she reported live from the National Mall in Washington, D.C. for the grand opening of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, and more recently she was on the ground producing stories about the Yarnell Fire, in Arizona, which took the lives of 19 Hot Shot firefighters.
Trahan said that Talahongva also brings the thinking of a teacher into the newsroom. She has worked for many years leading student projects for the Native American Journalists Association. She continues in that mission, working with young people in a variety of roles, including as a board member for the Center for Native American Youth.
“Yes, we want a great newscast,” Trahan said. “And we also want to create a launching pad for careers. We want opportunity for the next generation of Native storytellers.”
"This is a huge honor for me to be selected to lead this historic newsroom that will truly bring an American Indian perspective to our news programs. It's also a tremendous responsibility and I fully embrace this opportunity to serve our Native peoples," Tahlaongva said. "I'm excited to join the Indian Country Today newsroom and I look forward to working with the team Mark is assembling. We plan on changing the newscape for Indian Country."
Talahongva is a former president of Native American Journalists Association. Follow her @WiteSpider on Twitter.

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Elfina Kalemsa of Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Named Haven Professional of the Year Travois Honors Industry “Superheroes” at Annual Conference



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By: **Eden Rensing**
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – May 9, 2019, Travois, a Certified B Corporation® based in Kansas City, Mo., recognized five outstanding industry professionals and an American Indian tribal entity at a Superhero Awards ceremony on April 11. The consulting firm, continuing 24 years in business and directing more than \$1.4 billion of investment in American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities, held the ceremony at its 19th Annual Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference in Miami, Florida.
“Since 2015 we’ve honored industry professionals doing amazing work in their communities,” said Elizabeth Glynn, Travois chief executive officer. “These honorees have filled their communities with beautiful homes, successful businesses and created thousands of jobs with the use of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and New Market Tax Credit programs. Our annual awards ceremony celebrates the important work of Indian Country’s housing and economic development professionals and provides inspiration to all in attendance.”
Haven Professional of the Year — Elfina Kalemsa, resident services program manager for Hopi Tribal Housing Authority; Polacca, AZ helps ensure Indian Country housing remains strong for the future. Kalemsa’s work ethic and dedication to helping families in her community is inspiring. She listens to the needs of both tenants and co-workers, and she works tirelessly to ensure the wheels stay in motion, the units get rented up, and the needs of her community are served. She has balanced 80 units — low rent and tax credit — all while staying active in her community and raising a family.
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Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation Hires New CEO



Picture of Cindy Smith. (Picture courtesy of sender.)

Daryl Melvin
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - The Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation (HTEDC) Board of Directors announced today the appointment of Ms. Cindy Smith as the new CEO of HTEDC. With over 24 years in Tribal Economic Development, Public Service and the Agriculture Industry, the new CEO brings a vast and varied amount of experience to the operation. She spent 17 years, as the Executive Director of Huron County, Ohio, Senior Enrichment Services, and Huron County Transit. Most recently, she has been the HTEDC’s Director of Human Resources.
Ms. Smith will succeed current CEO, Mr. Chuck Thompson, who will be retiring after providing four years of excellent leadership. Ms. Smith will assume the position June 1, 2019.
The Board of Directors spent months reviewing and interviewing a strong pool of candidates from throughout the U.S. in advance of Mr. Thompson’s re-

tirement. “It became very clear that the best candidate was already a part of the HTEDC team. With Ms. Smith’s many years of experience with the HTEDC, we are pleased to have continuity in furthering the Hopi Tribe’s vision to bring economic development opportunities to benefit the Hopi Tribe,” said Interim Board Chairman, Daryl Melvin.
“I am honored to have the opportunity to continue working with the Hopi Tribe and live in Northern Arizona,” Ms. Smith commented. “Especially during this critical time when the HTEDC is exploring new partnerships and regional business opportunities,” she continued.
The Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation works on behalf of the Hopi people to bring economic development opportunities that make a difference. They are the economic development arm for the Hopi Tribe with diverse enterprises and locations, including Second Mesa, Polacca, Sedona, Holbrook, and Flagstaff. The HTEDC is dedicated to the long-term financial strength of the Hopi Tribe.

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Hopi Conducts Special Eagle Gathering Meeting

By: CARL ONSAE
HOPI TUTUVENI

POLACCA, Ariz. - The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office (CPO) held a special meeting for the Hopi community on May 8, 2019, regarding the collection of eagles.

This meeting was to inform various clan members from all the Hopi villages who also serve as holders for the eagle houses, that permits from the Hopi Tribe’s CPO would be available and necessary to gather and collect the sacred eagles for cultural and ceremonial use.

Stewart Koyiumptewa, Director CPO stated that through the 1934 Compact and agreement with the Navajo Nation, the CPO office had received the permits from the Navajo Nation which in turn will be distributed to the clan holders on May 13, 2019 and every day thereafter. Having a permit will ensure clan members and holders to have access to the Navajo lands to gather eagles at the eagle gathering nests.

Hopi Wildlife Department staff was also present at the meeting. Darrin Talayumptewa from the Hopi Wildlife Department spoke about how eagle breeding areas are starting to become empty due to low wildlife in the area. Talayumptewa stated, “The rabbit population is at an all time low due the drought last year and we’re predicting that the wildlife population will be low this year, because of the lack of moisture and vegetation.” Talayumptewa also stated that more and more eagles are moving away from their natural breeding nests due to the fact that there is not enough food for the eagles.

Talayumptewa also stated that fleas and ticks are going to increase when the eagles are gathered. This is due to the fact that Arizona is experiencing major drought this year and with the strange weather patterns, pests are being more apparent on wildlife. Talayumptewa cautioned the men and reminded them to be careful when gathering and handling the eagles, because of the diseases that fleas and ticks carry.

Talayumptewa also cautioned the men about the risks associated with taking eagles from nests at an earlier age prior to the eaglets getting proper food and care from the parents first. Talayumptewa stated, “More and more eagles are being taken while they still have their white fluffs and they are dying because of the lack of proper care.”

Talayumptewa’s staff is trying to monitor several breeding sites on and off the Hopi reservation and this collective data will tell them how and where the breeding sites are being affected. Talayumptewa states that some birds are trapped and fitted with a transmitter to monitor their living conditions. He hopes that with this data, the eagles will start to come back to their traditional nesting grounds.

In other investigations, Talayumptewa

stated that due to major disturbances around their nesting area, eagles are moving further away from their traditional breeding grounds. This is because of non-Hopis are moving into the area where the eagles nest. Talayumptewa’s report stated that the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services (HRES) uncovered an eagle nesting sight that had bullet holes around their nest and found an adult eagle that had been shot and left for dead. This investigation is an ongoing process where several Hopi eagle-nesting sights are being shot at by non-Hopis.

Koyiumptewa stated that more and more of the younger generation non-Hopis, as well as many of our younger Hopi generation do not know about the 1934 compact, where it states that members of the Hopi Tribe can enter parts of the Navajo reservation to gather eagles and plants for ceremonial use. Koyiumptewa stated that the non-Hopis are becoming more aggressive to the Hopi people and are trying to keep Hopis from gathering eagles at the respective Hopi sacred sites which have been visited since time immemorial and before any compacts or new reservation lands determined.

Koyiumptewa stated, “We need to educate our younger generation about the 1934 compact so they will be aware of how both tribes agreed on this settlement, so we can properly collect eagles and plants for our ceremonial use.”

Many members at the meeting stated concerns and asked if the Hopi tribe should start to ban the non-Hopis from the eagle nesting sites. One member of the audience stated “Why do we need permits to go on our land to gather our own eagles?”

Talayumptewa stated, “We have come a long way where we have to register our eagles with the Navajo Nation because the government recognizes the Navajo Nation first.”

Clark Tenakhongva, Vice Chairman for the Hopi tribe, stated that we must respect these sacred birds for they give us the knowledge to conduct our sacred ceremonies. Tenakhongva stated, “Remember your clan eagle houses and pay respect to their existence so we can appreciate what they give us.” Tenakhongva also stated that the non-Hopis would never understand our ceremonies. “The white man and Navajos will never understand our way of life and how we honor these eagles for our ceremonial use.” Stated Tenakhongva.

The Navajo Nation has issued 18 eagle permits to the Hopi people to collect eagles on Navajo land and is available for the clan holders. With hopes of having the eagles return to their known traditional “homes” both the Hopi Wildlife Department and Cultural Preservation office are working tirelessly to ensure the continued existence of one of Hopi’s greatest asset, the kwa’hu, also known as the American Golden Eagle.

KUYI Hopi Radio Develops Strong CSG Compliance Understanding

By Native Public Media
PRESS RELEASE

KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – Since hitting the airwaves in 2000, KUYI has gone through many changes like most stations in regards to programming and management. Today, the team at KUYI is finding footing together, and in the beginning stages of a new fundraising marketing plan that centers on community engagement including a concert series and youth volunteer program. The station’s temporary office is one room with limited space, but that isn’t a challenge for the folks of KUYI who simply love their work. Sharing on the future of the station, Development and Marketing Coordinator Jennifer Himel states, “We are looking to appeal to a variety of groups that listen to our radio station. It’s not changing, it’s just marketing our retro vibe to remind our listeners all across Hopi that it’s cool to support KUYI. At the end of this month, we are starting a new cycle of volunteer training for potential DJs that includes a variety of local programs from our police to our teachers and even fitness trainers from the gym. We are also debuting new merchandise and we are actively involved with creating content for our Facebook page by showing our listeners that we have fun doing what we do as a public radio station. All of this is in hopes that we’ll gain enough community support to be able to throw a concert around harvest time.” Vast and sandy mesas surround the KUYI Hopi radio station where six passionate and dedicated broadcast pro-

fessionals joined Native Public Media staff for comprehensive training on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting’s Community Service Grant requirements and underwriting. Elyse Dempsey and Joseph Begay provide customized training for Native stations that supports professional development and encourages a shared responsibility among station staff to maintain compliance with funding requirements. The training, for example, teaches station personnel step-by-step information to complete required website updates with the goal of providing transparency to the communities that Native stations serve.

“NPM’s valuable training allows KUYI Hopi Radio Station staff exposure at all levels to station operation procedures, underwriting and financial management. This exposure allows the entire station staff to comprehend the big picture so they can be effectively involved in the overall operation. Training allows all staff to not only understand their role, but serve in other capacities in a well-oiled, fully functioning, effective team,” states Andrew Qumyintewa, Acting KUYI Station Manager. “The opportunities we have with deeply committed individuals who love Native community radio is energizing. KUYI is no exception. The potential for where the station is planning to go is limitless because of the synergy you can feel just walking into the station and being greeted by a united team. NPM is honored to a part of the station’s growth through training, which will add to the already strong operations,” concludes Dempsey.

RANCHERS NEWS

By: Office of Range Management/
Land Operations Staff

KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz. - DROUGHT DECLARATION The Hopi Tribe’s Drought Task Team met on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 to update the Tribe on the drought conditions and to determine whether to keep the Declaration in place. The decision by the Hopi Tribe’s Drought Task Team is to keep the Drought Declaration and mandates in place for another 90 days past April 30. The Drought Task Team will meet in July for an update assessment.

For the rangelands these mandates will remain in place:

- 1.Keep the 30% reduction of livestock in place. Ranchers should be removing livestock that are:
 - dry cows
 - Yearlings (2018 calf crop)
 - 2 year old heifers (if not using as replacement heifers)
 - Steers
- 2.Sell this year’s calf crop
 - If not part of a preconditioning program all 2019 calf crop shall be removed by September 1
 - If part of a preconditioning program shall be removed by October 1
- 3.Highly recommend supplement feeding:
 - 12% - 23% Crude Protein blocks or tubs. Protein will help to digest the dry feed.
 - Trace Mineral salt blocks are effective as well
 - Blocks and tubs should be placed at least half a mile from a water source in areas of slight to moderate use.
 - Hay is too expensive and not worth the effort.

4.Office of Range Management will provide a list of water hauling sites for ranchers and farmers by May 30, 2019 The ORM covered the rangelands and presented the following to the Task Team regarding vegetation, livestock, water availability, invasive plants, and livestock health conditions:
Vegetation:

- The 2018 growing season was short.
- A lot of what we see as green is Tansy & Blue mustards, Cheat grass, etc. These annuals have already seeded and are drying out
- The “ice cream” plants such as Indian rice grass, Galleta, Blue gramma, etc. are just beginning to green up. We may see another growth spurt in May-June but will need rains and warm temps for this to occur.
- Forbes and shrubs are just beginning to green up.

Livestock:

- Areas that had excessive amounts of rain during the monsoons and snow & rain during winter have livestock Body Condition Scores (BCS) at 4-5.
- Areas that had some rain during the monsoons and some snow & rain during the winter have livestock BCS at 3-4.
- Areas that had very little or no rain during the monsoons and winter have livestock BCS at low 3 – high 3.

Water Availability:

- 2/3 of the earthen structures that filled up with water during the monsoons and winter may last another month or 2 if we don’t get excessive winds and high temps.
- 1/3 of the earthen structures on our land base are currently going dry
- 90% of the HPL windmills are in operation. 10% are awaiting new parts or are in need of renovation (well cleaning, video scans, etc.).
- 70% of the D6 windmills are in operation. 30% are in need of renovation (clean out, video scans, well drills, etc.).
- There are at approximately 5 windmills that need to be re-drilled due to collapsed or deteriorated well casings. The drop pipes on all windmills needs to be replaced, both on D6 and HPL The program is working with BOR to get these windmills back into operation
- Springs are starting to show decreasing water output. ORM is working with Water Resources to determine how best to improve on output from these water sources

Invasive Plants

- Mainly seen around our earthen structures – tamarisk, camelt Thorn, Russian olive, thistle, etc.
- These plants take in a large amount of water therefore draining the water source at a rapid rate. Needs to be removed.

Livestock Health Conditions

- Blackleg – weather conditions are perfect to cause the spores on the ground to rupture and flourish
- Phosphorus deficiency
- Dehydration due to lack of water

Issues that need to be remedied:

- Removal of feral livestock that are roaming within our range units.

-Feral cattle are using our water systems (Blue Canyon, Oraibi Wash, Polacca Wash) to hide. These cattle either do not have owners or the owners can’t catch them

-Feral horses are being reported in all range units. It has been reported that some range units have up to 80+ head.

-Horses are being dumped on Hopi from as far away as Kayenta and Page. This is occurring in all the range units on Hopi

•Trespass from Navajo onto Hopi to use our resources – vegetation and water.

•Water hauling from livestock tanks. Excessive use by non-Hopi residents of the first artesian well in the Low Mountain Valley area and windmill 61B2 has been year around. The Hopi Code needs to be revised to address this issue

•Removal of invasive plants around water sources. Ranchers need to be more aware not to place hay around the water sources. We do not know what invasive weeds may be in the hay therefore infestations of invasive plants may occur without them knowing. All supplemental feed should be placed at least 1-2 miles away from the main water source.

BREEDING SEASON
In accordance with our Ordinance, May 1st is the date to get your bulls out to your cows for the breeding season. The breeding season will end on September 1.

As a reminder:

- All herd-bulls shall be registered with an established Breed Association
- Shall have a copy of their registration on file with the ORM.
- Mandatory that cattle owners provide a sire for his/her cattle
- All newly purchased bulls must be “Virgin” bulls. The HVS shall be notified of new purchases so that arrangements can be made for diagnostic tests and quarantine.

The ORM has on record at this time bulls issued for the Polacca Stock Growers Association, Hopi 3 Canyon Ranches Bull lease program, and 13 privately owned bulls. If you have not provided the ORM the necessary information on your bull you are in non-compliance with Ordinance 43. All livestock owners are to provide this information to the ORM in a timely manner.

VACCINATIONS
The ORM and HVS are strongly encouraging livestock owners to get on a herd health plan for your livestock so they are well protected from diseases, worms and other pests that may cause harm to your livestock. The Hopi Veterinary Service (HVS) can help you with developing a good head health plan for livestock within your range areas. You can contact them at 928-738-5251.

HOPI CERTIFIED BEEF PROGRAM
Hopi ranchers, if you are interested in participating in the program for this year you need to make contact with the Hopi Veterinary Service to start the process of vaccinations and getting your ranch verified. You can contact the HVS at 738-5251.

FERAL HORSES
The HRES is enforcing and implementing Section 108, B. of Ordinance 43. Specifically they are looking at part d. “Unbranded livestock (Slicks): Unbranded horses over one (1) year of age and any other unbranded animal over six (6) months old” may be impounded immediately and without notice. If you corral animals that are unbranded you can call the HRES for pickup. They can be reached at 928-734-7340.

The ORM and HRES are working together to help go out and do larger impoundments in range units with large amounts of horses.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & RANCHERS EVENTS:
(As a reminder if you attend off-reservation workshops you will need to show receipt of attendance or a copy of the sign-in sheet to get the credit)

May 22, 2019 – U of A Cooperative Extension presents a Forage and Monitoring Workshop at Schloz Lake, Kaibab National Forest. Registration begins at 8:30 am with presentations beginning at 9 am. For more information you can contact the Hopi Cooperative Extension agent, Susan Sekaquaptewa at 928-255-8550.

May 30, 2019 - U of A Cooperative Extension presents the state-wide Beginner Ranchers Workshop at the Tewa Community building. Registration starts at 8:30 am with presentations beginning at 9 am. For more information you can contact the Hopi Cooperative Extension agent, Susan Sekaquaptewa at 928-255-8550.

June 18-19, 2019 – 2019 SWIAA Livestock Field Days at Hon-Dah Resort Casino & Conference Center, Pinetop-Lakeside, Ariz. Registration is required. You can register and pay by credit card online at swindianag.com or mail in registration with check or money order to SWIAA. For registration forms you can contact the ORM or HVS. For more information contact Michael Letero at 520-954-0618.



Elfina Kalemsa of Hopi Tribal Housing Authority Named, Cont.

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2019 Superheroes:

Housing Professional of the Year: Sara Spence, executive director of the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA); Happy Camp, CA

Economic Development Professional of the Year – Pat Mercier, CEO of the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians; Corning, CA

Pillar Professionals — Kristen Wamego, general manager of tribal operations for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB), Mayetta, KS

Haven Professional of the Year — Elfina Kalemsa, resident services program manager for Hopi Tribal Housing Authority; Polacca, AZ

Project Team of the Year — Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation; Smith River, CA

For more information, visit [travois.com](#).

About the Low Income Housing Tax Credit

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) was signed into law by President Reagan in the Tax Reform Act of 1986 and is included in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. It was first expanded and made permanent under President Clinton in 1993, and further strengthened under President Bush and President Obama, reflecting its strong bipartisan support. It was created to encourage private investment in the construction or rehabilitation of housing for low-income families. Today it is widely regarded as the nation’s most success-

ful housing production program. The housing credit has financed more than 3 million affordable apartments through public-private partnerships, and supports 96,000 jobs each year, mostly in the small-business sector. For more information, visit [taxcreditcoalition.org](#).

About Travois

Travois is a Certified B Corporation and Kansas City-based consulting firm focused exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities. Since 1995, Travois has brought investor equity to 200 projects through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and New Markets Tax Credit program, making an impact of more than \$1.3 billion across Indian Country. These private investor funds have helped build or rehabilitate more than 5,300 homes and have helped finance critical economic development projects, including infrastructure, health care, community centers, education facilities and job incubators. Travois family of companies also offers architectural design and construction monitoring services, environmental assessments, consulting on green building, asset management and compliance services, impact investment models, and comprehensive training to clients in 22 states, from Hawaii and Alaska to Maine and California. For more information, please visit [travois.com](#) or find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Instagram or on the company blog.

Update on Breast Cancer Screening

By: **Sonja Banyacya, Hopi Cancer Support Services**

KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz. - Hopi Cancer Support Services (HCSS): Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program and Hopi Health Care Center – Indian Health Services (HHCC-IHS) have been partnering to serve the community with special focus on breast and cervical health for many years.

For the last four years, Physician Assistant Amber Perry has served, and continues to serve, as lead provider for breast and cervical cancer screening from HHCC-IHS. In 2016, this highly successful collaboration was recognized at a national level with the IHS National Director’s Award and then again in 2017 with the Arizona Rural Women’s Health Practitioner of the Year Award. Reflecting on the last fiscal year, we are proud to say we have had another highly successful year as we celebrate our screening rates for breast and cervical cancer exceeding the national target goals.

As we continue to build and strengthen this program, we will be introducing a new form of breast cancer screening to the community in 2019 that we would like to briefly present at this time. This new form of screening will be offered to women who are considered high risk for breast cancer.

“So what does high risk for breast cancer mean?”

Some women are simply higher risk for developing breast cancer based on their history. Women ages 40-75 will be asked additional screening questions this year to help us get to know that history a little better and then calculate that person’s risk for developing breast cancer in their lifetime. According to American Cancer Society guidelines, women at higher risk of developing breast cancer include those who: have a known BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation have a first-degree relative (mother, father, brother, sister, or child) with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene mutation or history of pre-menopausal breast cancer had radiation therapy to the chest before age 30, typically for another type of cancer like Hodgkin’s disease find out they have a lifetime risk of breast cancer of 20% or greater (based on our program’s calculation using a risk assessment tool that is mainly focused on family history)

Simply stated, the risks are usually due to a strong family history of breast cancer and/or a mutation in the genes called BRCA1 or BRCA2 genes.

Genes are basically small sections of DNA which serve as a code or blueprint that help create who we are, each gene serving one or many purposes. These days, we know genes are influenced by both family history, as they are inherited, as well as the environment. BRCA1 and BRCA2 are two specific genes that have been found to influence a person’s chance of developing breast cancer. BRCA is simply an abbreviation for “BREast CAncer gene” and despite what it sounds like, these genes do not actually cause breast cancer – every person is born with them. In fact, these genes are meant to do the exact opposite and serve to prevent breast cancer. They work to repair broken DNA, which if not repaired, could lead to cancer or tumor growth. The issue comes when BRCA genes aren’t working properly, often referred to as a gene mutation. Having a BRCA mutation does not necessarily mean a person will definitely develop cancer, but rather means a person may be at higher risk of cancer development in their lifetime.

“I was told I am high risk for developing breast cancer...Now what?”

The American Cancer Society recommends that high-risk women have a screening mammogram and are offered a breast MRI every year. Sometimes, a basic mammogram can miss cancer, so by adding breast MRI, a more sensitive test, we are hoping to be able to identify cancer in its earliest stages for women who are at higher risk of developing it. As we know, early detection typically equals better prognosis. Breast MRI has several pros and cons, so, before automatically getting this test, a more in-depth discussion will take place between the high-risk patient and provider to determine the risks and benefits of this new test.

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In the ever-changing world of medicine, take time to educate yourself and keep up-to-date. If there are any questions about the details of this, we highly encourage you to reach out to your provider or HCSS patient navigator to help assist you. By staying physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, eating an anti-inflammatory diet, and limiting or avoiding alcohol, one may decrease the risk of developing breast cancer as well. Please take care of yourself. Thank you for being a part of this highly successful program and valuing your health. Thank you for keeping our community strong. Here’s to another year of health and wellness.

Kaibab National Forest offers live juniper cutting opportunities as part of paid-use firewood permits for Williams and Tusayan districts

**Jacqueline C. Banks
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Kaibab National Forest offers live juniper cutting opportunities as part of paid-use firewood permits for Williams and Tusayan districts

Williams, Ariz., May 13, 2019—For Immediate Release. The Kaibab National Forest is offering the opportunity to cut live juniper in designated areas on the Williams and Tusayan districts as part of its 2019 paid personal use firewood permit program.

Those interested in harvesting live juniper, also known locally as green juniper and cedar, should purchase a firewood cutting permit at the following locations and during the specified hours Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays:

Williams Ranger District, 742 S. Clover Road, Williams; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; (928) 635-5600

Tusayan Ranger District, 176 Lincoln Log Loop, Tusayan; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; (928) 638-2443

Once a permit has been obtained, the holder will be given a detailed map showing designated roads along which live juniper can be cut. These roads and areas were specifically targeted by forest managers in order to both provide more opportunities for the collection of forest products and to help create fuel breaks through the removal of excess material.

Juniper trees, as well as some other conifer species, have become much more abundant over the past century for a variety of reasons including historical livestock grazing and fire suppression. They have severely encroached on historic grasslands and savannas, which has resulted in altered fire regimes and degraded wildlife habitat, water and nutrient cycling, and soil integrity.

Besides implementing large-scale grassland restoration projects that include juniper removal, the Kaibab National Forest is also seeking opportunities to work with firewood cutters as partners in forest restoration efforts, including this year’s expanded live juniper harvest areas. By removing dead and down as well as small-diameter trees, firewood cutting can help improve forest health, reduce the risk of unnaturally severe wildfire, and limit further conifer

encroachment in key areas.

In 2018, the Kaibab National Forest launched a pilot program that increased the amount of wood available to each person for purchase while reducing the cost per cord by crediting firewood cutting for the contribution it provides to forest restoration goals. Each person, with proper identification, may obtain permits for up to 30 cords per season of combined paid-use and free-use firewood on the Williams and Tusayan districts. Individuals may purchase up to two 10-cord paid-use firewood permits at a rate of \$2 per cord, and may obtain one 10-cord free-use firewood permit.

All firewood permits issued by the Kaibab National Forest will include a map and detailed cutting regulations as well as load tags, which must be physically attached to each ¼ cord of firewood and visible from the rear of the vehicle. The goal of this load tagging system is to ensure accountability for the amount of wood removed from the forest and to inform planning for future firewood cutting areas to meet public need and forest restoration objectives.

To continue fostering the partnership with firewood cutters this season, the Kaibab National Forest is taking additional steps to improve the program for customers. Permit holders will receive a detailed guide that highlights the ecological impacts that collecting firewood can have on forest resources and describes best practices that will ensure the sustainability of these resources across the landscape and over time. Forest managers will also be seeking public feedback and suggestions for program improvements throughout the year. Those obtaining permits are encouraged to offer their comments, concerns and ideas.

The removal of firewood is permitted only from National Forest lands on the specific district for which the permit is issued. Firewood cutters are reminded to take note of property boundaries and cut only in designated areas on National Forest lands.

The 2019 firewood cutting season opened May 1 and continues through Dec. 31 for the Williams and Tusayan districts of the Kaibab National Forest. Detailed maps for live juniper harvesting areas and other firewood cutting information and guides are available on the Kaibab National Forest website at <http://bit.ly/KNFfuelwood>.

The Hopi Tribe’s 2019 Preliminary Final Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Office of Community Planning and Economic Development

The Hopi Tribe receives a small grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) through The Office of Community Planning and Economic Development (OCPED) to update the Hopi Tribe’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy among other planning efforts. The 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is currently being distributed for public review and comment. It is downloadable from the Tribe’s website: <http://www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-services/office-of-community-planning-development/>

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is a “living” economic development planning document developed from planning sessions, interviews, research, and public presentations designed to build capacity and guide strategic economic development decision making. It provides a foundation to engage in a meaningful conversation and debate by individuals, organizations, local government, institutes of learning, and private industry about what efforts would best serve economic development. It identifies weaknesses and challenges that exist and shape the economic conditions of Hopi. Comments can be provided to the contact information on the website or by visiting one of the locations.

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•**The Hopi Tribe: The Office of the Chairman**
The Office of Community Planning and Economic Development
•**Hopi Tribal Economic Development Corporation**
5200 E. Cortland Blvd, Suite E200-7, Flagstaff, AZ.

With the Tribe’s loss of revenues and budget cuts, it is critical that the CEDS should take into account and, where appropriate, integrate or leverage other regional planning efforts, including the use of other available federal funds, private sector resources, and state support which can advance a CEDS goals and objectives.

A broadly inclusive process can build leadership, enhance cooperation and enthusiasm, foster public ownership, and is vital to the creation of a relevant and effective document, therefore, your participation in review and providing comment is important to addressing the current economic conditions and future planning for Hopi. The final public comment period for the CEDS 2019 will end June 30, 2019 however any information and comments contributing to future CEDS updates can be provided anytime.

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Claudina Rogers Retires After 20 Plus Years at the Hopi Tribe



Claudina Rogers (Middle) holds her retirement plaque along side with her former Co-worker. (Photo by Carl Onsaer/HT)

By CARL ONSAE
HOPI TUTUVENI

On May 2, 2019 a retirement party was held at the Risk Management Conference room at the Hopi Tribe. Claudina Rogers, part of the custodial department at the Hopi Tribe, retired from her position after 20 plus years. Laughter and happy tears filled the conference room where Claudina’s close friends and co-workers thanked her for her years of service. Rogers graduated from Phoenix Indian school in the 1970’s and wanted to come back home to the Hopi reservation to work for her people. She found a job at the “Old” Village store in Kykotsmovi, Arizona where she worked as a custodian for the store. Rogers heard that there was an opening at the Hopi Tribe as a custodian, so she applied for the job and got it.

Her supervisor at the time was Arnold Bilagody, who she worked under for many years and throughout her time as a custodian she gained friends and gained her second family at the Hopi Tribe. During the retirement party, both Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Vice Chairman Tenakhonvga of the Hopi Tribe were there to see her off on another journey of her life. Rogers was given gifts and a plaque in show of appreciation for her dedication to her job and for all the cleaning and upkeep of the Hopi Tribal buildings. Rogers stated, “I have a lot of things to do now that I’m retired, now I can take care of my grandkids and my cattle now full time.” With happy tears from her second family at the Hopi Tribe she is ready to start a new chapter in her life as a retired woman.

Luci Wytewa Receives NPC’s Outstanding Alumnus Award For Spring 2019



Luci Wytewa thanks Northland Pioneer College for helping her achieve her educational goals. – Photo Courtesy of NPC

By: Dennis Durband, NPC Staff Writer

SHOW LOW, Ariz. - On a visit to Hopi Head Start, Claude Endfield saw a woman playing in the mud with some of the children. The faculty chair of the Early Childhood Development program at Northland Pioneer College was amazed that a Head Start volunteer would literally get her hands dirty to connect with the youngsters. The woman was Luci Wytewa, who went on to become a college graduate, successful teacher and – and at Endfield’s recommendation – the Northland Pioneer College Outstanding Alumnus for spring 2019. This event took place nearly four decades ago. A photo of Wytewa playing with those children was featured on an NPC Early Childhood Development brochure and is emblazoned in the now-retired Endfield’s mind. What happened that day and over the years to come led Endfield to nominate Wytewa, a native of Bacavi, Ariz., on the Hopi Reservation, for the alumnus award. As a college student, Wytewa was an excellent student and a model of persistence, one who didn’t know the meaning of the word “quit.” She first enrolled at NPC after completing high school in 1982, seeking to earn an associate degree in Early Childhood Development. It would be a long, slow journey. Wytewa was a young working mother and there were periods of time when she could not enroll in NPC classes, one lasting nearly eight years. Encouraged by her family and by Endfield, Wytewa forged ahead as circumstances allowed, ultimately earning a Childhood Development Associate credential in 1991, an associate degree at NPC in 2005, followed by a bachelor degree at Prescott College. Wytewa says, “NPC, being close to home, gave me the opportunity to get a college education. They worked with me at the Hopi Center, and I’d rate the quality of my education at NPC very highly. Every time I came back, I kept getting closer to finishing. Claude Endfield and other faculty were really excellent. She had the most impact on me, even when she was not my teacher. She was a mentor who was always positive and encouraging me in my progress. She told me I was good at what I did.”

Prior to earning her bachelor degree, Wytewa served as a teaching assistant at Hopi Jr./Sr. High School and at Hotelvil-la Bacavi Community School. Following her graduation from Prescott College, she taught kindergarten at Moencopi Day School and later returned to Hopi Head Start, which is where, she says, her “heart belongs.” She has positively impacted many Native children during her teaching career. Wytewa says the thing she most enjoys about teaching is “just seeing kids happy, smiling and learning. I try to give families the encouragement and support they need for their children’s education.” Endfield says, “Something else makes Luci a remarkable teacher, and it is not only her educational accomplishments, the retention of her Hopi culture and other admirable qualities. Last summer Luci cut her long beautiful hair in support of a former kindergarten student of hers who was diagnosed with cancer and had lost her hair. This just blew me away, thinking about the great lengths this Hopi tribal member and former outstanding NPC student would go to in building up the confidence and support of one child and that child’s family.” Giving back what she gained at NPC, Wytewa encourages college students going through struggles to focus on their dreams and the gifts they have. “It’s okay to take time off to re-focus while still persisting in your education,” she says. Wytewa says she was shocked to be told she had won the award. “It’s exciting. I never really believed I would be acknowledged in this way.” Twice annually, NPC selects outstanding graduates who have used their degree or training to succeed in the pursuit of a career or educational goal and who support and promote lifelong learning. Recipients are recognized at regular meetings of the Navajo County Community College District Governing Board and also receive a plaque, a certificate for three free credits at NPC and a one-year pass to all events at the college's Performing Arts Center. To nominate someone for NPC’s Outstanding Alumnus award, complete the online nomination form found here: www.npc.edu/npc-alumni-award-nomination-form.



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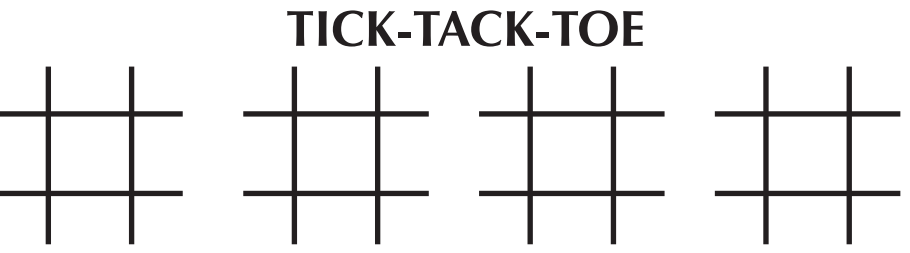
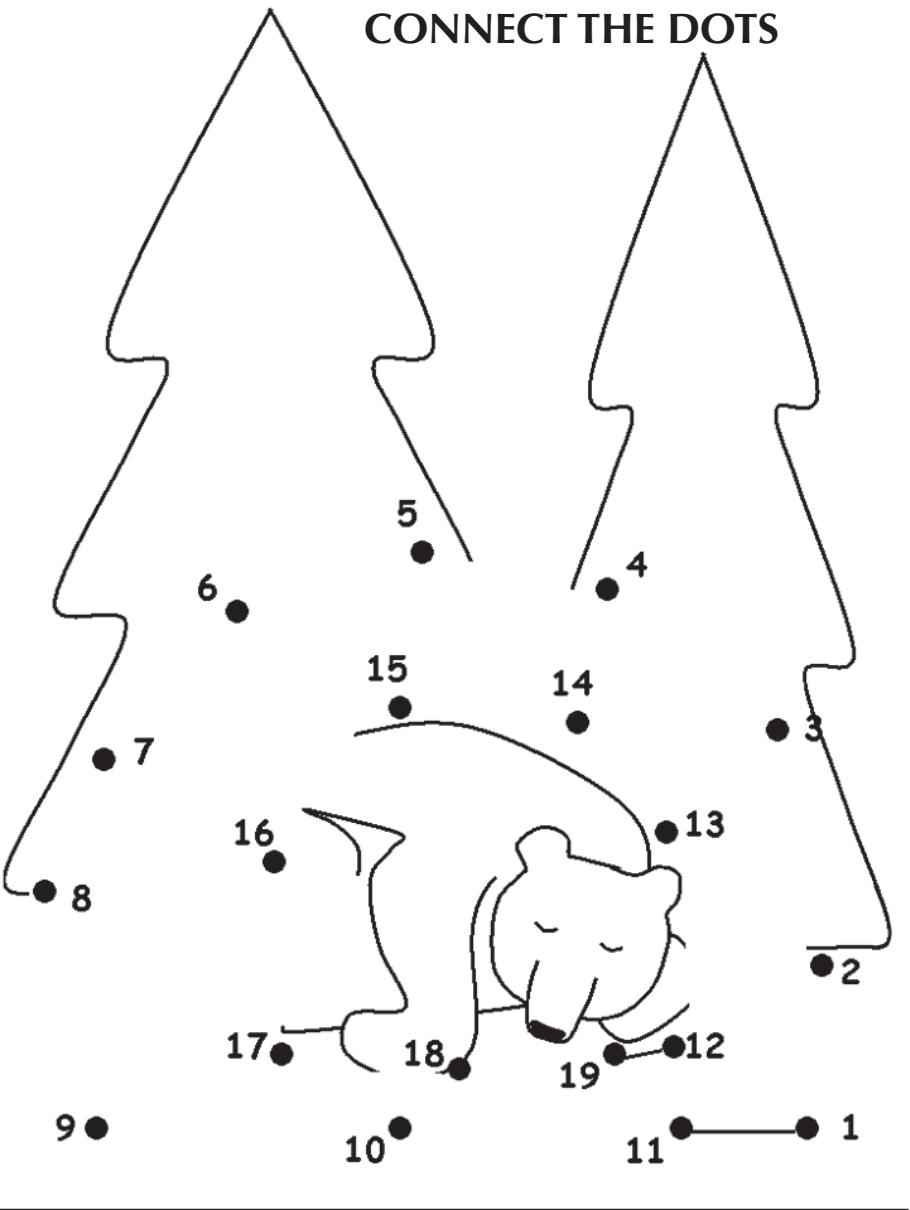
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4. Yöngé

6. Tuvahomki

7. Nukpana

8. Tsayrisa

10. Suyvaqw

12. Kootala

13. Pútu

15. Mantuwa

17. Leetayo

18. Kolaasa

Down

1. Siiki

2. Pono

3. Aala

4. Taapu

5. Momo

9. Patupha

11. Wuko

13. Suhimu

14. Laaki

16. Tamö

Answers in next issue

Answers for May 7th edition

Across

4. Chicken, 5. Back, 7. Fire, 9. Bald, 11. Hair, 12. Eye, 13. Ear, 15. Head, 18. Fog, 19. Dirty

Down

1. Blackbone, 2. Cheese, 3. Feather, 5. Baby, 6. Give, 8. Hit, 10. Dead, 14. Aunt, 16. Egg, 17. Fight

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Find the Hopi Words	Sóosokta - Deplete	Lolma - Good
Paspay - About to	Naawakna - Desire	Navota - Hear
Qayep'e -Absent	Alöagö - Different	Pa'angwa - Help
Suyan - Absolutely	Hiiko - Drink	Piiyi - I don't know
Kwusuna - Accept	Nöönösa - Eat / Ate	Aa'awna - Inform
Antsa - Actually	Sú lawti - Empty	Tuuvingta - Inquire
Titapta - Baby Sit	Sampi - Even So	Tso'ómti - Jump
Ispi - Because	Sóosoyam - Everyone	Nú'o-kwa - Kind/Nice
Angwu - Beforehand	Nopna - Feed	Navoti'yta - Know About
Tukopna - Blamed	Tuwa - Find	Ason - Later
Súmala - Breeze	Sutsep - Frequently	Heeva - Look for
Paysoq - Casually	Kwaatsi - Friend	Yuku - Make
Awheeva - Challenge	Tsovala - Gather	Wuuhaq - Many
Naaphisat - Chances	Háalayí - Glad	Senpi - Maybe
Are	Nima - Go home	Qa'é - No

Larry's Corner



https://purrfectlove.net/take-great-cat-pictures-tips/

No Paparazzi Please

By LARRY WATAHAMAGEE
The Hopi Tutuveni

Awe...pictures...we love to take pictures, but why? We want them as a way to remember the good times, to remember the past as if it were just yesterday.

We take pictures of our loved ones; we take pictures of special events like sports, graduations, family outings, traditional Hopi butterfly dances...etc....and I think taking pictures are a great way to collect the past.

When I was a little kitten we only had one camera in the house, it was this old 1990's Kodak camera, which was a point-and-shoot camera. At that time, we didn't think of the implications of using a camera inside of the village, we just took pictures and it was fun. When we shot some pictures we never developed the pictures right away so when we did, it was always a surprise to us when got our pictures developed. We would laugh at how it came out, whether someone was making a face or doing something silly. When you're a mush head kitten, you really don't think of the dangers of what a photo can have, we just had fun taking pictures.

I say pictures are a good thing, and what I mean, is that we can use pictures to document different events in our lives, or we can look back to pictures we found in So-oh's closet and say, "So that's how So-oh used to look when she was younger." A camera on the Hopi reservation is not a bad thing...but it depends on how we use cameras on the reservation.

When you go to any Hopi village you will find a sign in front of the village saying a list of "what not to do's" like, NO PICTURES, NO DRAWING, NO VIDEO TAPING, YOU MUST OBEY OUR VILLAGE RULES, etc., etc. Now this rule only applies to outsiders visiting the Hopi reservation and I you may wonder why. Well because it was an official rule made by each village based on their decision to state that only non-Hopis are not allowed to take pictures, because they exploited our culture in the past.

When I was growing up everyone had a camera, every Hopi on the Hopi reservation, shot pictures of just about anything from traditional Hopi butterfly dances to Indian Day festivals. If you go to any Hopi house on the reservation you will find the same things on the wall, Kachina dolls and family portraits hanging side by side. This is a common sight when you think about it, but yet we still ban other people from taking our photos and of our sacred ceremonies.

So I really don't understand why we put that sign up if we are going to break our own rules for just about anything we do as traditional.

When you look at that sign outside of the village, the one that says "no pictures," it never says, "This only applies to outsiders." So in my mind we should obey the sign and not take pictures at our ceremonies, even though we are Hopi.

Yes...I know we put that sign up for the outsiders. But lately, I have seen some non-Hopis taking their cameras and their video recording devices into the villages to take pictures or to make a "documentary."

And all of this is because they were invited by a village member to do so.

I was at a buffalo dance this past year at one of the villages, and I seen a young Hopi girl on the roof-top video taping the dance with her iPad and no one said anything, while right next to her was a white woman standing and enjoying the dance. It looked like the white woman wanted to try to take a photo of the dance. So this white woman took her phone out and looked like she was getting ready to record. The minute this white woman took her phone out, the Hopi young girl said to her "You can't record our dance." And all of this while the Hopi young girl was recording on her 13 inch iPad. It seemed to me to be one of the most hypocritical moments in Hopi history. I'm pretty sure even though she couldn't record, the white woman can enjoy our Hopi dance on YouTube after the young Hopi girl uploaded it to the Internet.

If we are so bothered by outsiders taking pictures of our ceremonies and our heritage why do we take pictures of our kids dressed up in traditional attire and show it on Facebook? Why do we want everyone to know how we dressed during a Hopi ceremony? When we take pictures of our traditional ceremonies its fine, but when a non-Hopi starts to take pictures just like us it becomes a sin, maybe because we think they might use it to make money, or to exploit our traditions? But in reality, we are the ones who are making money and exploiting our own culture and traditions and we blame the non-Hopis for doing this.

Recently, I saw an article in a newspaper from the Valley of the Sun about the use of cameras and sacred ceremonies. I'm talking about the recent Hopi wedding that was posted on Facebook, published in the USA Today and The Arizona Republic newspaper, and probably in some other magazines, as well. In my opinion I think it's nothing new. There are books about Hopi weddings with more pictures, with all that exploitation about the Hopi wedding culture, there might as well be a magazine called "Hopi Bridal Weddings" and Martha Stewart should create it. So in reality, I believe we are the ones who are killing our culture, but we are too blind to see what we are doing, so we try to find a scapegoat to blame. So we blame the non-Hopis for killing our culture and traditions, thinking it was their fault for making us do what we are doing.

Now don't get me wrong, in the past our culture has been exploited by non-Hopis, but it was because Hopis never knew the technology of cameras. So it's a toss up, you can blame the non-Hopi or you can blame yourself.

My advice to you is that taking pictures on the Hopi reservation is an iffy subject, its like we tell a kid not to eat candy, but the kid will eat candy anyway. We will be hypocritical of our own rules because we feel entitled to do so.

But if you respect Hopi culture and want preserve Hopi culture, do it for yourself, try not to display too much to the world, we don't want to give up all our secrets yet, and if your like me, a cat always has secrets...meow.

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Thin on broadband: Tribal areas still struggle with lagging technology



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By **KEERTHI VEDANTAM**
Cronkite News

WASHINGTON – “Just Google it.” Carroll Onsaie says it’s a joke among Hopi, who have broadband internet in only some pockets of the reservation. And even there it works slowly.

“Our area is economically disadvantaged. It’s a hardship for families to not have service to broadband services,” said Onsaie, the general manager of Hopi Telecommunications Inc.

Only about 29% of Hopi households have access to broadband, compared to 79% in Arizona and 78% nationwide, according to Census Bureau data.

The Hopi are not alone. Fewer than half the households on tribal lands in Arizona have access to broadband internet, and only one – the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe – exceeds the state average, according to the Census.

“People take for granted when they live in urban or suburban areas that they can log on and take an online class, for example,” said Darlene Burden, who has worked in tribal telecommunication since 2008. “They take advantage of the fact that they can apply for a job. Of course for those things you have to have broadband access.”

But advocates say broadband can mean so much more in tribal areas. On reservations with a high rate of doctor turnover, it can mean uninterrupted time with an online therapist or a video chat with a doctor. For students, it might mean access to different educational resources and for small businesses, a strong network could help put them on the map.

“Access to high-speed internet is ab-

solutely critical now more than ever,” said Rep. Greg Stanton, D-Phoenix. “We need to close that digital divide between urban and rural areas so people have access to the things they need.”

Stanton last month amended the House bill restoring net neutrality to require that the Federal Communications Commission work more closely with tribal nations to assess their internet needs and to improve access and reliability. That bill passed the House, but is not expected to pass the Senate.

Stanton’s amendment cited a Government Accountability Office report last year that said the FCC overstated availability of internet access on tribal lands and does not collect information about the quality or affordability of broadband service. That can affect commission decisions on which areas get funding to build and improve connection lines.

“We need to make sure that as we advance, we don’t leave other people in our own state behind,” he said.

But challenges to broadband are significant on reservations. Besides having to cover large swaths of sparsely populated rural land, many reservations systems still operate with copper lines or weak fiber optics.

Doug Kitch, a consultant with Alexicon, which works to regulate rural telecom providers, said companies will “not incur the necessary cost to provide service to those areas” to deploy and maintain bandwidth.

“They would rather get 20,000, 50,000 subscribers per square mile instead of one subscriber per square mile” that a company might get on a reservation, he said.

Breaking Ground on Economic Prosperity

The new Watonga Lucky Star Casino Hotel & Convention Center slated to open in 2020



From l-r: Lucky Star Casino CEO Charlie Welbourne, Stephanie Black, Gov. Reggie Wassana and Andy Rednose. Picture courtesy of Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Tribune

(WATONGA, OK) One shovel of rich red Oklahoma soil marks the beginning of economic growth and prosperity for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

The tribes begin construction of the new Watonga Lucky Star Casino Hotel & Convention Center with the official ground breaking held May 3, 2019 in Watonga, Okla.

The casino expansion will include the addition of a new five-story hotel comprised of 80 rooms, a hospitality suite, full service restaurant and a 300-person capacity conference center. Also included will be space for retail and an

increased gaming floor with accommodations for up to 400 additional slot machines.

The Watonga Lucky Star Casino was first opened under the name of ‘Feather Warrior’ in the early mid-1980s. It was housed in the Watonga community center and then expanded into the now existing trailers. But the casino will now see an expansion on a scale it and the community have never seen before.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana addressed the audience expressing his thankfulness and excitement seeing the new hotel/casino project begin. “I would like to welcome everyone but first of all I would like to say thank you. We’ve talked about

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In Indian Country, potholes can be a bump in the road to an education



Schools in tribal areas face a number of challenges, but one of the most unexpected – and, to advocates, most annoying – are the roads, which can make it hard to get students to school. (Photo courtesy San Juan County, Utah, Roads Department)

By **KEERTHI VEDANTAM**
Cronkite News

WASHINGTON – Classrooms at Kears Canyon Elementary School are noticeably emptier during the winter and monsoon months.

That’s when Principal Gary Polacca says heavy rains turn the dirt roads stretching across the Hopi reservation into “muddy sinkholes,” making it hard for school buses to reach students’ homes for risk of getting stuck in the mud.

Students, who have a harder time getting to school on their own, are stuck at home for the day – or the week, depending on when the weather clears up.

“They just can’t get to school,” said Polacca. The school dedicates some of its budget to buses, he said, but it can’t fill potholes or pave roads. “We’ve done what we can.”

Of the many problems facing tribal schools, Polacca said, impassable roads are “not the most prevalent problem, but it is the most annoying one.”

And it’s not a problem unique to the Hopi.

Three-fourths of roads owned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs are unpaved, leaving schools on reservations to spend money on frequent maintenance for the buses that have to travel those roads.

The graduation rate for American Indians/Alaskan Natives in public schools in 2016 was 72% – lower than any other race or ethnicity, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. That rate drops to 49% for students in Bureau of Indian Education schools.

There are myriad reasons why Native children don’t graduate from school, said Acting Superintendent of Navajo Schools Anselm Davis, including “the trauma that students come to school with, and then the changing social life of the younger generation.”

“There are adverse conditions in fam-

ily life, in community life,” Davis said. “There’s a whole dimension of issues out there that impact students on a day-to-day basis.”

When sick days, religious holidays or other reasons children might have to stay home are added to the absences caused by bad roads, he said, it puts students in situations where they “aren’t getting the kind of attention on their lessons and the learning process, and as a result of that they tend to fall back little, bit by little bit.”

Davis said schools on reservations do their best to mitigate any problems children might have that would impact their education. Navajo schools have implemented different programs over the years to improve attendance and graduation rates. Some work therapy or trauma services into school programs, while others have provided free food to struggling students.

But transportation is a challenge out of schools’ reach.

Like many rural areas, homes on the Navajo and Hopi reservations can be scattered and there is often not a network of paved roads that connect homes to schools or businesses.

With the majority of BIA-owned roads in the U.S. unpaved, schools on reservations are forced to shell out money for frequent maintenance on school buses that had to travel those roads.

In April, Gila River Indian Community Gov. Stephen Roe Lewis told a Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing about the decrepit state of the 306 BIA-owned roads on his reservation. Some were unpaved, others were cracked and bumpy. Others still were missing critical safety features like stop signs.

“This is a critical concern for education in Indian Country,” Lewis said, not to mention “the safety aspect too, if those roads aren’t adequately maintained.”

Sen. John Barrasso,

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Chair Grijalva Introduces “Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act” Ahead of Expected Federal Ruling on Endangered Species Act Protections

By **Natural Resources Committee**
PRESS RELEASE

Washington, D.C. – Chair Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) today introduced the Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act, which ensures that grizzly bears are permanently protected for their ecological and cultural value and guarantees Native American tribes a role in conserving and managing the species. Grizzly bears are considered sacred by many tribes, but only a small fraction of historic grizzly populations now exist in the lower 48 states.

The bill, listed as H.R. 2532, is available online at <http://bit.ly/2YdDeHy>. Among other measures, the bill:

- Bans trophy hunting and non-discriminatory predator control measures that may result in taking of grizzly bears on public lands Permits “take” and “possession” of grizzly bears only for certain purposes going forward
- Requires federal consultation with tribes before relevant permits are issued and before any major federal action that could impact grizzly bears or their habitat
- Creates a process for reintroduction of grizzly bears on suitable land of willing tribes

The bill, which enjoys a wide range of conservationist and tribal support, comes at a critical moment for grizzly conservation. In 2017, the Department of the Interior delisted the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) grizzly bear population from the endangered species list. The states of Wyoming and Idaho soon after announced grizzly bear tro-

phy hunts.

In 2018, a federal court struck down the decision to delist the GYE grizzly bear, ruling that grizzlies now living in isolated pockets can’t be delisted one pocket at a time given the species’ overall struggles to survive. That ruling restored federal protections for the population and blocked any potential trophy hunts.

The Trump administration and the state of Wyoming have appealed that decision, and an appeals court ruling is possible later this year.

“Instead of making the country wait on pins and needles, Congress should just go ahead and protect of one of our country’s most beloved species,” Grijalva said today. “Grizzlies are important to this country, and our laws should reflect that. Just because we brought the bald eagle back from the brink of extinction doesn’t mean we suddenly allowed people to start killing them again. Grizzly bears should be afforded the same level of long-term protection.”

Quotes in Support of Grijalva’s Bill

“This legislation rightly recognizes the need for both the preservation of grizzly bears in the wild and the involvement of Tribal Nations in their management. We’re pleased to see action to safeguard the natural and cultural value of these great animals for future generations.” – Kirin Kennedy, Associate Legislative Director for Lands and Wildlife, Sierra Club

“Every living species provides an ecological balance to Nature. Removing one critical plant species, wildlife

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Breaking Ground on Economic Prosperity, Cont.

this project, we’ve heard about this project and there are some people in the community who still don’t believe it, but today we finally have gotten to this point where we can say we are doing this (project),” Wassana told the audience. “It’s going to be a 100,000 square feet and double our employment. This passage from Denver, from Kansas, everyone sweeps through here and we hope we catch some of that traffic and have a lot of people stay and even make this their destination to come out to this rural area, to enjoy the peace and quiet and get away from all the hustle and bustle of city life.” Wassana shared the Watonga casino/hotel project was the first of many to come, “We’re not making this happen just because of me and Lt. Gov. Miles, we’re making this happen because of you and the legislators. And in order for things to progress we all have to get along, have the same thoughts and the same wishes. It all happens because we get along, we get together, talk and reach the goals we see for the tribes.”

Watonga lies in the Cheyenne and Arapaho District 1, whose legislators are Cheyenne District Burl Buffalomeat and Arapaho District Billie Sutton. Both were in attendance, along with several other members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislature.

“I want to thank Marie Whiteman because when this all started with these trailers and they got moved out here, Marie Whiteman prayed over this ground and her prayers were so strong and so good we are here today,” Buffalo-meat said as Whiteman received a loud applause from the audience. Arapaho District 1 Legislator Sutton told the au-

dience, “It’s a good opportunity, today, but not just for today, for our people but not just for our people, but everybody here and it’s a good opportunity for Watonga, Oakwood, Canton, Hitchcock, Seiling, Geary ... for all of us and the communities. Good things happened when we work together, so let’s continue to work together, not just our community or our government, but the government of Oklahoma also. And I wanted to say let’s give credit where it’s due and that’s to our Creator.”

Following both legislator’s comments, closing speaker Cheyenne and Arapaho Lt. Gov. Gib Miles took the podium.

“It’s been said already the working relationship we have with the legislators and the courts, it’s made our jobs a lot easier. Reggie and I won’t take credit for this because it’s a work in progress for the tribe, not just Reggie and I. Now I am looking out in this room and to think about all the people that are here and I see everybody here for a groundbreaking for a hotel, a casino and a restaurant I can’t believe it started out with Reggie and I as a conversation on the road, in a plane or in a restaurant. It tells us that all it takes is us working together with the legislators, with the people, have a dream, be honest about what you’re doing, hire the right people and we can get things done ... and this is proof of it. This isn’t the only dream we have, this isn’t the end, it’s the beginning. This isn’t about us ... it’s about we.”

One by one 40 individuals picked up a golden shovel, placed a hard hat upon their heads and on the count of three scooped the soil marking the beginning of a new tomorrow starting today.

Indian Country Potholes, Cont.

R-Wyoming, introduced a bill in January to increase funding for upkeep of roads on reservations, including updating safety features and paving roads. Similar proposals by Barasso have died in the last two sessions of Congress, but Lewis said the bill could be a “game-changer” for schools.

In a recent statement, Sen. Tom Udall, D-New Mexico, said the state of roads on reservations presents “a public safety and public health issue.”

“On the Navajo Nation, where thousands of miles of roads are unpaved, poor road conditions result in impassable bus routes that make Navajo students more likely to miss school than their non-Native peers,” Udall’s statement said. “To truly uphold the United States’ trust responsibilities to these students, the Navajo Nation, and all of Indian Country, we simply must do better.”

Advocates say there is plenty of room for improvement.

Constant travel on gravel roads leads to excessive wear and tear on school buses – side mirrors shake off, batteries fall out and even the emergency hatches on bus roofs can come loose.

“The wear and tear on those buses if

they go on dirt roads or gravel roads is astounding,” Lewis said at the hearing. “And schools have to pay for that, not the BIA.”

Polacca estimates he has to pay for a major bus repair at least once a month, which takes the bus out of rotation and forces drivers to cram more children into fewer buses.

“A lot of the roads become like a washboard. It takes a lot of toll on our school buses,” Polacca said. “And of course we have students living all over. So there are times where we do have to go out and pick up students who live on those roads.”

Polacca’s school has talked about planning bus routes along the state highway that runs through the reservation to cut down on maintenance costs. But he knows some students can’t make it to the main road, and he does not want to make it even harder to get to school.

As it stands, teachers at the school try to work with students to send assignments home so they can continue their education without being in school. But the students are still counted as absent.

“It’s frustrating,” Polacca said. “These are young children. They want to learn.”

ENTERTAINING

Tips to Punch up Your Next Backyard Barbecue

(StatePoint) If you’re like many folks, your backyard will become the heart of the home throughout the summer, as you play host to barbecues, picnics, parties and more.

To punch up your next celebration, give these tips a try.

Set the Scene

Make the task of DJ-ing simple by creating a playlist in advance, and getting your outdoor sound system set up before guests arrive. For evening parties, add ambiance to the scene by hanging string lights above your patio, pergola or wherever you want guests to dine and congregate. Tiki lights can add even more illumination to your party, while helping to keep biting bugs at bay.

Try a New Recipe

If you’ve served burgers and hot dogs at your last few gatherings, your guests have come to know what to expect. This time, surprise friends and family with new flavors using this delicious recipe for Sweet Tea Wings:

Ingredients:

- 3 cups Milo’s Sweet Tea
- 2.5 pounds chicken wings
- 2 teaspoons garlic salt, divided
- 1.5 - 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper, depending on heat preference
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper

Preparation Instructions:

- In a medium bowl, whisk together Milo’s Sweet Tea and 2 teaspoons garlic salt; set aside. Place chicken wings in a large shallow dish. Pour Milo’s mixture over chicken; cover and refrigerate for

8 hours.

Cooking Instructions:

- Preheat grill to medium or oven to 400 F.
- In a large bowl, combine remaining garlic salt, cayenne, garlic powder, chili powder, paprika, and lemon pepper. Toss chicken and spices in large ziplock bag or bowl until evenly coated.
- For grill, place wings over heat turning frequently. Cook for 20-25 minutes or until the internal temperature is 165 degrees and skin is crispy.
- For oven, arrange wings on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, turning halfway through, until skin is browned and tips are crispy. Serve warm. For extra crisp, toss wings on the grill over medium-high heat for three minutes per side before serving.

Serve alongside backyard classics like macaroni salad, cole slaw, grilled veggies and iced tea or lemonade.

Iced Tea Bar

Refresh guests with a summer classic -- iced tea, but go above and beyond by creating a full-scale iced tea bar. Keep in mind that tastes vary, so be sure to include a variety of flavors -- sweet tea, no calorie tea, tea mixed with lemonade and peach tea, to name a few. As a mainstay of any outdoor gathering, be sure you are serving beverages with high-quality, fresh, natural ingredients, such as the teas offered by Milo’s, which have no added colors, acids or preservatives. Label each variety so guests can pick their favorite.

With a few twists on your standard hosting habits, you can throw the ultimate backyard gathering this season.

Chair Grijala Introduces Tribal Heritage, Cont.

species, and the winged ones, creates an imbalance. Our ancestors have always known about the importance of ecological balance as our Creator intended Nature to be. To remove our Uncle, the Grizzly Bear, in the interest of trophy hunting and mineral extraction will forever damage other species and ecological balance as we know it.” – Ben Nuvamsa, former Chairman, Hopi Tribe

“This bill signals a cultural change in America’s support for grizzly bears, wilderness protection and Tribal rights. It combines the best science and our humane relationship to the Earth. The addition to the bill of independent scientific evaluation protects grizzly management from unacceptable political interference.” – Barrie Gilbert, Conservation Ecologist and Professor Emeritus, Utah State University

“The grizzly bear’s importance to many Native Americans underscores its iconic status in our country. We applaud Representative Grijalva and his colleagues for introducing the Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act. This bill fights grizzly bears’ decline due to trophy hunting and other factors, helping ensure the species does not go extinct.” – Sara Amundson, President, Humane Society Legislative Fund

“The Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association represents the Eleven Lakota, Dakota & Nakota Reservations of the Great Sioux Nation, the Ponca, the Ho-Chunk, the Mandan, Hidatsa Arikara, the Turtle Mt. Chippewa and Omaha. Our most sacred sites, the Bear’s Lodge and Bear Butte, include narratives of the grizzly bear. Our holy people gained insight and healing knowledge from the grizzly. There were more grizzlies in our sacred Black Hills than almost anywhere else until Custer carved the Thieves Road in 1874. The most famous photo of Custer from the Thieves Road is of him with a grizzly he trophy hunted. That image is symbolic of the theft of the Black Hills and the breaking of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, the consequences of which we still confront today on our reservations. The history of the Lakota-Dakota people and that of the grizzly are intertwined, as are our futures. The Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act is central to the survival of both – our culture, and the Great Bear’s existence.” – A. Gay Kingman, Executive Director, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Association

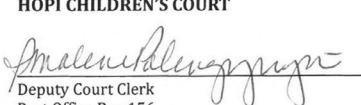
“The Rocky Mountain Tribal Lead-

ers Council serves tribal nations located in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and Alberta who all called the Yellowstone and Glacier regions home before they were parks. From then until now, the grizzly has been ever-present, albeit tenuously. There is no soundbite that can communicate the importance of the grizzly in our cultures, but the fact that our ancestors wouldn’t say the name of the grizzly out of respect speaks to the Great Bear’s cultural significance. It is time that tribal nations had input and parity in decisions that will determine the future survival of our sacred ancestor, the grizzly bear. The Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act provides that opportunity, and the promise of cultural and economic revitalization for tribes who hold a fundamental connection to the grizzly and the habitat that the grizzly once imbued with power before being taken to the brink of extinction by state and federal policies imposed upon our lands.” – Tom Rodgers, Senior Adviser, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council

“Our elders teach how the grizzly bear brought us our medicines. ‘Grizzlies know not only about roots and herbs for physical healing but also about healing mental conditions,’ they say. In the socio-economic bondage we survive in, our reservation communities need that healing more than ever today. The grizzly bear isn’t a ‘trophy game animal,’ the grizzly is our relative, a grandparent. The terms we use for grizzly bears are those we use for people; we call female grizzly bears ‘woxúúsei,’ bear women, and their cubs ‘hi-níísóóno,’ meaning her child or children. In the long struggle to protect the grizzly and in turn our sacred, ancestral lands that the grizzly protects for us, we defend our sovereignty from state and federal intrusion; we defend our treaty rights; we fight flagrant abuses of consultation mandates; and we defend our spiritual and religious freedoms. The Tribal Heritage and Grizzly Bear Protection Act reflects those essentials, inspired as it was by the historic treaty, The Grizzly: A Treaty of Cooperation, Cultural Revitalization and Restoration, to which our Northern Arapaho elders and spiritual leaders were signatories.” – Lynnette Grey Bull – Senior Vice President, Global Indigenous Council, and Spokesperson for the Northern Arapaho Elders Society of the Wind River Reservation.

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LEGALS

IN THE HOPI CHILDREN'S COURT, HOPI JURISDICTION KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA	
In the matter of the guardianship of:)
WASHINGTON, Colin)
DOB: 05/10/2010)
Minor Child,)
The Hopi Tribe, and)
Hopi Tribe Social Services Program,)
Petitioners,)
AND CONCERNING:)
Lorena Washington; and John Doe)
Parents/Respondents.)
THE HOPI TRIBE TO LORENA WASHINGTON, BIOLOGICAL PARENT OF MINOR CHILD NAMED ABOVE AND TO JOHN DOE, a fictitious name, PUTATIVE FATHER OF MINOR CHILD NAMED ABOVE:	
THE ABOVE-NAMED PETITIONERS have filed a Petition for Permanent Guardianship of Minor, Colin Washington, in the Hopi Children’s Court bearing Case No. 2018-CC-0002.	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said Petition for Permanent Guardianship is set for Permanency/Status Review Hearing on the 25th day of June 2019, at 11:00 A.M. (MST) in the Hopi Children's Courtroom II, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034, for the purpose of determining whether the Parents/Respondents will contest the allegations contained in the Petition. If the Petition is being contested, Parents/Respondents may file a response to the Petition with the Hopi Children’s Court within twenty (20) calendar days from date of publication. Your response must be filed with the Clerk of the Hopi Children's Court at PO Box 156, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034, and a copy of your response provided or mailed to the Office of the Hopi Prosecutor/Presenting Officer at the address provided immediately below.	
A COPY of the Petition for Permanent Guardianship may be obtained by submitting a written request to: The Office of the Hopi Prosecutor, PO Box 306, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034; telephone number (928) 738-2245 or 738-2246; fax number (928) 738-2203.	
FAILURE TO APPEAR at the Permanency/Status Review Hearing, or to otherwise notify the Court in writing of good cause for inability to appear prior to the date of the hearing, will result in default judgment being entered against the Parents/Respondents. This means that the parents’ rights to legal and physical custody of the child may be vested with the Hopi Tribe Social Services Program.	
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this <u>14th</u> day of <u>May</u> 2019.	
HOPI CHILDREN'S COURT	
	
Deputy Court Clerk Post Office Box 156 Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034 Telephone: (928) 738-5171	

IN THE HOPI TRIAL COURT

KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

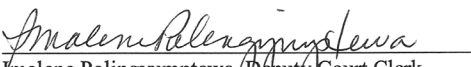
IN THE MATTER OF)	
CHANGE OF NAME:)	NO. 2019-CV-0058
<u>NADINE WATSON</u>)	NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
)	OF CHANGE OF NAME
Navajo Tribal Census Number: 514,161)	

Notice is hereby given that **Nadine Watson** has petitioned the Court for the change of name from:

NADINE WATSON
TO
NADINE CHASE

Any party seeking to intervene in said proceeding, must file an appropriate pleading with the Hopi Trial Court no later than twenty (20) days after the publication of this notice.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2019.


Malene Polingyumptewa, Deputy Court Clerk

Sockyma and Shupla Join the Hopi Fire and Rescue Services



Humewysi Sockyma and Michael Shupla (Photo by Carl Onsaе,HT)
By: CARL ONSAE
HOPI TUTUVENI

On May 4, 2019 the Winslow Fire Academy graduated two Hopi individuals, Humewysi Sockyma from the village of Mishongnovi, Ariz. and Michael Shupla from the village of Polacca, Ariz. They will be joining the Hopi Fire and Rescue services here on the Hopi reservation and will be assisting the Hopi community.

Both graduated with high standards from the academy, to protect and serve the Hopi people. Shupla’s passion for becoming a firefighter had always been his first choice because he knew that he wanted to help his own people in any way he could. Shupla stated, “I want to help the community by doing this and it was always in my best interest to become a fire fighter.”

Shupla was born at the Phoenix Indian Hospital – Indian Health Service in Phoenix, Ariz. and grew up on the Hopi reservation. He grew interested in helping people at the age of eighteen when his father was a firefighter. According to Shupla, his father would bring back interesting stuff after he was done fighting fires and Shupla’s passion only grew from there.

According to Sockyma, her interest for becoming a firefighter came when she saw others behaving badly and treating

their parents with disrespect. Sockyma did not want to disappoint her parents in such a manner. So she made it a priority to make sure she never disappointed her parents and to work towards something that she could be proud of and in turn give her parents something to be proud of, too.

Sockyma stated, “My brothers were a big influence to become who I am today...I wanted to make my parents proud of me.”

Sockyma grew up as a common Hopi village girl where she would play until the sun went down during the Hopi summers. Sockyma stated that when she grew up, she wanted to help her community by doing what her father did, which was to be a fire fighter like him. Sockyma’s passion grew bigger when she went to Yavapai Community College in Prescott, Arizona.; there she wanted to learn more about fire and the way it behaves.

It was at college that she knew that her dream of becoming firefighter could become true.

Sockyma and Shupla will be helping the Hopi Fire and Rescue crew towards preventing fire disasters and saving the Hopi community from such dangers. Here’s to wishing both the best of luck in fulfilling their dreams while aiding the community in good ways.

Hopi Resource Enforcement Services Hosts Annual Breakfast With a Cop



A police officer demonstrates to the students, the dangers of a roll-over crash. (Photo by Carl Onsaе,HT)



Students pose with their firefighter hats, and stickers they received at the event. (Photo by Carl Onsaе,HT)

By: CARL ONSAE
HOPI TUTUVENI

KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz. - On May 17, 2019 the Hopi Resource Enforcement Services hosted the Annual Breakfast with a Cop event. This year, along with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police, Arizona State Troopers, Hopi Emergency Medical Services, to name a few, the community members came together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues, build relationships, drink coffee and have breakfast with a cop.

Community members and several of the local community schools came to the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center located in Kykotsmovi, Ariz. to have breakfast and connect with the local law enforcement. The event was designed to create positive connections with the local community, and for whatever reasons community members came, they seemed to be leaving with a more positive impression of their local law enforcement agency.

The Breakfast with a Cop event is a statewide event, which brings awareness to all about the first responders, police and law enforcement, and also to honor the lives of law enforcement officers who

may 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 the event and time allows for a more relaxed, informal one-on-one interaction in a friendly atmosphere. The informal contact is meant to increase trust in police officers as individuals, which is foundational to building partnerships and engaging in community problem solving together and without the trauma associated factors, which typically are included when officers are tending to the public’s needs.

Attending students seemed very impressed and in awe of a large construction truck on display. The truck was used to demonstrate and mock the outcome of a rollover accident. The students were also encouraged to visit several informational booths and to listen to the speakers about what they were presenting.

In addition to providing breakfast for the community, the education that these brave officials provided along with service to the community, it’s clear that these types of events brings the community closer while making the community safer.

Dr. Sana Hamzeh to Receive Anti Torture Award from The Hopi Foundation



By: Danielle Romeyn
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz. - Dr. Sana Hamzeh, Clinical Advisor of the Restart Center for Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence and Torture in Lebanon, will receive the eights Barbara Chester Award for her innovative multimodal and client-centered approaches to rebuilding and protecting the lives of survivors of torture.

Presentation of the Award will occur on Saturday, October 5, 2019 on the Hopi Indian Reservation in Moencopi, Arizona.

Since founding the Lebanon-based Restart Center in 1996, Dr. Hamzeh has touched the lives of approximately 20,000 survivors in collaboration with the multidisciplinary team she leads, empowering survivors of torture, refugees, individuals with PTSD, Anxiety and Depression and other vulnerable populations. In addition to her Restart Center accomplishments, she is also vice president of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims, a drafter, trainer and implementer of the Istanbul Protocol, a mental health expert in Physicians for Human Rights, a member of Act. NOW’s trauma surviving group, and a founding Member of the Eastern Mediterranean Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions.

In nominating her for the award, Restart Center Chief Executive Director Suzanne Jabbour recalled a conversation which illustrates her colleague’s extraordinary courage. Jabbour stated, “Being concerned about her safety, I remember once asking her, do you really have to travel to Iraq? Are you sure you should go? Her response was simple: Why go to safe places only if there are people from dangerous places that need help?”

When asked what her future holds, Dr. Hamzeh replied, “What I would say is that I am now giving birth of a new generation...a pool of youth who will continue what I have started and what I am still doing. I will always and always be a fighter forever.”

The Barbara Chester Award is the world’s first anti-torture award and is a project of The Hopi Foundation. Each award recipient receives a \$10,000 cash prize and a Hopi handcrafted silver overlay eagle feather sculpture. Previous recipients are Shari Eppel of Zimbabwe (2000), Juan Almdares of Honduras (2001), Allen Keller of New York (2003), Alp Ayan of Turkey (2006), Mary Fabri of Chicago (2009), the late Dr. Naasson Munyandamutsa of Rwanda (2013) and Dr. Diana Kordon of Argentina (2016).

The Barbara Chester Award is given as a tribute to honor the life and work of the late Dr. Barbara Chester, a pioneering clinician who directed the first treatment program for torture survivors in the United States. Later she treated indigenous refugees from Central and South America, as well as survivors from more than 50 countries. In particular, her work stressed the role of culture in determining both how an individual experienced the trauma of torture as well as the best approach for recovery.

When asked what receiving the Bar-

bara Chester Award would mean for her life and work, Dr. Hamzeh mentioned the words of another woman who has made a big impact in the field of working with victims of torture. She stated, “This Award of Barbara, it means a lot to me. You know why? Because Inge Genefke, what she said about her [Barbara]. Inge said, ‘I don’t think I ever met a person with such a fine understanding of the suffering of others as, Barbara, and intuition and brain intellect, combined, so harmoniously, that you could all benefit.’ And I think that I in my work, I feel a little bit that we are similar, that we are alike. That’s why this Award means a lot to me.”

How the world’s first anti-torture award came to be sponsored in a small and remote non-gaming Native American reservation is a story in itself. About 18,000 Hopi people live in northeastern Arizona, the oldest continuously inhabited location in North America. Given the remoteness of Hopi, their culture has survived largely intact in spite of focused efforts at forced assimilation. Based on her pioneering work establishing the Center for the Victims of Torture in Minneapolis, Dr. Chester was contracted to work with the Hopi Tribe and later moved to Arizona to develop the Center for Prevention and Resolution for Violence in Tucson through The Hopi Foundation. After her death, to honor her work, The Hopi Foundation established The Barbara Chester Award and continues to promote her legacy among new practitioners from communities across the globe.

Cities are seen as attracting diverse people who learn from each other and develop sophisticated and tolerant values. To an outsider, Hopi is merely a collection of 12 villages in a barren landscape with a culture substantially at variance with “modern” America. The reservation seems an unlikely source of the first international prize given to clinicians who work with torture survivors, yet it is from this land, this culture and these people that a sophisticated network of tolerance and support has reached around the world. The Hopi help humanity heal from the very worst that humans can do to each other.

“The Barbara Chester Award fits within the Hopi Foundation’s mission and the Foundation because the Hopi people have long held a spiritual relationship to life-giving forces that promote healing and balance,” states Monica Nuvamsa, Executive Director of the Hopi Foundation. “These relationships extend beyond the Hopi families and communities for the well-being of the world as a whole. The Foundation has been privileged to share this message of healing and to perpetuate our value for life by honoring those healers that work with survivors of torture and trauma.”

The Hopi Foundation is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit located on the Hopi reservation in northeastern Arizona with a vision of self-sufficiency, self-reliance, and local self-determination so that it engages in proactive participation toward our own destiny and a community. To learn more about the Hopi Foundation, visit www.hopifoundation.org.

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Hopi Special Diabetes Program Hosts 2019 100 Mile Kickoff for the Health of It

By ROMALITA LABAN
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KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz. – Monday, May 6, 2019 through the wind and cool temperatures, registered participants of the 2019 100 Mile Kickoff did just that. Runners kicked off the 2019 100 mile challenge to rack up 100 miles and more during the twelve week period of May 6, 2019 through July 28, 2019. Folks were weaning off of feasting on tacos, during

the Cinco de Mayo celebrations, and it seemed only fit to get folks moving, with that same theme going on in the background. Many of Hopi Tribe’s Special Diabetes Program staff came in full costume to rev runners up complete with warming exercises and plenty of celebratory vibes and smiles. Although Tutuveni staff wasn’t able to join runners on the trails, staff was on hand to take pictures of the ready and anxious runners. Runners, who determined to get started on logging miles on the trails and to qualify for

putting into their running logs, seemed to be in a festive mood while stretching and smiling for Tutuveni’s camera. We send out lots of good and healthy vibes for all the 100 Mile Club participants and those who are exercising for the health of it, too. Here’s to a successful and health 2019 100 Mile Club season. Happy running and nahongvita!

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"Coming Together to Help One Another"

Disability Awareness Conference

Friday, June 7, 2019
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Hopi Jr/Sr. High School

- * Various Breakout sessions that will be led by inspiring and passionate speakers
- * Informational Booths

- * PTSD Awareness Walk
- * And more

Parents, Educators and all community members are encouraged to attend.

REGISTRATION IS FREE



For more information or to register, contact Elyse Lomawaima at 928-734-3524



Participants bare the cold as they do a pre-workout before their run (Photo by Romalita Laban,HT)



The Hopi wellness staff dress for the special occasion for the kick-off run (Photo by Romalita Laban,HT)



“AND THEIR OFF...” Runners from all over the Hopi mesas run for the “Health of it” (Photo by Romalita Laban,HT)

Navajo/Hopi Honor Riders Set to Arrive at Hopi Veterans Memorial Center on May 23, 2019

By: Romalita Laban, Hopi Tutuveni and Eugene Talas, Hopi Veteran’s Services

KYKOTSMOVI, Ariz. - Tune up your motorcycles and/or prepare to Meet and Greet the 2019 Navajo-Hopi Honor Riders (NHHR) arrival to Hopi Veterans Memorial Center (HVMC)this week. The Riders are expected to arrive on Thursday, May 23, 2019, around 12:30 p.m. (MST) at HVMC for a brief stop to honor all Hopi Veterans, Military Members and Gold & Blue Star Families. Below is a brief history of the NHHR: Remembrance - NHHR activities include an annual Honor Run to remember all Native American veterans who were “Killed In Action” since Lori Piestewa’s death in 2003, and the “Gold Star” families that were left behind after the sacrifice of these soldiers. American Gold Star families are immediate relatives of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been killed in combat or in support of certain military activities. The organization has also started recognizing and supporting “Blue Star” families in the community. American Blue Star families are those that have sons or daughters in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces and were originally formed during World War II. Our Assistance - NHHR also offers motorcycle escorts for funeral services or welcome home events for returning military service personnel, participates in community service projects to assist veterans with home improvement or remodeling projects to better suit physical or mental challenges resulting from their military service, and outreach events to build awareness regarding Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and other difficulties faced by returning veterans or the families they leave behind. The brief stop-over is to thank riders for their annual ride across Hopi and Navajo lands as they pay homage to Veteran, Military and their Families. Veteran Services is reaching out to Veterans, Gold Star families and current Hopi Blue Star families who have loved ones serving in the military today as our special honored guests. And we encourage all tribal and school Royalty to attend. Donations of water, fruits, cookies and/or treats to provide to the Riders as refreshments to energize them on their full day travel across Arizona are being sought and accepted. Donations can be brought to the Hopi Veterans Services by Wednesday, May 22, 2019 between 9:00 am and 4:00 p.m. Hopi Veteran’s Services is located in the Hopi Tribal Administrative building, first floor; use the side door-way due to renovation of main doors. Questions may be directed to Eugene Talas - HVS at 928-734-346.

Hopi CHR Program Presents:

Teen Night 2019



Females: June 5, 2019

Males: June 6, 2019

Where: First Mesa Youth Center
Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Ages: 13-18
DINNER WILL BE SERVED

Break Out Sessions:

☉Sexually Transmitted Infections ☉Hopi Values ☉Relationship Roles



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