

# Hopi Tribal Council Adopts Resolution H-081-2019 to Rescind the September 3, 2019 Vote for Selection of General Counsel

By: Romalita Laban, Managing Editor

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – November 12, 2019, with a quorum present Hopi Tribal Council Members voted, 11 in favor, 9 opposed and 0 abstaining, to adopt Resolution H-081-2019 which according to the Action Item packet and Objective was “To rescind the September 3, 2019 vote and selection for the position of General Counsel, due to the improper manner in which the vote was conducted and introduced; in violation of established parliamentary procedure and the central tenant of a representative democracy, namely the right and responsibility of an elected representative to make informed decisions on behalf of his or her constituency, and to direct the Hopi Tribal Secretary to schedule an interview with Mr. Meisinger, at his earliest available date, for consideration of the position of General Counsel.”

A week prior and on the morning of Tuesday, November 5, 2019, the Action Item was read into record while Council was addressing the Agenda Items. Discussions about what occurred on September 3, 2019 along with much debate about

rules of order, concerns for not having the General Counsel position filled, a Council member describing the recounting of steps to hiring General Counsel as “legitimizing” actions, and a need for action as one Council member described it, “let’s do what’s right and correct it... correct that grave error” took the session into the second half of the noon hour and finally recessing because of the scheduled Time Certain at 1:00 p.m. Upon reconvening after the Time Certain, Council was still very much at odds about what the Action Item could result in, if passed and had still not taken a lunch break. More discussion and a decision to take a lunch break with reconvening at 2:45 resulted in the Council ending up with two motions to act upon by the end of the day and after two Council representatives walked out before votes could be taken on the second motion made by LeRoy Shingoitewa.

This type of activity of long discussions, recounting what had occurred, took Council up through Friday, November 8, 2019. After the Chairman checked his schedule for availability after the November 11, 2019 Veteran’s Holiday, on Tuesday, November 12, 2019

at 1:00 p.m. is when Council recessed before noon, still having two motions and a decision to reconvene on November 12th. Being that there were two motions to be acted upon, descriptions of how Council was to handle the situation took precedence prior to a vote being taken on the “privileged motion” presented by LeRoy Shingoitewa, Upper Village of Moenkopi Representative. Shingoitewa’s motion was to “Table the Action Item for sixty days while Hopi Tribal Council works it out” however the motion did not pass with a vote of 8 in favor, 12 opposed and 0 abstaining. After more discussions and debate, this finally led to Council action upon the motion posed by Rosa Honanie to “Approve the Action Item.” Although there was discussion about her motion and she was asked to change portions of the motion, she ended up going back to her original motion which was to “Approve the Action Item” which passed on November 12, 2019.

The Action Item was authored and presented by Dale S. Siquah, Hopi Tribal Council Member, First Mesa Consolidated Villages Representative and was endorsed by Rosa Honanie, Hopi Tribal Council Member,

Sipaulavi Village Representative but was not voted on until approximately, two hours after the Council session.

Overall there were many details and oral mentions made by Council members and the Executive Director, however, what resulted is that Hopi Tribal Council voted on and approved Action Item 081-2019 which described in written detail some of the following in the “WHEREAS” clauses:

“WHEREAS, on May 16, 2019, the Hopi Tribal Council approved the creation of a General Counsel Application Review Team, whose charge it was to review applications for the position of General Counsel; and...

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2019 the General Counsel Application Review Team presented its collective ratings, recommendations and concerns to the Hopi Tribal Council regarding each of the top three (3) candidates, Fredrick Lomayesva, Howard Shanker and Sarah Works; and

WHEREAS, the General Counsel Application Review Teams also indicated during these same presentation that in the course of its review, the team had vetted the pool of several applicants down to five (5), yet

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# Hopi Veterans Dedicate Raising of Flag in Kykotsmovi Village



Hopi veterans stand and salute while the raising of the flag is being held. (Photo by Carl Onsae/HT)

CARL ONSAE  
HOPI TUTUVENI

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - Kykotsmovi Village was presented with a special gift by the Hopi Veterans Services, Hopi Tribe (HVS) on November 8, 2019. This gift was to reflect and appreciate the Hopi veterans that live in the Village of Kykotsmovi, Ariz., as well others living on the Hopi reservation.

Lewis Pavinyama, Sr., Governor - Village of Kykotsmovi, stood proud as several Hopi veterans stood in line and

saluted as, Eugene “Geno” Talas, Director – HVS presented a United States of America flag to the Village of Kykotsmovi.

The dedication of the flag rising was to honor all of the Hopi veterans of the village of Kykotsmovi and the rest of the Hopi reservation and those who visit the village, as well. The dedication took place just a few days ahead of national Remembrance Day of Veteran’s Day on November 11, 2019.

Several village members attended the dedication as well as several Hopi Tribal

Council members who were present to witness this historic moment. Talas also made a stance by telling the attending veterans to stand and salute while the song “Taps” was played over the loud speakers. Talas said, “This song is to play for our fallen brothers and sisters, so veterans who are here, stand and salute for your fallen brothers and sisters.”

As the dedication came nearly to the end, Talas stated, “I am very proud to see this village honoring their veteran residents, and this day is a very special one.” With happy tears from the fellow

residents who attended the dedication, the village proclaimed that the day is to be a special day for all who attended and others, as well.

Refreshments were served following the dedication, and those carrying out the humble proceedings, presented a cake to the attending audience. With happy tears and emotions of gratitude expressed, by those presenting and attending, Kykotsmovi Village successfully completed its dedication to the veterans and their fallen soldiers on a beautiful November day.

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*Hopi Council Approves...Cont.*

determined it was only necessary to interview the top three (3) candidates for the position of General Counsel; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2019 the Hopi Tribal Council voted to interview the remaining two (2) applicants Marc Roy and David Meisinger, which the General Counsel Application Review Team had not interviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Hopi Tribal Secretary was directed to notify the aforementioned individuals of the Hopi Tribal Council’s request for an interview; and...

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2019 the Hopi Tribal Council was erroneously informed that neither Mr. Roy nor Mr. Meisinger had any further interest in the position of General Counsel; and...

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2019 Human Resources Director, Lisa Pawwinnee, informed the Office of General Counsel that per the direction of Chairman Nuvangyaoma and Dorma Sahn-eyah, Executive Director, Sarah Works was hired to be the General Counsel as a regular, exempt employee with no contract; and

WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of Ms. Works’ employment were never agreed upon by Hopi Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent vote and personnel action to hire Sarah Works as General Counsel of the Hopi Tribe, was done as a result of the spurious information provided to the Hopi Tribal Council and without due consideration of all viable candidates nor a delegation of authority to hire by the Tribal Council to the Chairman’s Office or Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, the subject of selecting a candidate for the position of General Counsel was shown on the attached 4th

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor, Tutuveni

Black Mesa Trust (BMT) is pleased to accept an invitation from Lynn Fredericks, Hopi Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, to talk to the students about their cultural heritage, during the school day on November 25, 2019.

The reason why we want to do this is to tell the students that they inherited a history going back thousands of years, and that they need to know their history, language, and traditions to keep Hopi culture alive in this day of modern science and technology.

The Mission of BMT, which was founded in 1998, was to save pristine fossil waters stored in the Navajo Aquifer, deep under Black Mesa, for future generations. The only way to accomplish this was to end the world’s largest coal mining. We do this by informing and educating Hopi people about the damage done by Peabody Energy Co. to Black Mesa with oversight of the U.S. Office of Surface Mining (OSM), a coal mining regulatory agency under the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Under impossible odds, BMT, in collaboration with other environmental organizations, including Diné (Navajo) grassroots organizations, after 30 years fighting Peabody and OSM, Black Mesa Trust finally accomplished its Mission. Coal mining is now shut down, but not after destroying 50 billion gallons of pure drinking water and unknown number of archaeological sites and remains of our ancestors. A page from a history book torn up.

Shortly after hearing the good news about the mining shutdown, we received devastating news about the Arizona Court decision, denying our rights to use Little Colorado River (LCR) water. The decision was primarily based on the Hopi Tribal Council’s 1976 decision to extinguish all aboriginal rights to Hopi ancestral homeland outside of the Hopi Executive Order Reservation in exchange for \$5 million.

Now comes word that a company based in Phoenix has filed an applica-

tion with the U.S. Federal Energy Commission to construct several dams at the bottom of the LCR canyon near Sípáapu and other Hopi religious sites. This is now been confirmed.

Both, the LCR water rights decision and the proposed project to dam up the LCR will have profound, devastating impacts on Sípáapu. Sípáapu is the heart of our Earth Mother we call Hakiewuti. If Sípáapu dies, so will our Mother.

It is in this context that BMT accepted the invitation to speak to high school students. It is our position that we need to start with educating the youth.

Given a short time limitation, we will limit our presentation to pre-history, beginning from the time our ancestors left Palatkwapi, a place in Mexico, ending with the time Europeans invaded our native land around 1530 and took over the land. The first Europeans (Whiteman) to come were the Spaniards. Later the Americans came and both changed the Hopi traditional way of life, forever.

We believe that to Save Sípáapu, we must begin with the youth who will one day take over the responsibility of preserving Sípáapu, our Mother, and our culture.

When I was principal at Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School, the parents adopted a motto: “A flower grows best in its own plot of earth, but water must be brought to it.” All of us, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, political leaders, and educators, are the water carriers. To paraphrase a popular song, all of us are the wind beneath the wings of our youth. With our help and encouragement, they fly higher and higher.

Because of limited seating, only the high school students from Hopi and other high schools, and invited guests, will participate in this historic gathering.

Quarter Agenda as:

“New Business: item 12 “Discussion regarding General Counsel Position”

\*\*Time Certain – September 3, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.”

Giving no indication that formal action regarding this issue was likely or even possible; and...

...WHEREAS, the hiring of an attorney to serves as General Counsel, pursuant to the fact that he or she represents and is overseen by the Hopi Tribal Council itself, constitutionally requires the ratification of a separate Action Item/Resolution, authorizing and delegating the Chairman of the Hopi Tribal Council or other named individual to enter into a contract or offer of employment on behalf of the Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hopi Tribal Council hereby Rescinds the September 3, 2019, vote and selection for the position of General Counsel of Ms. Works;

BE IT RESOLVED that the personnel action to hire Sarah Works is hereby declared null and void and no offer of employment by contract or otherwise shall be made; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Hopi Tribal Council hereby directs the Hopi Tribal Secretary to schedule an interview with Mr. Meiginger, at his earliest available date, for consideration of the position of General Counsel.

Hopi Tutuveni requested copies of Action Item 081-2019, referenced above, via the Information Request process through the Hopi Tribal Secretary’s office on November 13, 2019 and for public information. The documents were received at Hopi Tutuveni office on November 14, 2019.

The Hopi Foundation Promotes Philanthropy Through GivingTuesday

**Hopi Foundation PRESS RELEASE**

Kykotsmovi Village, AZ – The Hopi Foundation and their programs are participating in the global collaborative initiative known as GivingTuesday. Taking place December 3rd, GivingTuesday is an international day of giving that unites individuals, communities, and organizations throughout the world around a single cause and idea – doing good for others.

Every year on GivingTuesday, which is held annually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, millions of people across the globe (almost 60 countries) mobilize to show up, give back, and change their communities. Although GivingTuesday is officially one day, The Hopi Foundation and their programs have been sharing various ways of giving on their Facebook pages weekly since October. One week’s share was “Pay it Forward”, which saw the Natwani Coalition collaborate with Dogtags & Coffee to donate free drinks and proceeds. KUYI also gave out free coffee one week, along with picking up trash and making bird feeders on other weeks.

“This isn’t anything new or different for us. The Hopi Foundation and our programs are always doing work in the community,” said Samantha Honani, Program Manager for The Hopi Leadership Program. “It’s our hope that GivingTuesday can help us illuminate the work we do and hopefully generate some support so we can continue that work.”

The Hopi Foundation, like most non-profits, is self-funded – through grants and contributions from individual donors. Their funding is used to provide direct service through their programs, keep day-to-day operations going, and to further development through fundraising and staff training.

At its core, the Hopi Foundation is an organization that works to prolong the existence of everything that makes Hopi

what it is – the people, language, culture, and beliefs. Their approach is multi-faceted but the main idea is to strengthen the community by increasing the skills and knowledge of individual community members. Most of The Hopi Foundation’s programs have an educational and/or knowledge-sharing aspect to them.

Through GivingTuesday, The Hopi Foundation is hoping to promote not just the spirit of generosity, but the idea that philanthropy is a part of Hopi culture. “We have terms in Hopi that encourage giving or helping others without expecting anything in return – terms like sumi’angwa, nami’angwa, and hita’angwa,” said Monica Nuvamsa, The Hopi Foundation’s Executive Director. “As a community, we already practice philanthropy and demonstrating how we can further these practices in our daily culture connects us better to the meaning of giving; especially in times when our families in need rely on us most.”

Among the ways The Hopi Foundation is working to demonstrate giving in the Hopi communities is a Jacket Drive. Through the month of November up until December 3rd, people can donate new or gently-used winterwear at a dozen locations across Hopiland – from Keams Canyon to Moenkopi. Along with all of the collaborating locations, which are hosting the drop-off boxes, The Hopi Foundation has partnered with the Hopi Fire/Rescue Department for their jacket drive. Hopi Fire/Rescue decided to have their second coat drive this year after the success of their first drive last year.

After they have collected and sorted all the winterwear, the Jacket Drive partners are planning a jacket giveaway in Kykotsmovi on Tuesday, December 10th. Items will be free to anyone who needs them.

For more information on GivingTuesday or the Jacket Drive, please call 928-734-2380 or email info@hopifoundation.org.

Fall Updates from the Hopi Education Endowment Fund



Newly elected HEEF board members for the 2019-2020 year. (Photo by Alexandra Hoyungowa/HEEF)

**Alexandra Hoyungowa, Hopi Education Endowment Fund FOR HOPI TUTUVENI**

On Saturday, October 05, 2019 the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) conducted their Annual Meeting at the DoubleTree in Tempe, AZ. HEEF board members and staff discussed plans and shared ideas as they move into the year 2020. The HEEF welcomed 8 new board members who bring a wide range of expertise, resources, and experiences. The HEEF also elected new officers at the conclusion of the meeting. The new board is excited to implore fresh ideas and implement those new ideas for the new year.

New HEEF board members for the 2019 – 2020 year are: Barbara Poley, Ty Stahl, Aaron Secakuku, Peter Chestnut, Dr. Amanda Tachine, Gloria Grover, Raymond Tewawina, and Dr. Felina Cordova (see photo). These newly elected members will be tasked with investing their time and energy to advance the HEEF’s mission and vision. Newly elected HEEF officers for 2019-2020 year are: Dr. Kim Corkin – President, Candace Hamana – Vice President, Stephanie Parker – Treasurer, and Dr. Sherry Markel – Secretary. Dr. Corkin remarked in her new role as President, "Seeing 20/20 this year will allow me to clearly focus on transforming personal goals and fulfilling the Mission and Vision of the Hopi Education Endowment Fund."

Following the Annual Meeting was the Annual HEEF Alumni Challenge which took place October 14th – October 28th. Since 2004, the HEEF has held a friendly fundraising competition among four alumni groups - Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, the University of Arizona, and the Arizona Crushers

(a collective of all other schools). This friendly competition encourages alumni, families of alumni, and university supporters to donate to the HEEF in the name of one of the four alumni groups. The group with the highest fundraising total is declared the winner and secures bragging rights for the remainder of the year. This year’s winner is the Northern Arizona University alumni group. Executive Director, LuAnn Leonard, shared the following sentiments, “Each team did extremely well and we are pleased to share that our total of \$15,025 broke all of our previous records.” Resource Development Manager, Justin Hongeva, expressed, “I am pleasantly surprised by the outcome of this year’s challenge, there was an increased level of enthusiasm among our alumni groups this year, which made it more exciting.” The 16th year hosting this challenge, proved to be the most successful and will benefit college students of the Hopi Tribe.

On November 20, 2019, the HEEF will celebrate its 19th birthday. The public is welcomed to the HEEF office for coffee and cupcakes as a way to celebrate 19 years as an organization. There, guests can learn more about the HEEF and Giving Tuesday, an online national day of fundraising which takes place on December 03, 2019. Giving Tuesday dates back to 2012 as a day that encourages people to donate to their non-profit of choice. Donations can be made online (www.hopieducationfund.org), over the phone (928-734-2275), in-person, and through mail.

The HEEF staff and board members are looking forward to coordinating fundraising efforts to grow the fund, support Hopi education, and create more scholarship opportunities.

**General Fund Budget Presentation for FY 2020**

**Presented to the Third Mesa Community**

**Hosted By the Budget Oversight Team (BOT)**

**Location: Village of Lower Moenkopi Community Building**

**Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. MST**

**For more information you may call the Office of the Vice Chairman @ (928) 734-3113**

*Corrections*

In the November 5, 2019 edition of the Hopi Tutuveni, the story “*Rose Marie Honanie Crowned the New 2019 Lori Piestewa Post 80 Princess*“. In the sentence: “*Honanie sang a song, in the Hopi language about the spiritual quest of the rain clouds coming to the Hopi mesas*“. Should have read and corrected to: “Honanie sang a song in the Hopi language about the warriors coming home”.

~Corrected November 18, 2019

-Tutuveni Staff







# Subscription Drive Participant Reaches Out to Hopi Tutuveni



Jon Lansa with Hopi Tutuveni Subscription Drive Incentives. Photo by: Jon and Tawana Lansa

**By: Hopi Tutuveni Staff**

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - Jon Lansa was a participant in the recent Hopi Tutuveni Subscription and we were pleased to receive the following message along with a picture depicting the lucky winner of the Hopi Tutuveni Incentive Basket made out of Hopi Tutuveni newspapers. Jon is also wearing other incentive items, including the KUYI t-shirt and is showing the Hopi Tutuveni mug, which is not all inclusive of the incentive items he received.

“It was a lot of fun to receive our package in the mail and open it up with all the nice gifts inside. The basket is beautiful. We're thankful for the work that you do. And enjoy receiving the Hopi newspaper all the way over here in Albuquerque.” – Jon and Tawana Lansa.

We wish Jon and Tawan Lansa happy reading and appreciate their continued readership. This is a good example that it pays to subscribe and read the Hopi Tutuveni.

# 2019 Red Ribbon Run/Walk for Substance Abuse Prevention



Group picture of everyone who participated at the Red Ribbon Run at HHCC. Photo by: Darren Vicenti

**By Lisa Lomavaya, Hopi Health Care Center FOR HOPI TUTUVENI**

Polacca, Ariz. - A collaboration of commitment, compassion and lots of planning produced the very successful community-wide event. A wholesome example of good forces coming together for a good cause was the 2019 Red Ribbon Run for Substance Abuse Prevention which took place in Polacca, Ariz. recently.

This is the second year that Hopi Health Care Center (HHCC) hosted the event. A small team was comprised of a few members of the HHCC staff, along with the Hopi Substance Abuse Prevention Center staff, Hopi Behavioral Health Services staff and some members from the “Villages Against Meth” community group.

The Red Ribbon Walk/Run for Substance Abuse Prevention occurred on Oct 26, 2019 at the HHCC. 140 people of all ages participated in a 1 mile, 2 mile or 5K run/walk to bring awareness for those currently suffering from substance abuse and about prevention efforts. It is so meaningful to see young children and our elders come together in solidarity and to complete the run/walk as a testament to perseverance and strength for an important cause. All of this was done in hopes that this horrible epidemic won't continue to plague our community. Approximately 250 people were in attendance at the event during which 14 informative resource booths were also present. To add “flavor” to the event, everyone was asked to attend and participate while dressed in their Halloween costumes. The event concluded with all ages participating in a

costume contest. It was a fun filled morning that also brought much needed awareness to the substance abuse issues in the Hopi Tewa community. Important messages were brought forward by Dr. Kendra Johnson who provided information about Medication Take Back Day and the dangers of prescription drug/opioid abuse and Judge Delfred Leslie provided the audience with a prayer prior to the start of the walk/run.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the funding contributions from the Arizona Rural Health. Also, one year ago the Arizona Rural Health supported the implementation of two Medication Take Back drop boxes for the Hopi reservation in care of opioid use/misuse prevention and awareness. One drop box is located at Hopi Law Enforcement Services and the other at HHCC. The Medication Take Back boxes provide the safe and anonymous disposal of medications that are old, expired or no longer needed; especially medications which are pain controlling medications.

On behalf of the 2019 Red Ribbon Run/Walk for Substance Abuse Prevention planning committee and the entities coming together to bring awareness to the community for substance use/abuse awareness and prevention, we thank HHCC executive leadership for the use of HHCC as a place to host this family fun community event. A Big Thank You goes out to all the community volunteers who offered helping hands and happy hearts at the event. It most definitely demonstrated the commitment and collaboration of the various entities coming together to improve the health and well-being of the community we love and care for.

# How much do you know about breastfeeding?



**Nayereh Sabripour and Kay Lynn Andrews, Public Health Nurses for Hopi Health Care Center**

**10 Facts on Breastfeeding**

Breastfeeding is one of the most effective ways to ensure child health and survival.

If breastfeeding were scaled up to near-universal levels, about 820 000 child lives would be saved every year. Globally, only 40% of infants fewer than six months of age are exclusively breastfed.

WHO (World Health Organization) actively promotes breastfeeding as the best source of nourishment for infants and young children. This fact file explores the many benefits of the practice and how strong support to mothers can increase breastfeeding worldwide.

**Fact 1:** Breastfeeding for the first six months is crucial

WHO recommends that: \* mothers initiate breastfeeding within one hour of birth; \* infants should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months of life to achieve optimal growth, development, health, and thereafter, to meet their evolving nutritional requirements, infants should receive nutritionally adequate and safe complementary foods, while continuing to be breastfed; and \* breastfeeding should continue for up to two years or beyond.

**Fact 2:** Breastfeeding protects infants from childhood illnesses

Breast milk is the ideal food for newborns and infants. It gives infants all the nutrients they need for healthy development. It is safe and contains antibodies that help protect infants from common childhood illnesses such as diarrhea and pneumonia, the two primary causes of child mortality worldwide. Breast milk is readily available and affordable, which helps to ensure that infants get adequate nutrition.

**Fact 3:** Breastfeeding also benefits mothers

Exclusive breastfeeding is associated with a natural (though not fail-safe) method of birth control (98% protection in the first six months after birth). It reduces risks of breast and ovarian cancer, type II diabetes, and postpartum depression.

**Fact 4:** Breastfeeding has long-term benefits for children

Beyond the immediate benefits for children, breastfeeding contributes to a lifetime of good health. Adolescents and adults who were breastfed as babies are less likely to be overweight or obese. They are less likely to have type-II diabetes and perform better in intelligence tests.

**Fact 5:** Infant formula does not contain the antibodies found in breast milk

The long-term benefits of breastfeeding for mothers and children cannot be replicated with infant formula. When infant formula is not properly prepared, there are risks arising from the use of unsafe water and unsterilized equipment or the potential presence of bacteria in powdered formula. Malnutrition can result from over-diluting formula to "stretch" supplies. While frequent feeding maintains breast milk supply, if formula is used but becomes unavailable, a return to breastfeeding may not be an option due to diminished breast milk production.

**Fact 6:** Transmission of HIV through breastfeeding can be reduced with drugs

An HIV-infected mother can pass the infection to her infant during pregnancy, delivery and through breastfeeding. However, antiretroviral (ARV) drugs given to either the mother or HIV-exposed infant reduces the risk of transmission. Together, breastfeeding and ARVs have the potential to significantly improve infants' chances of surviving while remaining HIV uninfected. WHO recommends that when HIV-infected mothers breast-

feed, they should receive ARVs and follow WHO guidance for infant feeding.

**Fact 7:** Marketing of breast-milk substitutes are highly monitored

An international code to regulate the marketing of breast-milk substitutes was adopted in 1981. It calls for: \* all formula labels and information to state the benefits of breastfeeding and the health risks of substitutes; \* no promotion of breast-milk substitutes; \* no free samples of substitutes to be given to pregnant women, mothers or their families; and \* no distribution of free or subsidized substitutes to health workers or facilities.

**Fact 8:** Support for mothers is essential

Breastfeeding has to be learned and many women encounter difficulties at the beginning. Many routine practices, such as separation of mother and baby, use of newborn nurseries, and supplementation with infant formula, actually make it harder for mothers and babies to breast-feed. Health facilities that support breastfeeding by avoiding these practices and making trained breastfeeding counselors available to new mothers encourage higher rates of the practice. To provide this support and improve care for mothers and newborns, most countries have implemented the WHO-UNICEF Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative, which sets standards for quality care.

**Fact 9:** Mothers should continue breastfeeding at work

Many mothers who return to work abandon breastfeeding partially or completely because they do not have sufficient time, or a place to breastfeed, express and store their milk. Mothers need a safe, clean and private place in or near their workplace to continue breastfeeding. Enabling conditions at work, such as paid maternity leave, part-time work arrangements, on-site crèches, facilities for expressing and storing breast milk, and breastfeeding breaks, can help.

**Fact 10:** Solid foods should be phased in at six months

To meet the growing needs of babies at six months of age, mashed solid foods should be introduced as a complement to continued breastfeeding. Foods for the baby can be specially prepared or modified from family meals. WHO notes that: \* breastfeeding should not be decreased when starting on solids; \* food should be given with a spoon or cup, not in a bottle; \* food should be clean and safe; and \* ample time is needed for young children to learn to eat solid foods.

**References:**

1. World Health Organization 2019.
2. WWW.IHS.GOV/healthed/resources/breastfeeding

Hopi Health Care Center has two Certified Board Lactation Consultants in the Public Health Nursing Program. Both Nurses are professional breastfeeding specialists and have specialized education and extensive experience in managing the needs and care of the breastfeeding family. They provide patient care and education using age specific needs assessments, addressing the physiological, emotional, developmental, psychosocial and spiritual needs of the mother/baby and family/ support system. They assist the mothers to attain her individual breastfeeding goals, how to feed their baby, breastfeeding problems, such as: latching difficulties, painful nursing, and low milk production. They also help babies who aren't gaining enough weight.

Hopi Health Care Center – Public Health Nursing Mission: To provide/coordinate services, which promote health, prevent illness and disability for clients of all age groups.

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Channel 8, The Gossip Channel

By LARRY WATAHAMAGEE  
*The Hopi Tutuveni*

Hopis love to gossip about everyone and everything, on and off the reservation, and we do it so well. I mean if we were to start our own TV channel we would have a channel that would be on for 24 hours every day just gossiping about the Hopi people and we would call it “TSNEE...DID YOU HEAR?”(Say it in a Hopi accent).

We gossip so much we blend truth with half-truths or not true at all, and we still believe it all.

I was at an elderly center on Hopi last week and I tell you...Hopi women are the source for news. It’s like they know everyone’s past, present, and future. At one point I thought I was at the Channel 3’s News Station. They were telling each other what happened to this guy, and this woman at this certain casino, it was like these women were describing a movie from the Lifetime Movie Channel. Then we all laughed then drank soda pop. Then for some odd reason one woman started telling the weather, saying we are in for a hard winter, like she was a meteorologist or something. I wonder if she was a real meteorologist. I tell you, you cannot make this stuff up!

Now don’t get me wrong, and no disrespect to those at the elderly center but every culture and every race have their certain group of people that will gossip about everyone and everything. Hopis are not unique with our faults, because we have the same faults and failures just like every other human being in the world. Although some like to believe that we are perfect...we’re not.

What is viewed about Hopi is the same with every other race and culture in the world. However, sometimes it seems as if we have become the stereotypes that the white man has tried to make us out to be...some of it good and some of it bad.

We may not like what we hear at certain points but it’s just how Hopi life goes. All we can do is just live our life without any regrets, or hurting human life. That’s what my Qua’ah (grandpa) always says.

We are a tight knit community that lives in a tiny fish bowl where we know each other’s faults and failures first, before saying congratulations on your successes. We become so jealous of each other’s successes that we will try to find faults and failures first, just so you feel guilty about becoming successful, but that’s just normal Hopi life.

But don’t get me wrong, some of us are proud to see others succeed and we want them to succeed in Hopi’s life and pahanna’s (white man’s) life. But that’s just one point of succeeding in life.

In the 21st century, Hopis are now changing their gossip ways from group “hear-say” to social media “hear-say”, where every Hopi child, aunt, uncle, grandma, and grandpa has a Facebook account. On there I see that we post gossip, and even more so lately...it has pictures and videos to go along with it.

Hopi’s are not perfect people. We have our downfalls with white man’s culture where we became drunks, drug addicts, and failures. I know it’s hard to hear that we aren’t perfect, so what can we do? I say we should start teaching our Hopi kids about not becoming perfect, but becoming better people in general, like talking to them about failure and telling them it’s ok to fail at life, but it’s never ok to give up on life.

Last night I was watching this popular movie, “Smoke Signals” where Natives are portrayed as drunken Natives with fatherless kids, living with the grandparents on the reservation. If we really took a good look at ourselves we are kind of like that movie. That movie was never about Hopi, but it is easy to relate ourselves to that movie, so much because of the stereotypes it portrayed. So how can we change that opinion about us? I say we should stop trying to portray ourselves as the perfect Hopi culture but just become a better Hopi people, and then maybe the stereotypes about us will stop, but that’s just my opinion. Sure there are a lot of great cultural aspects about Hopi, from our deep understanding of Mother Nature, to understanding the universe and our cultural ties to it all. And the other stuff I’m talking about, the other parts I am describing are about the assimilation of Hopi people and the results of that assimilation.

When I was growing up I use to hate going to the field with my Ta’ha (uncle) because he would leave me there in the hot sun with only a bottle of water and he told me to chop the weeds in his field. It taught me two valuable lessons in life. First, I had to find a better hiding spot so my Ta’ha wouldn’t be able to find me and drag me to his field. Second, it taught me to respect all living things. He taught me that everything in this world is alive and we should never take anything for granted. He told me to never make anyone worry about my life and to never hurt a human life.

So with his words I try to become a better Hopi. I may not be perfect; I have my faults and failures just like every human being on this earth, but I try to make people proud of me but sometimes it’s hard to do in this “21st Century Way” of assimilated living.

Now...everyone has different opinions about one another, and that slowly turns into gossip around the Hopi mesas. So, you may ask, “How can you stop the gossip?” Well, you can’t...it’s a part of every Native American’s religion and culture, and the Hopi people are no different. But, we can control the output of gossip, by just simply not listening to it or accepting the information as “just gossip” and once you do, the gossip will tend to just fade away.

Once we face the reality of our ways whether they be faults and failures, the sooner we can stop the stereotype of a typical “red man” that the pahanna views us as.

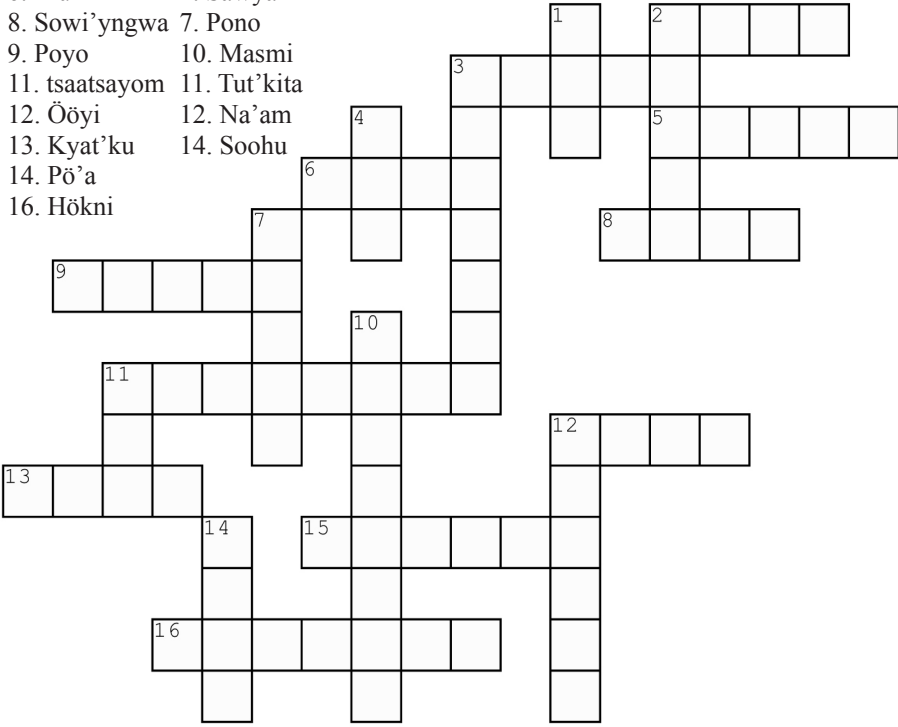
We cannot just stick our heads in the sand and say that drugs, alcohol, failures don’t exist on Hopi, because they exist here and everywhere. It’s like saying, Hopi bans soda pop in schools, but yet during school functions there is soda at the ring toss booth. It’s always gonna be there.

My advice to you is that, sometimes the truth hurts but it’s a good hurt. I know, you’re probably saying, “Iiss ahna, when has hurting ever been good?” But the way that I see it, is that it’s a way to make ourselves a better Hopi, not a perfect Hopi, but one just that can see that we need to change for the betterment of our future. We can do two things; one - hide from the truth and don’t let anyone know that Hopi has any problems and keep it hidden from the world, or two - face the problems and start to make it better for you. But that’s just my professional cat opinion.

Cross Word Puzzle

Find the English words for the Hopi words.

- Across
2. Nuva
3. Sipala
5. Mansaala
6. Muki
8. Sowi'yingwa
9. Poyo
11. tsaatsayom
12. Ööyi
13. Kyat'ku
14. Pö'a
16. Hökni
- Down
1. Tukpu
2. Kiisi
3. Pa'tng
4. Sawya
7. Pono
10. Masmi
11. Tut'kita
12. Na'am
14. Soohu



Answers for November 5th edition	Answers in next issue
Across	
1. Jump, 3. Nuts, 5. Clothes, 8. Friend, 9. Quit, 10. Grapes, 12. Change, 13. Salt, 14. Happy, 17. Good, 18. Melt	
Down	
2. Mother, 4. Cornhusk, 6. Try, 7. Brush, 10. Get, 11. Afraid, 12. Cat, 15. Pay, 16. Doll	
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D I N A A N A Q Z Y K Y T P T I W A  
Q A A N T I P U R O M T A E X O A Z  
B X F H I I S A N W A A A N G Q W N

HOPI WORDS

Kwisto - Get

Yup'a - Go ahead

Nima - Go home

Nakwhana - Grant permission

Tutskwa - Ground

Naasami - Half-dollar

Hiñti - Happen (what)

Hālayi - Happy

Kyaktayti'i - Hurry

Wuuni - Idea (thought)

Pashimu - Important

Sonkya - Improbable

Songyawnen - In effect

Tutuwna - Instruct

Tunatya - Intention

Itsivu - Intolerant

Tuwat - In turn

Qanaani - Jealous (feel)

Tumala - Job

Henanata - Jog

Suumi - Join

Hintaqa - Kind (what)

Tuwi'yta - Know

Ngasta - Lacking

Lavayi - Language

Qa iits - Late

Tayati - Laugh

Ya'makma - Leave (exit)

Awtuuqayta -Listen

Tunatyawta - Look after

Hiisa - Many

Paati - Melt

Qa'āntipu - Mistake

Qaavo - Next day

Aa'awna - Notify

Ephaqam - Now & then

Himu'yva - Obtain

Paypi - Oh Well!

Namora - Option (choice)

Angqw - Out of origin

Tuqayvasta - Pay Attention

Qe'ti - Quit

Yöoyoki - Rain

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# Can any president even be investigated?



(Photo by Jonathan Sims)  
**Mark Sherman**  
**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is asking the Supreme Court to block a subpoena for his tax returns, in a test of the president’s ability to defy investigations.

The filing Thursday sets the stage for a high court showdown over the tax returns Trump has refused to release, unlike every other modern president. The justices also could weigh in more broadly on Trump’s claim that sitting presidents can’t be prosecuted or investigated for crimes.

The subpoena from the Manhattan district attorney is seeking Trump’s tax returns back to 2011 from his accounting firm as part of a criminal investigation. Trump’s lawyers say a criminal probe of the president at the state or local level is unconstitutional and unprecedented in American history.

“Allowing the sitting president to be targeted for criminal investigation — and to be subpoenaed on that basis— would, like an indictment itself, distract him from the numerous and important duties of his office, intrude on and impair Executive Branch operations, and stigmatize the presidency,” said the brief signed by Jay Sekulow.

Lower courts have so far rejected Trump’s claims of immunity.

Trump wants the court to decide the case by late June, under a deal to keep the district attorney from enforcing the subpoena in the meantime. The justices may not decide whether to hear the case for at least another month.

A second, similar case is headed to the court over a House committee subpoena demanding Trump’s financial records from the same accounting firm. The president has lost both cases at each step of the judicial system so far.

The Mazars USA firm has said it will comply with the subpoenas, if courts agree.

A ruling against Trump would not require public release of the information. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. is seeking the records back to 2011 in a broader probe that includes payments made to buy the silence of two women, porn star Stormy Daniels and model Karen McDougal, who claim they had affairs with the president before the 2016 presidential election. Trump has denied the claims.

Vance spokesman Danny Frost declined to comment Thursday, saying the district attorney would be making its own Supreme Court filing next week.

Trump is asking for the Supreme Court’s intervention as the impeachment drama plays out elsewhere in Washington. Public impeachment hearings that began Wednesday are examining claims that Trump tried to get Ukraine's leader to

investigate political rival Joe Biden.

If the House votes to impeach the president, Chief Justice John Roberts would preside at a Senate trial that is likely to begin in January.

The justices usually fill their term’s calendar by late January.

The New York tax case is moving unusually swiftly through the federal courts. A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York ruled last week that the tax returns can be turned over to New York prosecutors.

The appellate judges emphasized the narrowness of their ruling, deciding only that a state prosecutor can demand Trump’s personal financial records from a third party while the president is in office.

Their opinion upholding a trial judge’s earlier ruling noted that they did not consider whether the president is immune from indictment and prosecution while in office or whether the president himself may be ordered to produce documents in a state criminal proceeding.

The subpoena does “not implicate, in any way, the performance of his official duties,” 2nd Circuit Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann wrote.

During arguments in a New York courtroom, Trump’s lawyer told the 2nd Circuit that Trump is immune from state criminal law, even if he shoots someone, because he’s president. The exchange stemmed from Trump’s campaign trail comment in 2016 that he "could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters, OK?"

Trump’s lawyers have said the probe by Vance, a Democrat, is politically motivated.

The Justice Department, which intervened on Trump’s behalf in New York, has taken a narrower approach, saying Vance must prove "particularized need" for the records before they are released to a grand jury.

In the Washington case, the House Committee on Oversight and Reform subpoenaed records from Mazars in April. They include documents from 2011 to 2018 that the House wants for investigation into the president's reporting of his finances and potential conflicts of interest. The list of documents makes no mention of Trump’s tax returns.

The full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit voted Wednesday not to reconsider an earlier panel opinion ordering Mazars to comply with the subpoena.

Trump’s two appointees to the Washington court said the full court should have reheard the case. Judge Greg Katsas called the subpoena a “threat to presidential autonomy and independence.”

There are two Trump appointees on the nine-member Supreme Court, Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh.

# Breaking news: Roger Stone found guilty of witness tampering, lying to Congress



Roger Stone (Creative Commons)

**Michael Balsamo and Ashraf Khalil**  
**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP)— Roger Stone, a longtime friend and ally of President Donald Trump, was found guilty Friday of witness tampering and lying to Congress about his pursuit of Russian-hacked emails damaging to Hillary Clinton’s 2016 election bid.

Stone was convicted of all seven counts in a federal indictment that accused him of lying to Congress, tampering with a witness and obstructing the House investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to tip the 2016 election. He is the sixth Trump aide or adviser to be convicted of charges brought as part of special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation.

Stone has denied wrongdoing and consistently criticized the case against him as politically motivated. He did not take the stand during the trial and his lawyers did not call any witnesses in his defense.

Stone, 67, showed no visible reaction as the verdict was read aloud, count by count. He’s scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 6. He could face up to 20 years. Another former Trump campaign aide, Michael Caputo, was removed by the courtroom by security officers after he turned his back on the jury after the verdict was read.

Stone smirked at reporters as he left the courtroom, holding hands with his wife. As he walked out of the courthouse, Stone was asked if he had any comment on the verdict and replied: “none whatsoever” before he hopped into a waiting SUV with his wife.

Trump tweeted minutes after the verdict, calling the conviction “a double standard like never seen before in the history of our Country,” because his frequent nemeses, including Hillary Clinton, former FBI Director James Comey and “including even Mueller himself,” have not been convicted. “Didn’t they lie?”

After the verdict was read, prosecutors asked for Stone to be jailed as he awaits sentencing, arguing that he may have violated a judge’s order that prohibits him from communicating with the media about his case. But Judge Amy Berman Jackson rejected that request and said Stone will be subject to same conditions he faced following his arrest, including the gag order.

Throughout the trial, prosecutors used Stone’s own text messages and emails — some of which appeared to contradict his congressional testimony — to lay out their case that he lied to Congress and threatened a witness. Stone did not testify, and his lawyers called no witnesses in his defense.


On Tuesday, a top Trump campaign official, Rick Gates, who was a key cooperator in the Mueller probe, testified that that Stone tried to contact Jared Kushner, Trump’s son-in-law, to “debrief” him about developments on the hacked emails.


Prosecutors alleged Stone lied to Congress about his conversations about WikiLeaks with New York radio host and comedian Randy Credico — who scored an interview with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in 2016, when he was avoiding prosecution by sheltering in the Ecuadoran embassy in London — and conservative writer and conspiracy theorist Jerome Corsi.

During the 2016 campaign, Stone had mentioned in interviews and public appearances that he was in contact with Assange through a trusted intermediary and hinted at inside knowledge of WikiLeaks’ plans. But he started pressing Credico to broker a contact, and Credico testified that he told Stone to work through his own intermediary.


Earlier testimony revealed that Stone, while appearing before the House Intelligence Committee, named Credico as his intermediary to Assange and pressured Credico not to contradict him.

After Credico was contacted by Con-





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So they now convict Roger Stone of lying and want to jail him for many years to come. Well, what about Crooked Hillary, Comey, Strzok, Page, McCabe, Brennan, Clapper, Shifty Schiff, Ohr & Nellie, Steele & all of the others, including even Mueller himself? Didn't they lie?....

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In a trial that lasted about a week, witnesses highlighted how Trump campaign associates were eager to gather information about emails the U.S. says were hacked by Russia and then provided to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks.

Steve Bannon, who served as the campaign’s chief executive, testified during the trial the trial that Stone had boasted about his ties to WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange, alerting them to pending new batches of damaging emails. Campaign officials saw Stone as the “access point” to WikiLeaks, he said.

gress, he reached out to Stone, who told him he should “stonewall it” and “plead the fifth,” he testified. Credico also testified during Stone’s trial that Stone repeatedly told him to “do a ‘Frank Pentangeli,’” a reference to a character in “The Godfather: Part II” who lies before Congress.

Prosecutors said Stone had also threatened Credico’s therapy dog, Bianca, saying he was “going to take that dog away from you.”

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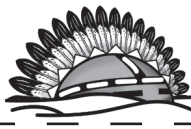
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## Udall Demands Answers on Interior Department’s



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WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, pressed the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to explain its failure to consult with Tribes at an Indian Affairs oversight hearing examining the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ 477 workforce training program. BIA has primary responsibility for a variety of tribal programs within the Department of the Interior (DOI).

The “477” Tribal workforce program authorizes Tribes to consolidate federal workforce, training, and economic development programs into a single, integrated Tribally designed plan. Twelve federal agencies participate in the 477 program, and DOI serves as the lead agency responsible for administering the program. However, Tribal witnesses testified before the committee that DOI officials failed to consult with Tribes before drafting and finalizing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with 11 other federal agencies that determines how the 477 statute is implemented.

During the hearing, Udall questioned DOI witness, about the failure to consult with Tribes while developing the MOA.

Bighorn testified that the Department did not engage in Tribal consultation on the MOA because the agency was not required to do so by the statute.

“I would really take issue with your statement,” Udall responded. “Consultation is the bedrock of a strong government-to-government relationship with Tribes . . . the department of the Interior knows very well that any direction it’s given to act is to be done with consultation. To say that the statute does not direct it runs counter to all Indian law principles, existing executive orders, and the spirit and the language of the law that’s before us.”

Bighorn committed to taking Udall’s message back to his leadership at DOI, and reevaluating DOI’s position on consulting with Tribes on the MOA. “We would move forward with consulting [with Tribes] at these meetings and with issues that come up, yes,” Bighorn said.

At the hearing, the committee also received testimony from Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Bristol Bay Native Association President and CEO Ralph Andersen, and P.L. 102-477 Tribal Work Group Co-Chair Margaret Zientek.

## Arizona Woman Among 9 Honored For Leadership In Clean Energy



Suzanne Singer, photo credit: twitter.com

**Associated Press**

The U.S. Department of Energy is recognizing nine women for their achievements and leadership in clean energy and one of them is from Arizona. Dr. Suzanne Singer is a member of the Navajo tribe and chief engineer for Native Renewables in Flagstaff.

Singer co-founded the nonprofit organization in 2016 to solve energy access challenges for 15,000 families on the Navajo Nation who live without electric-

ity. She develops programs that promote tribal energy independence, offer affordable off-grid solar energy solutions, and provide training and education to empower families.

Singer previously was a staff engineer at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.

Singer and the eight other winners of this year’s awards will be honored Thursday at the U.S. C3E Women in Clean Energy Symposium in Washington, D.C.

## Miss Cherokee pageant to be redone due to scoring, policy errors

**By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF**

The Miss Cherokee pageant helped to open the 107th Cherokee Indian Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 8 with Jordan Maney being crowned the 2019-20 Miss Cherokee. Several days after the applause and fanfare had waned, word began to spread that something was awry with the pageant.

Now, that pageant has been declared null and void and a new pageant is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

“We were notified on Thursday (Oct. 10) that there had been an issue with the Miss Cherokee pageant and that our Board was going to be named as the Board to oversee all of the pageants,” said Yona Wade, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’) Pageant Board chairman. “We were able to meet with the girls and apprise them of the situa-

tion and what had happened regarding the pageant, and there were questions as to whether the names were read correctly on the paper.”

The EBCI Pageant Board has, until now, just been over the junior pageants for the Tribe including the Little Miss Cherokee, Junior Miss Cherokee, and Teen Miss Cherokee pageants. Following issues with the Miss Cherokee pageant, an executive order was issued on Friday, Oct. 18 by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed dissolving the EBCI Royalty Board, which was over the Miss Cherokee pageant, and making the EBCI Pageant Board over all four pageants of the Tribe.

Wade noted that after learning of this situation, their Board was asked to look at the scoring and individual score sheets for the Miss Cherokee pageant to see if they were correct and done according to policy. “The Board reviewed the documentation that was provided and looked

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## Isleta Pueblo Chief Judge Verna Teller Makes History, Becomes First American Indian to Deliver the Opening Prayer in the U.S. House



Photo credit: C-span

**Native online news staff**

WASHINGTON — On this historic day in Congress, on day of the first public impeachment hearings on whether Donald Trump should remain president, another historic event took place. Today, Isleta Pueblo Chief Judge Verna Teller made history when she became the first American Indian to deliver the opening prayer in the U.S. House of Representatives. Teller, a guest of Congresswoman Deb Haaland, delivered the invocation as Congresswoman Deb Haaland (NM-01) celebrates her first Native American History Month as a Member of Congress.

Teller’s prayer highlighted the American Indian connection to the Earth as a call to respect natural resources and the life they provide. Haaland invited Teller to deliver the historic prayer as part of her work to bring the indigenous voices to Congress and inspire young girls to reach for leadership positions.

Teller’s full prayer as prepared for delivery is below:

*Oh Creator and Great Mother.*

*Having asked and received your permission to invoke your blessings today to all directions: East, North, West, South and the Center.*

*We thank you for the life you give to all your children: the two legged ones, the four legged, those who live in the waters, and those who watch over us from the skies above.*

*Sacred Pollen, sacred Earth Mother, sacred Water that manifest your desires, oh Creator and Great Mother; we thank them for the nourishment they give us equally with no regard to race color or creed.*

*Creator and Great Mother bless those standing before you, who carry a sacred trust to all of us who inhabit Turtle Island, our homeland, and I pray today that you will give them the wisdom and the courage to carry out their sacred trust with the same equality that we receive from the*

*Sun and Rain.*

As an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Isleta, Chief Judge Teller broke barriers in New Mexico when she was elected as the first female Pueblo Governor of Isleta in 1987. Her legacy has been instrumental in amplifying the voices of Native American women in elected leadership positions and tribal governance, not only during her tenure as Governor, but also through her eight-years of service as President of the Isleta Tribal Council. Through her leadership, the Pueblo was successful in becoming the first Tribe in the United States to assert their right under federal law to establish water quality standards to protect the health of their community, traditional ceremonial practices, and waters of the Rio Grande.

Rep. Haaland’s remarks honoring Chief Judge Teller are below:

*Good afternoon I am honored to have a fierce woman from my district, to deliver a historic opening prayer.*

*Isleta Pueblo Chief Judge Verna Teller is the first Native American to deliver the opening prayer in US House of Representatives.*

*This is a special time not only in history, but also in honor of Native American Heritage Month, a time to reflect on the contributions of Native Americans to this country.*

*Chief Judge Teller made her own history in New Mexico.*

*She broke barriers when she was elected as the first woman Pueblo Governor.*

*Because of the history of colonization, many Pueblos don’t allow women to hold leadership positions, but that didn’t stop Judge Teller from knowing her value as a tribal leader.*

*I am proud to stand with Chief Judge Teller to highlight the resilience of indigenous women and our perseverance to uplift our girls and our women in all of our communities.*

*Thank you.*

## Bison killing grounds 'was a shrine to us'

**Matthew Brown Associated Press**

SARPY CREEK, Montana (AP) — When a coal company contractor working under federal oversight used a backhoe to dig up one of the largest known Native American bison killing grounds and make way for mining, investigators concluded the damage on the Crow Indian Reservation broke federal law and would cost \$10 million to repair, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Eight years later, Colorado-based Westmoreland Coal has not made the repairs and is still mining in the area, under an agreement with former Crow leaders that some tribal members said has caused more damage to a site considered hallowed ground.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs issued a civil violation notice in the case last year, according to agency spokeswoman Genevieve Giaccardo. A Westmoreland executive said no penalty was involved. No charges were filed by federal prosecutors who investigated potential criminal violations.

Burton Pretty On Top, a 73-year-old tribal adviser and spiritual leader, and other Crow members said they were frustrated no one had been held accountable for “desecrating” the 2,000-year-old southeastern Montana site. It held countless bison bones and more than 3,300 stone tools and projectile points in an area known as Sarpy Creek.

“It was a shrine or temple to us,” Pretty On Top said. “We wanted to preserve the whole area ... No amount of money in the world is enough to replace what has been lost here. The spirituality of our people has been broken.”

The mining company plans to repair the damage but has not reached agreement with the tribe and government on

how that should be done, said Westmoreland executive Joe Micheletti.

Crow Chairman Alvin “A.J.” Not Afraid said the tribe, too, bears responsibility, for signing off when Westmoreland first proposed excavating the site a decade ago. The mine generates about \$13 million to \$15 million annually in revenue for the Crow, which makes up the bulk of the tribe’s budget.

“How can we hold them accountable when we approved them to do something?” he asked.

The large number of artifacts found suggest various tribes killed bison there for centuries before the Crow arrived — butchering animals for meat and turning the hides into clothing, according to experts who examined the site. The number of bison bones found makes it the largest kill site of its time ever discovered, said Lawrence Todd, an archaeologist from Colorado State University who participated in the investigation.

“The magnitude of the destruction done there, from the perspective of the archaeology of the northwest Plains, is probably unprecedented,” Todd said.

Since the investigation, Westmoreland has mined around the killing ground while avoiding the massive “bonebed” of more than 2,000 bison.

Tribal officials and archaeologists said the company compounded the original damage by destroying nearby artifacts including teepee rings and the remnants of a sweat lodge. Pretty On Top said some of the bones excavated in 2011 were piled in a heap, with grass growing over it, when he recently visited.

The excavation was part of a cultural resources survey required under federal law before the mine could expand onto the reservation. The use of a backhoe instead of hand shovels saved the company money but largely destroyed the site, documents and interviews show.

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## Bison killing grounds 'was a shrine to us', Cont.

A Crow cultural official later convicted in a corruption case oversaw the work. At least two Interior Department officials, took part in the decision to use the backhoe, according to the documents obtained by AP and interviews with investigators.

The agency, which must protect the tribe's interests under federal law, declined to answer questions about its involvement. Giaccardo said the matter was under litigation but would not provide details. Micheletti and tribal officials said they were unaware of any litigation.

Neither the company nor government would release the violation notice or the company's repair plan.

"I'm not going to look in the rear-view mirror. We're trying to go forward," Micheletti said. "From our point of view, it's pretty much all said and done and agreed to on what needs to happen there. The ruling basically concluded that there was no penalty...We did nothing wrong."

Many bones and other artifacts that were excavated were put into off-site storage until a decision is made about what to do with them, he added. There are no plans to pay the tribe compensation.

Former Crow Chairman Darrin Old Coyote said the company originally planned to mine the entire area and warned the tribe that it would lose revenue if it avoided the killing ground. Old Coyote said that after the 2011 excavation work, his administration insisted on a buffer zone to protect the site from further damage.

Archaeological investigators brought in by federal prosecutors said the bison kill site's potential scientific value was obvious long before the backhoe was used.

A preliminary survey in 2004 and 2005 revealed artifacts at the site and suggested more might lie beneath the ground. It was enough for it to be considered eligible for a historic designation and meant further damage had to be avoided, minimized or mitigated.

## Miss Cherokee pageant to be redone due to scoring, policy errors, Cont.

at the Miss Cherokee policies that were in place, and it was clear that the previous Board failed to follow their policies when implementing the pageant. It was determined that the fairest thing that we could do in the situation was to have a new pageant."

Wade and Keyonna Owle, EBCI Pageant Board secretary, both recused themselves from the review due to familial ties to a contestant.

Mollie Grant, EBCI Pageant Board vice chair, led the review and issued a report on Monday, Oct. 21 which states, "...the Pageant Board concludes that the Royalty Board's departures from the written policy render the results of the competition unreliable, or at least unconfirmable, by objective measurement. It is evident from our review that these departures were inadvertent mistakes, not intentional wrongdoing."

It continued, "The Pageant Board recommends that the results of the Miss Cherokee competition held on Oct. 8, 2019 should be nullified and a new competition should be held. The Pageant Board has discussed this idea with all three contestants who completed in the original competition. All three contestants have agreed to participate in a new competition."

In their report, the Pageant Board lists several 'departures from written policy' including problems with judges not signing their score sheets and marks being made on score sheets that could not be verified were made by a judge. The review states, "In the course of this competition, the judges were not properly instructed by the Royalty Board on how to make and confirm their own corrections on the score sheets. As a result, the judges did not sign the score sheets as required."

Grant noted that each of the three judges just happened to use different colored ink. "That's how we were able to determine the score sheets apart. They were not even in order."

The three judges that night were Miss Indian World Cheyenne Kippenberger, Bambi Jo Pelham, and Mrs. Frankie Roper. Grant noted that Pelham and

"The real culprits in this in my mind are the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of Surface mining. They should have said, 'This site has to be avoided, period,'" said Martin McAllister with Archaeological Damage Investigation and Assessment, an archaeology firm that led the investigation.

In June 2010, after Westmoreland obtained approval from state and federal regulators to mine in the area, representatives of the company, tribe, BIA and Interior's Office of Surface Mining gathered at the bison killing ground to decide what to do about the site.

To save on the high cost of excavating by hand — the accepted practice among archaeologists when working on high-value finds — they agreed to use "mass excavation with mechanical equipment," according to records of the meeting.

The Crow tribal official at that meeting was Dale Old Horn, at the time director of the tribe's Historic Preservation Office. He was later convicted in a corruption scheme in which preservation office staff who were supposed to be monitoring sites — including the bison killing grounds — took money from both the tribe and the companies they oversaw.

By the time the backhoe work was finished, enough soil, bones, artifacts and other material had been removed to fill more than 300 dump trucks, investigators determined.

Although the preliminary survey work was done under a permit, that permit expired in 2010 and was not renewed. That meant the backhoe excavation violated the federal Archaeological Resource Protection Act, investigators concluded.

In their 2013 damage assessment, they called the loss of archaeological information "incalculable" and said repairing it would cost \$10.4 million.

"The damage that was present when we did the assessment has been amplified by having it just sit there since then — uncovered, unprotected and unanalyzed," said Todd, the bison bonebed expert.

Roper were interviewed for the review but Kippenberger was not available for an interview due to policies for Miss Indian World.

Pelham and Roper told Grant what color ink they wrote with so the reviewers were able to tell which score sheet belonged to which judge. But, Grant noted, "There were mark-throughs on all three sheets, no initials, no signatures...so, we were unable to come to a conclusion."

Grant related that Pelham said she did make marks but didn't remember what.

Another issue came at crowning time. The review states, "In addition to the problems listed above, when the Master of Ceremonies read the names of the winner, first runner-up, and second runner-up, he read them in the wrong order. This error can be attributed to the way the names were listed on the sheet of paper that was handed to the Emcee when he was on stage and the failure to properly instruct the Emcee before the event."

Grant said it was not at all the fault of Eddie Swimmer, emcee that evening. She said that the sheet given to Swimmer had the contestants listed by their contestant number not their actual ranking in the pageant.

Wade commented, "It has nothing really to do with miscalculation of numbers. It has everything to do with whether the Board followed its policy. And, unfortunately, they did not follow their policy and has put us in the position that we're in."

He thinks that, going forward, having all four pageants under the EBCI Pageant Board will be a positive step. "I think it is unfortunate the situation that we find ourselves in. However, I think it gives us a great opportunity to better the Miss Cherokee pageant program and to grow it and hopefully inspire young Cherokee women to one day want to serve as Miss Cherokee. I think it will help with consistency and continue to elevate quality for all the pageants."

The One Feather attempted to contact the EBCI Royalty Board, through their official email account, for a comment on this situation but has not received a response by press time.

## Keystone: ‘This is what pipelines do: They spill’



Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019 photo provided by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality shows affected land from a Keystone oil pipeline leak near Edinburg, North Dakota. Regulators said TC Energy's Keystone pipeline leaked an estimated 383,000 gallons of oil in northeastern North Dakota, though the cause was still under investigation. (North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality/Taylor DeVries)

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Keystone Pipeline shutdown and what 383,000 gallons of oil means as one of many spills in the history of pipelines

A lot of critics of the Keystone XL pipeline have been expecting the big spill. Last week it came, some 383,000 gallons of oil leaked in North Dakota, near Edinburg in Walsh County.

Tribal leaders were quick to point out that this has been a concern for a long time.

Now the federal government has shut down the portion of the pipeline that has leaked until further testing and corrective actions are taken.

"Indigenous communities have always taught that we should care for the next seven generations," said Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Mike Faith said in a news release.

"This is what pipelines do: They spill," said Chase Iron Eyes, lead counsel for the Lakota People's Law Project and public relations director for Oglala Sioux Tribe President Julian Bear Runner. "This latest Keystone leak demonstrates why we stood against Dakota Access in the first place, why we're doing so again now, and why we're prepared to fight Keystone XL every step of the way."

The Keystone Pipeline is a project pipeline that transports tar sands oil from Canada oil fields through seven states in the U.S. North Dakota was the subject of international news as #NoDAPL opposers to the pipeline fought against the TransCanada Pipeline company, which has now changed its name to TC Energy.

Opposition to the pipeline expansion, known as the Keystone XL Pipeline — which will double the oil transporting capacity from 570,000 barrels a day to 1.1 million barrels — continues to increase. "Dakota Access has already spilled 11 times, and now they want to double its capacity. That pipeline should be pulled out of the ground, and KXL should be stopped as well," Faith said.

In a video released by the Lakota People's Law Project titled Say NO to DAPL Expansion, Standing Rock Tribal Council member Charles Walker said, "Those of you that have stood with Standing Rock in the past, we compel you right now to stand with us once again as we oppose the increase of the amount of barrels going through the Dakota Access Pipeline."

In response to the outpouring on concern at the pipeline sites, on social media and more, the state of North Dakota's Public Service Commission has called a hearing to discuss the plans of the doubling of oil capacity of the Dakota Access Pipeline on Wednesday, November 13 at 9 a.m. CST at Emmons County Courthouse in Linton, right across the river from Standing Rock.

The Keystone Pipeline has been shut-down

The Keystone Pipeline, which has been shut down since October 29, has remained shut down. Due to an order by the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the pipeline segment that leaked is "hazardous to life, property and the environment without immediate corrective actions."

Alan Mayberry, an associate administrator for the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, wrote in his order, "After evaluating the foregoing preliminary findings of fact, I find that the

continued operation of the affected segment without corrective measures is or would be hazardous to life, property, and the environment."

Worries about permits requested

The Associated Press reported that opponents of the Keystone XL expansion in South Dakota were voicing their concerns about several water permits. TC Energy is requesting and applying for water permits in the Cheyenne, White, and Bad Rivers to be used in construction to install pipes, build pump stations and control the amount of dust.

How spills contaminate water

According to the science-based website 71Percent.org, a single gallon of oil can contaminate as much as one million gallons of water. Spilling even something as small as one pint of oil in a wetland area or a lake could cover the surface area of an acre of water.

The Washington State Department of Ecology listed some of the disastrous results of pipeline oil leaks in a 2017 Pipeline Oil Spill Risks document available online. In Washington state alone, 820 miles of pipelines carry approximately 7 billion gallons of petroleum products per year and these pipelines run under waterways, lakes streams, and wetlands.

In 1999 a pipeline in Bellingham, Washington spilled 277,000 gallons of gasoline costing more than \$100 million dollars in damage and the closure of Bellingham Bay. 236,000 gallons spilled into Whatcom and Hanna Creeks causing an extreme loss of vegetation, fish, and animals. There were three human fatalities.

In 2013, the Pegasus Pipeline spilled 210,000 gallons of heavy crude oil into a neighborhood near Little Rock Arkansas. Property damage topped \$57 million dollars and there were 130 property owner lawsuits filed. Several hundred animals were covered in oil and 22 persons were evacuated.

In 2010, the Kalamazoo River oil spill occurred - spilling 1.2 million gallons of diluted oil bitumen into the Kalamazoo River. It is considered to be one of the costliest onshore cleanups in U.S. History costing approximate 1.2 billion dollars. countless animals, fish, and river wildlife were killed, massive evacuations took place and sever drinking water restrictions were imposed.

Keystone Pipeline history

Though the 383,000-gallon spill was the latest to take place on October 30, it is not the first incident.

According to Canada.com in a 2011 report, Canadian federal officials had reported 100 pipeline spills and accidents by Enbridge and TransCanada.

But since 2010, there have been nearly thirty reported spills ranging in volume from a few gallons to hundreds of thousands,

On March 16, 2011, The Keystone Pipeline leaked a reported 126 gallons at the Seneca Pump Station in Nemaha Kansas. A few months later, the Ludden Pump Station reported an estimated 16,800 gallons spill. Four days later, 14,000 gallons spilled at the Severance Pump Station in North Dakota.

On April 2, 2016, 16,800 gallons spilled in Hutchinson County South Dakota, and in November 16, 2017, 407,000 gallons spilled near Amherst South Dakota. The 407,000-gallon spill made international news.

The latest spill occurred on October 31 at 383,000 gallons.

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