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Local Hopi School's Cross Country Teams Congratulated by Hopi Tribal Council

Hotevilla Bacavi Community School students wait for council meeting to start (Photo by Carl Onsae/HT)



Second Mesa Day School students wait for council meeting to start (Photo by Carl Onsae/HT)



First Mesa Elementary School students wait for council meeting to start (Photo by Carl

Carl Onsae Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - On November 26, 2019 approximately 100-plus Hopi school students along with their parents and coaches showed up to the Hopi Tribal Council Chambers to be present for acknowledgement of their physical efforts, commitment and accomplishments on behalf of their school's cross country teams by the members of the Council. The Hopi school cross country teams competed in the 2019 Arizona Youth Cross Country Championships which was held in Surprise, Ariz. on November 2, 2019. Each of the school teams placed at various levels in the race outcomes.

Three local Hopi schools, located on the Hopi reservation, took the time and effort to transport the members of their cross-country teams in support of having the teams show their trophy and to be congratulated by the presiding Tribal Council. The three schools included First Mesa Elementary School, Hotevilla Bacavi Community School and Second Mesa Day School.

The students were accompanied by the team coaches as well as supportive family members who packed the Chambers. Tribal employees temporarily adjusted for such a crowd, by making it necessary for the students to be brought in, one school group at a time, into the Chambers and for a respectful acknowledgement of the students.

First Mesa Elementary School students entered and sat patiently in Council Chambers while several Councilmen and Councilwomen stood and congratulated the students on their efforts and accomplishments at acquiring trophies and medals. Clark Tenakhongva, Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, who presided during the session stated, "I am very proud of our Hopi children striving to become the best they can."

The Hotevilla Bacavi Community School coaches guided their cross country runners to stand and state their names to the Council. Upon hearing the students the Tribal Council stood and clapped for the accomplished school.

Second Mesa Day School's cross country team, which was the final school team to be acknowledged, had 14 of its top runners, from both the girls and boys cross country teams present. They brought their winning trophy to show to the Council in addition to being present during the acknowledgments. The girls' team stood and introduced themselves in the Hopi lavayi - language. The girls' team coach, Kiara Pahovama also informed Council that in addition to competing at the 2019 Arizona Youth Cross Country Championships, the team would be competing in the Footlocker Midwest Regional Cross Country Invitational scheduled to be held on November 30, 2019 in Kenosha, Wisc.

Each of the teams and schools were very proud of their accomplishments. Each of the schools will be competing every year at the championships, as well.

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Hopi Tribal Council Seats Newest Tribal Council Representatives in December 2019



Consolidated Villages Representative and Wallace Youvella, Sr. – First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Representative. (Photo by Romalita Laban/HT)

Romalita Laban Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, AZ – December 1, 2019, prior to continuing with items on its First Quarter Session December 1, 2019 Proposed Agenda, Hopi Tribal Council seated five new representatives from First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Village of Bacabi, and Upper Village of Moenkopi.

Wallace Youvella, Sr. and Wallace Youvella, Jr. were appointed and will serve as two of the four First Mesa Consolidated Villages (FMCV) Representatives, approved by Council to serve. Wallace Youvella, Sr. has served as a FMCV Representative before while Wallace Youvella, Jr. is new to serving on Hopi

Tribal Council.

Other new representatives to Council include Dwayne Secakuku from the Village of Bacabi. Hubert Lewis, Sr. and Michael Elmer, from the Upper Village of Moenkopi, join Philton Talahytewa, Sr. who was recertified and remains seated.

Other recertified Hopi Tribal Council Representatives include Rosa Honani and Alverna Poneoma from the Village of Sipaulovi, as well as Herman G. Honanie and Phillip Quochytewa, Sr. from the Village of Kyakotsmovi.

The seating of the newest members to Council and recertified members results in having twenty-one seats currently filled in addition to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and

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Veteran Turkey Baskets... Read more about how students gift individuals with love, joy, and turkey.

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Early Releases and 2 Hour Delay during 2019 Thanksgiving Holiday for Tribal Employees



Picture by Romalita Laban/HT

Romalita Laban Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - Thursday, November 29, 2019 Hopi Tribal employees woke up to a wintery Hopiland and snow covered roads.

Just a couple of days prior on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, Clark W. Tenakhongva, Vice Chairman - Hopi Tribe issued a Memorandum regarding "EARLY RELEASE" via the tribal emailing system at 3:14 p.m. Hopi Tribal employees were notified that, "Based on information provided to us by the Flagstaff National Weather Service (NWS) which has indicated the onset of inclement weather this afternoon through Thursday, November 28, 2019, I am issuing this memorandum for early release of Tribal Employees beginning at 3:30 p.m. today."

Upon logging into the tribal emailing system today, Hopi Tribal employees were also notified that Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Chairman - Hopi Tribe, upon monitoring the weather, was allowing for a "...2 hour time delay in reporting for work today..." The notification came through the tribe's email system at 7:58

A follow up email from Chairman Nuvangyaoma on November 29, 2019 at 9:37 a.m. provided the following message: "Hopi Tribal Staff...I appreciate everyone's understanding and I take the safety of everyone traveling our roads as a priority. I have been informed by public safety that there are currently 2 ADOT

plows on the roads. One on Hwy 264 and SR 87. There is anticipated storm activity later this evening as well. The Hopi Tribe will be open with very limited services today. This is to inform Hopi Tribal Staff that the day will be called off unless it is absolutely necessary for any employee to report to their programs today. In addition, we will be closing today at 3pm to make sure those that report today have time to safely return home. Again, I appreciate your understanding. Please use caution when on the roads during this storm. Kwakwa....Tim Nuvangyaoma, Chairman - The Hopi Tribe"

Tutuveni staff was excited to capture images of the late 2019 Hopiland Winter, while en route to the Hopi Tribe. Due to concerns for travelling safety, along with some of the Hopi Tribal employees, we awaited clearing of the roads in order to get images.

We were blessed with the long awaited moisture and answers to our prayers. Since cold temps are to be expected, black ice and slippery roads are sure to be present. Hopi Tutuveni staff will be closing the Hopi Tutuveni office once the update is published to the Hopi Tutuveni landing page on the Tribal website at https:// www.hopi-nsn.gov/news/hopi-tutuveni/

Askwali/Kwa kwa from the Tutuveni Staff and Board for your continued "readership." We hope you enjoy this beautiful blessing of moisture and mark in Hopi history. We wish you all a very safe, happy, and blessed 2019 Hopi Holidays!

Announcing Our 23rd Annual Hopi Outreach & United Rain 2019 Christmas Special

Mike Sweat, TJ Agrady, & Larry Howard FOR HOPI TUTUVENI

Tucson, Ariz. - Hopi Outreach and United Rain have merged. Together we will now be known as United Rain to more fully help protect and support Nalies through our "Hopi-First" programs. Please join us this December 6-7th 2019. United Rain will be bringing many wonderful needed items and gifts to bring good cheer and blessings to our Sacred Hopi Families. Even Santa Clause will be there bearing many presents for the children along with 70-100 volunteers helping out with our gifts to the elderly.

Time & Locations: Dec 6, we will be at Moenkopi, lower village at 12:30 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. we will be at Oraibi. Dec 7th we will be at First Mesa, on top, at 9:00 a.m. At 12:00 p.m. we will be at Mishongnovi and Sipaulovi. At 3:30 p.m.

we will be at Shungopavi.

As part of our expanded United Rain Affiliations, we will be bringing 100,000 pounds of coal to warm the hearts and homes of many sacred Hopi families. This will be at Shungopavi on the 7th at 3:30 p.m. We invite all the Village Mesa Community Centers to load up trucks with coal for further distribution.

Come of the giveaways include: 200 hams, 200 queen and king-sized blankets, 200/10-pound each bags of pinto beans, 200 beef-chili cans, 200 solar lanterns, 200 knit-beanie's, 200 linen packets. As we make our way out to 6 villages, we hope to reach hundreds of families. This tive Americans, especially Hopi Fami- all starts December 6th and ending on December 7th.

> United Rain has proposed taking over the Black Mesa Coal Mining operation to supply coal to overseas clients. In the process of locating abundant sources of coal beds, our plan includes identifying and producing coal bed methane. This methane currently leaks daily into the Black Mesa Basin. We are the only group proposing to use this gas to power the coal mines and make the Hopi villages self-sustaining. The income level under this plan, for Hopi people, is 4 times the prior agreement and will potentially generate a few hundred permanent jobs.

> We look forward to serving the Hopi people this year and for years to come. With this help and opportunity we seek to bring in more of this type of opportunity. More information can be found on our website at unitedrain.org. Feel free to ask us any questions from the website or email us directly at info@unitedrain.org.

Hopi Tribal Council Seats Newest Tribal Council Representatives, Cont.



New and Recertified Hopi Tribal Council Members. Pictured I-r front row: Dwayne Secakuku - Bacabi Representative, Michael Elmer - Upper Village of Moenkopi Representative, Herman G. Honanie - Kyakotsmovi Representative, Phillip Quochytewa, Sr. - Kyakotsmovi Representative. Pictured I-r back row: Rosa Honani - Sipaulovi Representative, Hubert Lewis, Sr. - Upper Village of Moenkopi Representative, and Alverna Poneoma -Sipaulovi Representative

occupied. The Sergeant-At-Arms posi- until the position is filled by Hopi Tribal tion was recently filled by Violet Sinquah Council. in November. Barbara Lomayestewa

Treasurer Positions which are being currently serves as the Interim Secretary

Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe working together to improve Hopi Route 60



PHOTO: Hopi Tribal Vice Chairman Clark W. Tenakhongva, Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation Executive Director Garret Silversmith, and Speaker Seth Damon in Polacca, Ariz. on Nov. 20, 2019.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

POLACCA, Ariz. - Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez, Speaker Seth Damon, and Hopi Tribal Vice Chairman Clark W. Tenakhongva met in Polacca, Ariz. near the First Mesa on the Hopi Tribal lands on Wednesday, where they offered their support to move forward with improvements to Hopi Route 60 – a 13-mile stretch of dirt road that connects the Navajo community of Low

Mountain and the Hopi community of Polacca.

President Nez said that Hopi Route 60 serves as a significant corridor for residents, school buses, first responders, tourists, and many others daily. He added that for the Navajo and Hopi communities to grow economically and for the benefit of residents, both sides would have to make compromises and work together for the long-term.

"I appreciate the Hopi Tribe's willingness to work together. Under our combined leadership, we can present a stronger and united voice at the county, state, and federal levels to advocate for the completion of Hopi Route 60," said President Nez. For many years, the route has been in great need of maintenance and pavement to serve the communities better. Several years ago, the Arizona State Legislature approved \$1.5 million for the road. However, according to Navajo Nation Division of Transportation **Executive Director Garret**

Silversmith, it would cost approximately \$35 million to pave the route.

Silversmith recommended that the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe begin by entering into an Inter-

Governmental Agreement. He said the for the roadway and to seek additional funds. He also stated that the \$1.5 million could contribute to making improvements such as the installation of two low water crossings, graveling, and chip seal-

Hopi Tribal Vice Chairman Clark W. Tenakhongva said that paving the route would also help the communities to recover some of the revenue lost by the closure of Kayenta Mine and the Navajo Generating Station by creating a corridor for business development. He also spoke in support of continuing to partner with the Navajo Nation on other initiatives that benefit both tribes.

Council Delegate Kee Allen Begay, Jr., who represents the Low Mountain community as a member of the Navajo Nation Council, said he's ready to see the tribes take action by collaborating and sharing expertise and resources. Last week, President Nez nominated Delegate Begay to serve as the co-chair of the Tribal Interior Budget Council's Road Maintenance Subcommittee, which may also help in securing road funds.

Arizona State Rep, Arlando Teller (D-Dist. 7), a member of the Navajo Nation, was also in attendance and offered his recommendations, which included meeting with Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey to address the road issues. He also said that he would be introducing a bill in the upcoming State Legislative session to provide more resources for Hopi Route 60.

Navajo County Supervisors Jesse Thompson and Lee Jack, Sr. also attended Wednesday's meeting to offer their support. Supervisor Thompson said he looks forward to joining the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe in lobbying at the state level when the State Legislature begins its session in January.

"With today's meeting, we've established a positive path forward for the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribe, and Navajo County to work together with the support NDOT is willing to provide technical as- of Rep. Teller to identify funding sources sistance to update existing design plans and other resources to fund Hopi Route 60," said President Nez.

> The group is tentatively scheduled to meet again in December to continue dis-

U.S. EPA settles with Hopi Tribe for Safe **Drinking Water Act** violations

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Denise Adamic, adamic.denise@epa.

TUBA CITY, Ariz. – The Hopi Tribe has agreed to pay a \$3,800 penalty for failing to meet the terms of a 2016 agreement to reduce arsenic levels in drinking water at the Hopi Cultural Center. The Cultural Center supplies drinking water for approximately 25 people within the Hopi Reservation, 60 miles east of Tuba

The 2016 agreement between the Hopi Tribe and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) outlined mitigation measures to reduce naturally occuring arsenic in drinking water at the Cultural Center. The Hopi Tribe failed to meet the agreement's deadline to implement a necessary treatment system to meet the federal Safe Drinking Water Act's (SDWA) arsenic standards of 10 micrograms per liter. In quarterly tests throughout 2018, the system failed to meet SDWA stan-

dards and to date is running an annual average of 13 micrograms of arsenic per "Safe drinking water is the cornerstone of protecting public health," said EPA Pacific Southwest Regional Administra-

tor Mike Stoker. "The EPA will continue

working with the Hopi Tribe, the affected

Hopi Villages, and the Indian Health Ser-

vice to address the high levels of arsenic

in drinking water."

In addition to paying the penalty, the Hopi Tribe has informed EPA of its plans to complete an arsenic treatment system at the Cultural Center that was part of the 2016 settlement agreement. The Hopi Tribe has allocated funding and selected contractors to complete the work with a goal of finishing the project by early 2020. EPA's ongoing efforts with the Hopi Tribe and the Indian Health Service also includes a more comprehensive fix to address arsenic concerns on the Hopi Reservation, the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP). The HAMP is a regional pipeline project intended to bring compliant source water to affected Hopi Villages and the Hopi Cultural Center by the end of 2023. Arsenic, a naturally occurring mineral

found throughout the United States, can be found in groundwater, and is a known carcinogen. Drinking high levels of arsenic over many years can increase the chance of lung, bladder and skin cancers, as well as heart disease, diabetes, and neurological damage. Arsenic inhibits the body's ability to fight off cancer and other diseases.

For more information about the Safe Drinking Water Act, please visit: www.

epa.gov/sdwa. Learn more about the EPA's Pacific Southwest Region. Connect with us on Facebook and on Twitter.

LEGALS

HOP! TRIBAL COURT KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

IN THE HOPI TRIBAL COURT KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

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In Re the Petition of:

Lawrence Lee Collateta, Sr.,

Petitioner,

Lawrence Lee.Collateta, Jr., Date of Birth: 10-22-2013,

And Concerning

Lauleia Jaimee Collateta. Date of Birth: 09-06-2016 Case No. 2019-CV-0136

20-DAY CIVIL SUMMONS (Service by Publication)

TO: ANY INTERESTED PARTY

Minor Children

1. A Petition/Complaint has been filed in this Court demanding for:

Establishment of Legal Parentage and Legal Custody of Minor Children

A copy of the Petition is available with the Hopi Tribal Court.

- You have TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the day after the last publication of the summons to file a written Answer/Response with the Hopi Tribal Court, if you want to deny the claim and have the Court hear your side of the case
- You can prepare a written answer on your own or you may hire an attorney or legal advocate to prepare the written answer/response for you.
- Your Answer/Response must be filed with the Clerk of the Hopi Tribal Court, Post Office Box 156, Keams Canyon, Arizona 86034.
- 5. A copy of your written Answer/Response must be mailed to the Petitioner at his mailing address of: Lawrence Lee Collateta, Sr., P.O. Box 153, Keams Canyon, AZ 86034
- If you do nothing, the court may give judgment for what the petition demands.

11/1/19 Dated:

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IN THE HOPI TRIBAL COURT, KEAMS CANYON, ARIZONA

In The Matter of the Estates of:

KAREN HOYUNGOWA, deceased; MANUEL HOYUNGOWA, deceased; TROY HOYUNGOWA, deceased; and TODD HOYUNGOWA, deceased

Brooke Hoyungowa and Karene Hoyungowa,

Petitioners.

NOTICE OF HEARING on January 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF: PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION OF HOTEVILA VILLAGE DECISION

Case No. 2019-CV-0130

Judge Delfred Leslie

A hearing in this matter has been set in the above entitled court for January 24, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2019.

Robert C. Fillerup, attorney for Petitioners

Commissary, Military Service Exchange, and MWR Access Extended Beginning January 2020

Eugene Talas, Hopi Veterans Services For Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. - New law provides eligible Veterans and Primary Family Caregivers with access to Department of Defense (DoD) and Coast Guard commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare, and recreation retail services. According to the DoD, starting Jan. 1, 2020, all service-connected Veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war (POW), and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible Veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) can use commissaries, exchanges, and morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) retail facilities, in-person and online.

Who is eligible Jan. 1, 2020?

Veterans

- o Purple Heart recipients
- o Former prisoners of war
- o Veterans with 0-90% service-connected disability ratings
- Medal of Honor recipients and Veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings are already eligible under existing DOD policy.

Caregivers

- designated as the primary family caregiver of an eligible veteran under the PCAFC will be eligible for these privileges.
- o For information about primary family caregivers in the PCAFC, visit https:// www.caregiver.va.gov/.

Required credentials:

Veterans

o On Jan. 1, Veterans eligible solely under this act who are eligible to obtain a Veteran Health Identification Card must use this credential for in-person installation and privilege access. The card must display the Veteran's eligibility status (i.e., PURPLE HEART, FORMER POW or SERVICE CONNECTED). Apply

here: https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/ vhic/index.asp.

- Veterans eligible solely under this act who are not enrolled in or are not eligible to enroll in VA health care, or who are enrolled in VA health care, but do not possess a Veteran Health Identification Card will not have access to DoD and Coast Guard installations for in-person commissary, exchange, and MWR retail privileges, but will have full access to online exchanges and American Forces
- o Medal of Honor recipients and Veterans with 100% service-connected disability ratings are eligible for DoD credentials under DoD policy.

• Caregivers:

oEligible caregivers will receive an eligibility letter from VA's Office of Community Care.

- o If you are a primary family caregiver under the PCAFC and lose your eligibility letter, please call 1-877-733-7927 to request a replacement. Please allow two weeks for processing.
- For more information regarding these privileges and access to military installations, visit http://www.militaryonesource. mil/expanding-access

Find out more about military resale

- · Army and Air Force Exchange Sero On Jan. 1, individuals approved and vice (https://www.shopmyexchange.com/
 - · Coast Guard Exchange (https://shop-CGX.com)
 - Defense Commissary Agency (https:// www.commissaries.com/)
 - Navy Exchange (https://www.mynavyexchange.com/)
 - Marine Corps Exchange (http://www. mymcx.com/)
 - MILITARY STAR Card (https:// www.myecp.com/)
 - American Forces Travel (https:// www.americanforcestravel.com)

For former service members who have not yet sought disability compensation from VA, visit https://www.va.gov/dis-

ability/eligibility/)



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Veterans Turkey Baskets - Hopi



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Carol Sieweyumptewa, School Advisor) For Hopi Tutuveni

Keams Canyon, Ariz. - To the many veterans all over the world, we say thank you for your services. For the Hopi Veterans, we say, "Asquali and KwaKwah!" In addition to saying thank you this year, the Hopi Junior High School Student Council members were able to express their gratitude by providing Turkey Baskets to a few Hopi Veterans. They delivered Turkey Baskets to veterans from Hotevilla, Ariz. to Polacca, Ariz. on November 25,

As part of completing service learning projects, the student council members collaborate, organize, plan, and implement projects. They are realizing that

one simple idea can become a reality with a little extra spice.

The veterans receiving Turkey Baskets were so thrilled and honored. It was incredible to hear some stories the veterans had to share. The overall message the students received was for them to work hard and be determined to succeed. There was an underlying theme that surrounded the group – the older people took care of us and now we need to take care of them

The Hopi Junior High School Student Council members would like to thank Mr. Eugene Talas with the Hopi Veterans Services office for his assistance, to the unselfish teachers and principal of Hopi Junior High, all the students who made donations and most of all, the Hopi Veterans. It was a wonderful day.

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communities. Make a gift to The Hopi Foundation on GivingTuesday (12/3) and support the work of KUYI, HOYI, Natwani Coalition, Hopi Leadership Program, HOPI Substance Abuse Prevention Center, Hopi VITA Partnership, & Barbara Chester Award.

> → visit www.bit.ly/HFTuesday to make an online donation

The Hopi Foundation and Hopi Fire/Rescue will be hosting a Jacket Giveaway on December 10th at Kykotsmovi Mennonite Church from 4 pm - 7pm

Call 928-734-2380 for more info

2019 Annual Qua'ah So'oh Day -Junior High School Student Council A Day to Enhance Senior Fitness









All pictures provided by (Romalita Laban/HT)

CARL ONSAE and ROMALITA LABAN HOPI TUTUVENI

KYKOTSMOVI, ARIZ. - On November 21, 2019 the Hopi Veterans Memorial Center was the venue at which some of the most precious human beings on the Hopi reservation, our Hopi elders. Many elders from all over the Hopi reservation came together to reminisce about their younger days and to play games that incorporated exercise. The Office of Aging and Adult Services' (OAAS) goal was designed to enhance senior fitness and keep the elderly moving and rejuvenating the phrase that "age is just a number."

The elders, who participated, sought fun in being youthful again through this year's Hawaiian theme.

Diana Lucero provided an explanation of the day's events as she served as MC. The elderly were to play games that brought the participants to a point where they would feel youthful, again. There was a photo booth where several elder couples took pictures with their leis and Hawaiian shirts and skirts on.

As the elderly listened to Lucero's jokes about the getting "lei-ed" with a Hawaiian flower necklace, this created a transition into an activity when Andrea Siow and Keith Pahovama, Hopi Wellness Center staff, asked all the elderly get up from their chairs to have some fun. Siow interviewed some of the participants about younger days which drew a lot of attention and laughter about the good ol' days. Ryan Carl, Wellness Center staff member also guided the elderly through exercising their arms and legs, while in their seats. Carl utilized his story telling skills as part of using the exercises to express what he was telling in short quirky stories which included going on adventures and even "sheering sheep."

The elderly invited a local dance group, which consisted of young children to dance a traditional Butterfly dance for the elderly, while they ate their lunch.

After one of the many breaks, the Wellness Center staff set up carnival-like games for the elderly to play. The setup was designed around the Hawaiian theme, and some of the elderly played like they were in their 50's again. With so much vigor and happiness being expressed, you could actually feel it in Hopi Veteran's Memorial Center gym as music and laughter filled the space.

The elderly were treated to a lunch, where the Hopi Wellness Center staff served healthy burgers on a whole-wheat bun, complete with a healthy salad and fruit dessert. Before the end of the day, the OAAS held the crowning of the Annual 2019 Qua'ah So'oh Day Prince and

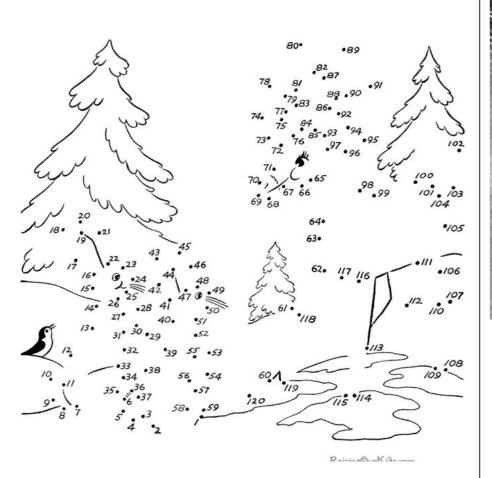
All in all, the day was filled with joy, laughter, frequent breaks and a camaraderie that seemed to enhance the day's events. The day was a joyous day to honor, participate with and remember one of Hopi's most precious resources - Qua'ah and So'oh. These types of events led staff to being hopeful that the OAAS will be able to continue with such events in the future.

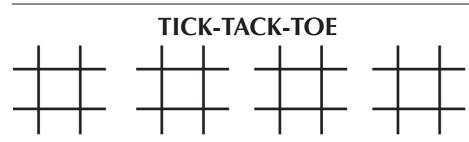
This year's events may be limited in the near future, due to cuts in the 2020 General Fund which may impact the OAAS and other programs, as well. To learn more about the Office of Aging and Adult Services - Hopi Tribe, Beatrice Norton can be reached at 928-734-3551

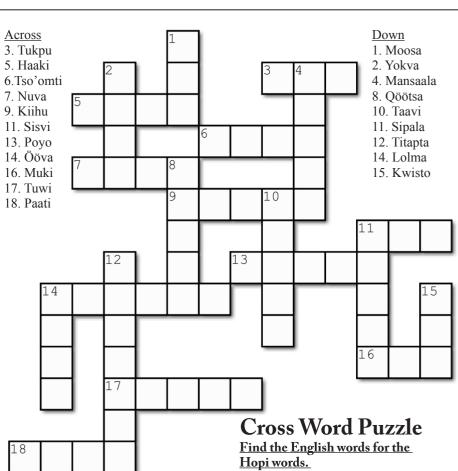


PUZZLES AND GAMES

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Answers for November 19th edition Across

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1. Bag, 2. Shade, 3. Pumpkin, 4. Bat, 7. Belly, 10. Bracelet, 11. Cut, 12. Father, 14. Star

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Öqala - Determined

Hötsiwa - Doorway

Nan'ip - Each (of two)

Tutuqayiw - Education

Tumal'aya - Employee

Tunatya - Endeavor

Qöpqö - Fire place

Naatsiki - Factionalize

Alögö - Different

Hiihiko - Drink

Töövu - Ember

Kyesmismuyaw - December Tuwi'yta - Able (skillful)

Yuki'at - Accomplishment

Tukopna - Accuse

Hintsakpi - Activity

Pu'ason - Afterward

Qe'ti - Back out of

Novaki - Bakery

Tuptsiwni - Belief

Kwusiva - Bring

Pàato - Burst

Pitanakts - Cap/Hat

Sikiki - Car (Auto)

Kansulmongwi - Chairman

Pö'i'yta - Debt (Have) Wiiki'yma - Guide (Singular)

Sivaqöpqö - Heater

Qalaptu - Get Over (Recover)

Hopiiqatsi - Hopi Way of Life

Nù'okwa - Kind Hearted

Ngahu - Medicine

Muytala - Moon Light

Tömö - Season (Winter)

Nuvati - Snowed

Nawini - Suggestion

Tsangaw - Thank Goodness Kyaamuya - Winter (Solstice)

Hihìiyà - Wow!

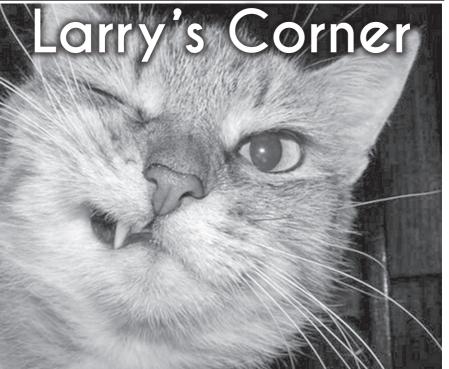


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Calm Before the Storm

By LARRY WATAHAMAGEE The Hopi Tutuveni

Yesterday when I was shopping for cat food and treats for myself, I met a very nice old white lady at Wal-mart in one of our local boarding towns. She asked me if I was Hopi and I said, "Yeah I'm Hopi." She told me that she used to teach at a local Hopi school on the Hopi reservation some time around 30 years ago. She said she loved all the children that were in her class and that she made it her goal to learn the Hopi language. She knew some Hopi words but could barely pronounce them. Then she asked me if I knew some people around the reservation and asked if they were still alive. I politely told her, "I'm sorry, those people I don't know." We parted ways, but before we did, she said "Asquali" and I was shocked to hear a white woman say "Thank you" in the Hopi language, I didn't know what to say to her so I just said, "Cool...you too." Like my entire Hopi vocabulary was very foreign to me, so the words "Cool you too" just slipped out.

I really liked her attraction towards the Hopi culture and Hopi life. It was as if she grew up like a Hopi child and knew all the people around the village. Right then and there, I "got" why some outsiders want to come live at the Hopi reservation, and because it creates unique memories.

Now comes a time in the pahana (white man) calendar, where the major holiday is coming up for the stores and major companies to sell their goods and products. Now comes a time for us to fight everyone for \$5 dollars off of something, thinking we are really getting a good deal. And we make sure to spend as much money as we can so our loved ones can love us more...

See, as a mush head kitten, the holidays were very fun for me. I loved Thanksgiving in our school cause we got to have a turkey dinner with our parents or in my case, my so'oh or qua' ah. But Thanksgiving was just one step closer to the real holiday...Christmas, and everyone loves Christmas.

See, we use to go shopping on "Black Friday" because it was a part of the pahana tradition to do so after Thanksgiving. But since so'oh has gotten older, she can't move like a ninja through the aisles, anymore. So that tradition has stopped for us. Around this time pahana people

get depressed or have major anxiety during the holidays and cause it is always "played" around money and the goal of making everyone happy by buying countless gifts for everyone around them.

Some Hopis love to celebrate all the major holidays and we are no exception from being depressed, hav-

ing anxiety, or being broke for the holidays, too. I know I know...some Hopis don't celebrate the pahana holidays like Halloween, Thanksgiving and

Christmas, but it's hard not to cel-

been influenced by Western Society. Plus the kids are impressionable, and we live in an age where Western influences are dominating the Hopi culture.

I was reading on Facebook the other day that people are stealing from other people, and it always seems to be around the holidays. I guess we just want to make people happy but we have no money to make someone happy. So some Hopis resort to stealing from somebody that has money, to make loved ones happy. I guess we become so jealous of others' successes that we feel that we just want them to feel our pain of not having money for the holidays. But don't get me wrong, Hopis love to help one another during the holiday seasons, too. Of course many of us don't have money to give, that's why I choose "NO" on the card reader at Safeway that says, "Do you want to donate to a charity?" Don't get me wrong, I will give to our local schools' fundraisers and I try to buy "local" but sometimes local doesn't have what I want, that can be easily brought from

Now, with the holiday stress upon us, it's hard not to be "stressed out" because if you have kids, it becomes more stressful because you want them to participate in the white man's holiday tradition, so you buy them gifts hoping to make them feel included. But we also have our own "holidays" on the Hopi reservation, and I think we should teach our children about the traditions of Hopi "holidays" first.

Amazon or Ebay.

Of course in the local schools we have Hopi teachers, teaching the Hopi language, and Hopi traditions, but in my opinion, it should only be a refresher course. I think the real lessons should be taught at home, but when you have young parents that never learned the Hopi traditions, it's hard for the younger generations to grasp on to what is what. So our Hopi children start to lean towards the Western Society ways, leaving their Hopi traditions in second place.

My advice to you is that Hopis go through the same problems as the pahanas. Traditions of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and every other pahana tradition are very stressful to just "FIT IN" with "local" society, but we shouldn't really stress over what we are going to "please" our children with. Toys or objects, and materialistic items being used to make them happy only lasts a short time and pleases for only a short time, too. I say that the real tradition should be to make sure your children have something to eat, drink, clothes to wear, and a warm bed to sleep in. Everything else is just a "want" and not a need. Don't stress over the little wants and besides, it's just a pahana tradition. So let the major shopping stores worry about it and we can worry about making our loved ones happy later on in the New Year, when there are good sales. But if you're feeling generous for the holidays, I don't mind gifts either...just ebrate those holidays when you have kidding.

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The global response to climate change is 'utterly inadequate'



Secretary-General António Guterres addresses the 14th UN Internet Governance Forum, taking place this year in Berlin, Germany. (UN Photo by Tobias Hofsaess)

Aritz Parra and Frank Jordans Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Sunday that the world's efforts to stop climate change have been "utterly inadequate" so far and there is a danger global warming could pass the "point of no return."

Speaking before the start Monday of a two-week international climate conference in Madrid, the U.N. chief said the impact of rising temperatures — including more extreme weather — is already being felt around the world, with dramatic consequences for humans and other

He noted that the world has the scientific knowledge and the technical means to limit global warming, but "what is lacking is political will."

"The point of no return is no longer over the horizon," Guterres told reporters in the Spanish capital. "It is in sight and hurtling toward us."

Delegates from almost 200 countries will try to put the finishing touches on the rules governing the 2015 Paris climate accord at the Dec. 2-13 meeting, including how to create functioning international emissions trading systems tors, including some 50 heads of state and compensate poor countries for losses tney sutter from rising sea levels and er consequences of climate change.

Guterres cited mounting scientific evidence for the impact that man-made emissions of greenhouse gases are already having on the planet, including record temperatures and melting polar ice.

But he insisted that his message was "one of hope, not of despair. Our war against nature must stop and we know that that is possible."

Countries agreed in Paris four years ago to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit), ideally 1.5C (2.7F) by the end of the century compared with pre-industrial times. Already, average temperatures have increased by about 1C, leaving little room for the more ambitious target to be met.

Guterres said growing demands from citizens, particularly young people, have shown there is widespread desire for climate action.

"What is still lacking is political will," he said. "Political will to put a price on carbon. Political will to stop subsidies on fossil fuels. Political will to stop building

coal power plants from 2020 onwards. Political will to shift taxation from income to carbon. Taxing pollution instead

Guterres noted that some 70 countries — many of them among the most vulnerable to climate change — have pledged to stop emitting more greenhouse gases by 2050.

"But we also see clearly that the world's largest emitters are not pulling their weight. And without them, our goal is unreachable," he said.

The U.N. chief said he hoped the meeting in Madrid would see governments make more ambitious pledges ahead of a deadline to do so next year.

He also said that creating a worldwide market for emissions, which is a key element of the sixth article of the Paris accord, remained one of the most contentious issues for negotiators.

"We are here to find answers for article 6, not to find excuses," Guterres said.

Guterres also announced that outgoing Bank of England governor Mark Carney will become his new special envoy on "climate action and climate finance" from next year.

Organizers expect around 29,000 visiand government for Monday's opening, as well as scientists, seasoned negotiators and activists during the two-week

Some of the world's largest carbon emitters — the United States, China and India — will be represented by ministers or lower-level officials.

The U.S. administration of President Donald Trump, which has announced the intention to withdraw from the Paris agreement, is represented by Marcia Bernicat, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is leading a delegation of Democratic lawmakers to

More than 5,000 police officers are charged with keeping the summit safe, Spain's Interior Ministry said Sunday. Although authorities have stepped-up border controls and cybersecurity measures, authorities have kept the country's terror alert one level under the highest, where it has been ever since extremist attacks in Tunisia and France in mid-2015.

Supreme Court reviews gun rights (even after law it's judging is gone)



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Mark Sherman **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is turning to gun rights for the first time in nearly a decade, even though those who brought the case, New York City gun owners, already have won changes to the regulation they challenged.

The justices' persistence in hearing arguments Monday despite the city's action has made gun control advocates fearful that the court's conservative majority could use the case to call into question gun restrictions across the country.

Gun rights groups are hoping the high court is on the verge of extending its landmark rulings from 2008 and 2010 that enshrined the right to have a gun for self-defense at home.

For years, the National Rifle Association and its allies had tried to get the court to say more about gun rights, even as mass shootings may have caused the justices to shy away from taking on new disputes over gun limits. Justice Clarence Thomas has been among members of the court who have complained that lower courts are treating the Second Amendment's right to "keep and bear arms" as a second-class right.

The lawsuit in New York began as a challenge to the city's prohibition on carrying a licensed, locked and unloaded handgun outside the city limits, either to a shooting range or a second home.

Lower courts upheld the regulation, but the Supreme Court's decision in January to step into the case signaled a revived interest in gun rights from a court with two new justices, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh, both appointees of President Donald Trump.

case from the justices' grasp. Not only did the city change its regulation to allow licensed gun owners to transport their weapons to locations outside New York's five boroughs, but the state enacted a law barring cities from imposing the challenged restrictions.

"There is no case or controversy because New York City has repealed the ordinance and the New York state Legislature has acted to make sure it remains repealed," said Jonathan Lowy, chief counsel and vice president of the gun control group Brady's legal action proj-

But those moves failed to get the court to dismiss the case, although the justices are likely to ask at arguments about whether there's anything left for them to

Paul Clement, who represents three New York residents and New York's National Rifle Association affiliate challenging the transportation ban, said in an email that among the reasons the case

remains alive legally is that the court frowns on tactical moves of the sort employed by the city and state that are meant to frustrate the justices' review of an issue.

In addition, he wrote, that "the City still views firearm ownership as a privilege and not a fundamental right and is still in the business of limiting transport and denying licenses for a host of discretionary reasons."

In the event the court reaches the substance of the law, the city does contend that what it calls its "former rule" did not violate the Constitution. But that would seem to be a tough sell given the court's makeup, with Gorsuch and, in particular, Kavanaugh on the court.

Kavanaugh voted in dissent when his federal appeals court upheld the District of Columbia's ban on semi-automatic

"Gun bans and gun regulations that are not longstanding or sufficiently rooted in text, history, and tradition are not consistent with the Second Amendment individual right," Kavanaugh wrote in 2011.

Gun control advocates worry that the court could adopt Kavanaugh's legal rationale, potentially putting at risk regulations about who can carry guns in public, limits on large-capacity ammunition magazines and perhaps even restrictions on gun ownership by convicted criminals, including people convicted of domestic violence.

'This approach to the Second Amendment would treat gun rights as an absolute right, frozen in history, and not subject to any restrictions as public safety demands," said Hannah Shearer, litigation director at the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.

Reflecting the possible high stakes, Officials at both the city and state level more than three dozen supporting legal scrambled to find a way to remove the briefs have been filed. The Trump administration, 25 mainly Republican states and 120 members of the House of Representatives are on the side of the gun

> A dozen Democratic-led states and 139 House lawmakers back the city. In addition, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., a vocal court critic, filed a brief joined by four Senate Democratic colleagues that asked the justices to dismiss the case and resist being drawn into what he called a political project.

> Whitehouse also included a warning to the justices. "The Supreme Court is not well. And the people know it. Perhaps the Court can heal itself before the public demands it be 'restructured in order to reduce the influence of politics," he wrote, quoting a public opinion poll showing support for such changes.

> All 53 Republican senators responded with a letter urging the court not to be cowed by the Democrats' threats.

A decision is expected by late June.



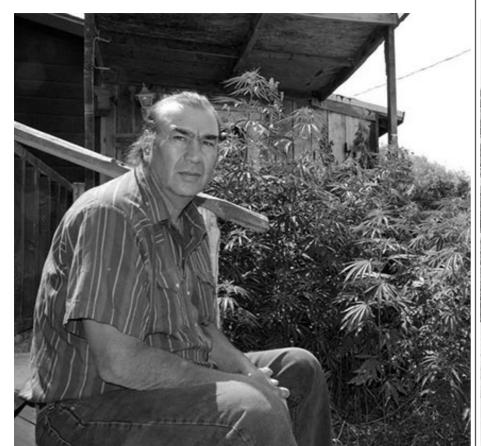
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A tribal hemp market? Thanks, South Dakota.



FILE - This June 26, 2007 file photo shows Alex White Plume sitting near some hemp plants growing at his house near Manderson, S.D. White Plume thought his decade-long wait to produce hemp. (Associated Press)

Stephen Groves Associated Press

As Alex White Plume gathered his children and grandchildren along the bank of Wounded Knee Creek to harvest hemp in September, he was one of just a handful of farmers in South Dakota with hopes of making money from the crop this year.

Gov. Kristi Noem has blocked industrial hemp from being grown in the state, but that's not stopping tribes who can regulate their own hemp crops under the 2018 Farm Bill. Many tribes are drawn to hemp's potential for bringing profits to communities that badly need it. They say that Noem's resistance is giving them an advantage to getting into the market, even as it may complicate their ability to transport and sell it.

White Plume first tried to grow hemp on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation when the Oglala Sioux Tribe passed an ordinance allowing industrial hemp in 1998. His efforts put him at odds with the federal government, including Drug Enforcement Administration agents who came to his land in 2000 armed with guns and weed trimmers to destroy his crops.

White Plume said hemp could bring money to his home in what he calls "the poorest community in the poorest county in the United States." He also said hemp could replace plastics and synthetic mate-

And Noem's stance against hemp cultivation? That's just fine with White Plume. "I give thanks to Noem," he said. "It gives me a chance and my family a chance to get ahead."

The 2018 Farm Bill cleared the way for states and tribes to grow hemp by submitting their plans to the Department of Agriculture. Earlier that year, White Plume decided it was time to harvest hemp again, relying on the argument that he was on tribal land made sovereign by treaties with the U.S. government.

Others are making sure the federal government approves of their hemp plans before putting seeds in the ground. The Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe and White Plume's Oglala Sioux Tribe have filed applications with USDA to grow hemp. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe is holding a hemp vote before applying.

Tribes across several states have formed the Tribal Hemp Working Group to share information on drafting codes, gaining approval from the USDA, and using the best seeds and techniques.

They are also coordinating to make sure the new crop does not cause members to run afoul of the law. Rosebud Sioux Tribal President Rodney Bordeaux said he was concerned tribal members could get into trouble transporting hemp

on South Dakota's highways. South Dakota charged a Colorado man with drug trafficking after he was pulled

over with 300 pounds (136 kilograms) of cannabis that he was delivering to the Minnesota Hemp Association. He said the plants were hemp, but a lab test found levels of THC — the compound in marijuana that produces a high — above the legal limit of 0.3 percent.

Noem has argued that it would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars for the state's law enforcement to test cannabis for THC levels.

Bordeaux said in a statement that he was concerned the hemp drivers may be arrested or have their crops confiscated if the state's law enforcement could not "field test the hemp to make sure that it is what we say it is."

Noem has indicated that South Dakota will comply with federal laws in allowing hemp to be transported across the state.

Tribal representatives said they would be working with the state to make sure their hemp plans don't run into trouble. Chase Iron Eyes, spokesman for Oglala Sioux President Julian Bear Runner, called the state "a necessary partner" and said that the tribes and South Dakota have the potential to lead the nation in

hemp production if they worked together. Tribes also face another set of bureaucratic hurdles. Tribes and individuals must apply with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to change the use of tribal lands that are held "in trust" by the federal government. While the policy is designed to make sure land stays in tribal possession, it has also held them back from developing agriculture, said Terry Anderson, who studies the economics of Native American reservations at the Hoover Institution, a conservative think tank.

Tribes that grow hemp also face competition from large agriculture companies, including tobacco companies, said Heather Dawn Thompson, a lawyer who is advising the Tribal Hemp Working Group. But she said tribes are ready to commit to hemp for the long term, and believe the hemp textile market will continue to develop and expand.

As hemp re-enters use after nearly 80 years of being outlawed in the United States, people are just beginning to discover how it can be processed and turned into products like construction material, clothing, and dietary supplements. Janie Simms Hipp, president of the Native American Agriculture Fund, said that gives Native Americans an opportunity that has been rare in modern agriculture — to have a place at the starting line with everyone else.

Still, Hipp said her organization is focusing on hemp research to make sure it doesn't make critical mistakes in the early

'Opportunities can turn sour in a heartbeat," she said. "Everyone needs to calm down and do their homework."

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Blizzards. Closed roads. And thousands of flight delays



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byAliyah Chavez **Indian Country Today**

Millions across the country are feeling the effects of two winter storms that hit over the weekend

Two winter storms brought heavy snow and rain to the entire country over the weekend. What else came with it? High wind advisories. More than 45 million people across the country were under winter weather alerts on Saturday night.

It even brought snow to unexpected places including Albuquerque, New Mexico where there was a record amount of snowfall on Thanksgiving. The city received 3.1 inches of snow. The previous record was half an inch in 2007.

On the other side of the country, the East Coast is currently battling a large storm that began Sunday. Many were stuck in the mess because yesterday was a busy day of air travel. Folks were flying home from Thanksgiving travels.

More than 5,700 flights had been delayed and 800 flights had been cancelled on Sunday alone. Airlines had begun issuing vouchers for passengers on Saturday.

Additionally, the Blackfeet Indian Reservation is also currently under a blizzard warning by the National Weather Service. Forecasters say it will snow there through Tuesday. Brr.

In South Dakota, nine people were killed after a plane crashed during "blizzard-like" conditions on Saturday. It is unclear whether any Native people were injured or killed on the flight.

The winter weather created headaches shut down over the weekend. On Sunday, some reopened Wyoming and Colorado, including Interstate 25 and I-80. Other major interstates in Montana were closed

While this winter weather has created headaches for many, things have been different in a place that is normally cold: blocked them.

In November, Anchorage had both record high temperatures and a record snowfall on the same day. The temperature reached 45 degrees, which adds to what has already been one of the warmest years on record.

The East Coast was bracing for more nasty weather Monday.

Forecasters said the nor'easter could drop 10 to 20 inches of snow by Tuesday morning from Pennsylvania to Maine. Heavy snow was possible in the Appalachian Mountains down to Tennessee and North Carolina.

"We've got our shovels ready. We've got the snowblower ready. We're prepared," said Paul Newman, of Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Schools closed preemptively as rain was expected to turn into snow in the region's first significant storm of the season, a nor'easter so named because the winds typically come from the northeast.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo advised nonessential state employees to stay home Monday, and New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy declared government offices for nonessential employees would close

More than 180 flights into or out of the U.S. were canceled Monday morning, with more than 450 delays. Airports in the New York and Boston areas accounted for many of them.

Tractor-trailers were banned or lower speed limits put in place on stretches of interstate highways in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The same storm has pummeled the for drivers, as well. Major highways were U.S. for days as it moved cross country, dumping heavy snow from California to the Midwest and inundating other areas

> Duluth, Minnesota, is cleaning up more than 21 inches of snow. Major highways reopened in Wyoming and Colorado after blizzard conditions and drifting snow

Thousands of historical seeds preserved by the Onondaga **Nation Farm**



Braids of Haudenosaunee corn, used to preserve the cob. (Photo by Scarlett Lisjak)

Scarlett Lisjak For Indian Country Today

'We've already adapted to so many

changes since the time of contact, and our foods are there right alongside of us' Syracuse, N.Y. — A collection of thousands of seeds are kept at the Onondaga Nation Farm, from 500-year-old squash

seeds to 4,000 year old corn seeds. This

collection contains 1,179 varieties of

corn seeds that belong to Indigenous

populations all throughout North and

South America, and even the Caribbean. A few include: Haudenosaunee: Onondaga, Seneca,

Cayuga, Mohawk, and Tuscarora

Chickasaw

Osage

Cherokee

The caretaker of these seeds, Angela Ferguson, had acquired them through the late Carl Barns who left the seeds to his apprentice who later passed them on to

Ferguson. For some Cont. On Page 9

Thousands of historical seeds, Cont.

placed, or no longer exist. Curtis Waterman, a worker at the farm, said the seeds are a memorial for all past, and present

"Let's say all of a sudden ... something happens and we all disappear, what's left is the corn. And that corn is the story of a legacy of someone else, it's our legacy, and the people that work here, if we're not here to tell that story, true, people might not know what the story is, but they'll know what the corn is, they'll know what the corn tastes like ..." Wa-

Braids of Haudenosaunee corn, used to preserve the cob. (Photo by Scarlett Lisjak)

Different varieties of ancestral corn including the grandfather corn on the right side that is white/grey. (Photo by Scarlett

The Onondaga Nation Farm grows these heritage seeds to later return them back to their ancestral communities.

"When [the seeds] dug up from some of these archaeological sites ... that person who usually is not Indigenous, that's ar-

of the seeds their people had been dis- chaeologist who finds those seeds, for the seeds that's their first contact, the same way we saw strangers and didn't know who they were, that's what happens to the seeds, to know that the seeds make it back to their communities, to their own people, to the comfort of those arms, for me that's one of the rewarding parts of it, because they hold the potential for life," Ferguson said.

> White corn hangs from the ceiling of the farm. (Photo by Scarlett Lisjak)

> Ferguson and the farm crew have also planted and grown the heritage seeds of the Haudenosaunee to provide food for the Onondaga Nation.

"We never have to call other people or other nations when we need something for an event we have all our own things, and that is very powerful, that is very important not only for sustainability and sovereignty but your connection to who you are as a [Native] person ..." Ferguson

The Onondaga Nation Farm has enough seeds to provide food for the entire Onondaga Nation for three years, and they are working on expanding it to seven years.

'There should be no medals for massacres'



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Jourdan Bennett-Begaye **Indian Country Today**

Remove the Stain Act to be considered by Senate too; House has a version as well

Presidential hopeful Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Massachusetts, and Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, released the Senate companion to the Remove the Stain Act.

Rep. Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo and D-New Mexico, and Rep. Denny Heck, D-Washington, introduced the House with the Remove Stain Act in June.

Both bills strip for the Congressional Medals of Honor that was awarded to the 20 men in the U.S. 7th Cavalry. The soldiers murdered defenseless and unarmed Lakota men, women and children on December 29, 1890. Also known as the Wounded Knee Massacre.

"The horrifying acts of violence against hundreds of Lakota men, women, and children at Wounded Knee should be condemned, not celebrated with Medals of Honor," Warren said. "The Remove the Stain Act acknowledges a profoundly shameful event in U.S. history, and that's why I'm joining my House colleagues in this effort to advance justice and take a step toward righting wrongs against Native peoples.'

Sen. Merkley said they "have a responsibility to tell the true story of the horrific Wounded Knee Massacre.'

"We cannot whitewash or minimize the dark chapters of our history, but instead must remember, reflect on, and work to rectify them," Merkley said. "The massacre of innocents could not be farther from heroism, and I hope this bill helps set the record straight."

The U.S. award the soldiers the Congressional Medals of Honor, the country's highest military decoration and only given to a soldier who "must be so outstanding that it clearly distinguishes his gallantry beyond the call of duty from lesser forms of bravery."

The bill states that the medal "has been awarded only 3,522 times, including only 145 times for the Korean War, 126 times in World War I, 23 times during the Global War on Terror, and 20 times for the massacre at Wounded Knee.'

These two bills will be in both chambers of Congress which allows for talk on both sides, Haaland said.

"The Remove the Stain Act is about more than just rescinding Medals of Honor from soldiers who served in the U.S. 7th Cavalry and massacred unarmed Lakota women and children – it's also about making people aware of this country's history of genocide of American Indians, Haaland said. "Senator Elizabeth Warren understands this, and I'm pleased we'll be able to have these conversations and

move bills forward in both chambers."

Supporters of the bill, including Chairman Charles R. Vig of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, urge the passage of this bill since it will exist in both the House and Senate.

"We urge prompt enactment of [the Remove the Stain Act] by the House and Senate as an important step in beginning to correct our Country's past wrong doings and in charting a new path forward based on mutual understanding and respect," the chairman wrote. "It is shameful to honor soldiers for massacring defenseless men, women and children. Moreover, it disrespects the entire Native American community who send more men and women to serve in the military at higher rates than any other ethnic group."

More tribes, organizations and individuals support the Remove the Stain Act, such as the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association, the Coalition of Large Tribes, United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund, Heartbeat At Wounded Knee 1890, the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre Descendants Society, Four Directions, the Native Organizers Alliance, VoteVets, Veterans for Peace, Common Defense, Veterans for American Ideals, and the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Mandan Hidastsa Arikara Chairman Mark Fox, representing the Coalition of Large Tribes, and veteran of the Marine Corps urged Congress to revoke the 20

"The Coalition of Large Tribes recognizes the importance of Senator Warren and Merkley's introduction of the Remove the Stain Act in the Senate and supports their efforts in being a voice for justice that has been denied for 130 years,"

At least two veterans organizations support the bills. Garett Reppenhagen, executive direc-

tor of Veterans for Peace told Congress they "should act to remove the stain."

"Congress should recognize this massacre for what it was, a mistake, and not glorify it with the 20 Medals of Honor that were subsequently awarded," Reppenhagen wrote. "We strongly condemn the violence used against the Sioux people, and believe these medals from Wounded Knee tarnish the Medal of Honor."

Political Director of Common Defense

Alexander McCoy agrees. He calls it straight and said, "...there should be no medals for massacres." "Recipients of this award are among the greatest heroes of our history, and so it is tragic that past recipients have

included U.S. soldiers who slaughtered

hundreds of Lakota men, women,

There should be no medals..., Cont.

and children at the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890. It is critical that Congress act to rescind these specific awards, because there should be no medals for massacres," McCoy wrote. "For us, this bill is not only about correcting the historical record, it is about recognizing the service of countless veterans alive today, taking an important step towards healing for the Lakota descendants, and protecting the integrity of every subsequently awarded Medal of Honor."

Perhaps the only obstacle in the way of both bills and Congress is the commander-in-chief, Donald J. Trump. Of course, he can veto a bill.

And with the commander-in-chief's recent actions of dubbing Navy SEAL Edward Gallagher as a hero, it causes concern for the military. Gallagher was accused of multiple charges, including fatally stabbing an Islamic State militant captive and attempted murder of civilians in 2017. He was acquitted of all charges by the military jury but one, taking a photo with a dead captive.

The Navy Times reported that one of the SEALs overheard him saying he was "OK with shooting women."

The jury wanted to reduce his rank and cut his pension and benefits, according to the Associated Press. Trump intervened and told the Navy to reinforce his rank among other orders.

Philip J. Deloria, professor of Native American and Indigenous Studies at Harvard University, finds Gallagher's case "completely relevant" to the Wounded Knee Massacre and Sand Creek Massacre in Colorado even if both massacres happened more than 100 years ago.

"I can imagine in that argument the Gallagher case in some parts of the military, the Gallagher case might ask military officials do the revisioning and take a critical look at its history and question why all of those medals?" he said.

In these three war crimes — Gallagher, Wounded Knee, and Sand Creek — dis-

The military took action on Gallagher but Trump overrides the system, Congress investigated the Sand Creek Massacre in 1865, and the Remove the Stain Act is introduced for Wounded Knee.

There is "no accountability" for Wounded Knee, he said. "Back in the day they didn't follow those rules" but now Congress is stepping in and wants an "accurate lens" and says "let's draw some lines on what our soldiers are able and not able to do."

The tricky part of the two bills in the chambers is it being "a radical function," Deloria said. "How often do you take 20 medals from people? It's also legitimate."

In all three examples, especially Wounded Knee being a "historical wrong", Deloria said, "This a moment where military rises as a voice of reason."

"Revisiting that in the present moment would be a powerful way for the military to reinforce its own argument of military order," Deloria said. "Admitting on two levels, yes, a massacre occurred and we inappropriately stepped outside of our own bounds of order by awarding these 20 medals of honor, and we're big enough to revisit these days and speak to the present moment."

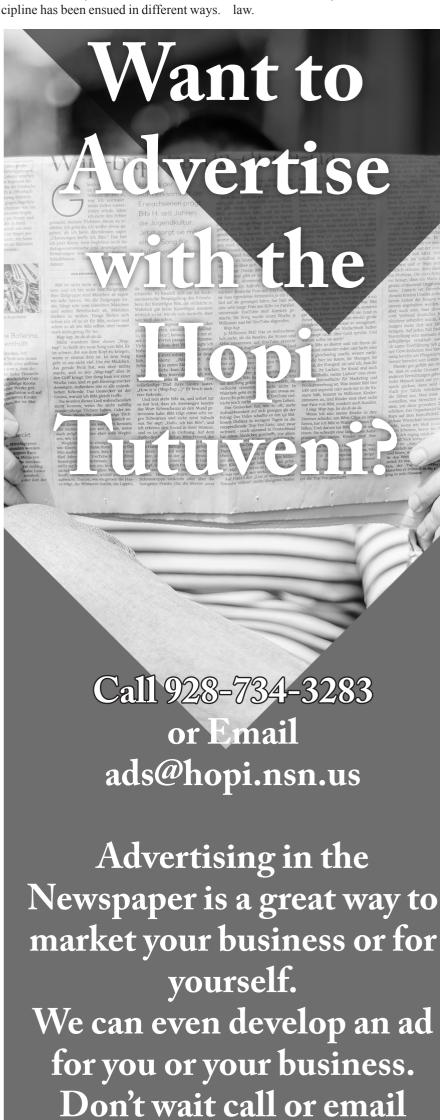
On Tuesday, Trump tweeted: "I will always protect our great warfighters. I've got your backs!"

Officers told Slate in that they are worried Trump undermining the military will affect the military justice system and some officers see the president's actions as a betrayal.

A Pentagon official said: "You can wreck a military this way."

"If a soldier or SEAL doesn't like an order or thinks he's being unfairly punished, he now has the idea that he can go over the heads of his superiors and appeal to the president, maybe by writing a letter to Fox," the official told Slate.

However, with the president's veto, Congress can still pass a bill with twothirds of the vote, and then it becomes



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2019 Highlights of Hopi Tribe Special Council Meeting



First Mesa Elementary school getting in their seats (Photo by Carl Onsae/



First Mesa Elementary school look in awe, a new experience for the children



Several council men and women stand and congratulate the children on their successes(Photo by Carl Onsae/HT)



Coaches for the Hotevilla Bacavi community school explain their accom-



Hotevilla Bacavi Community school pose for a picture (Photo by Carl Onsae/



Hotevilla Bacavi Community students wait for their turn to talk and be reconized (Photo by Carl Onsae/HT)



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Second Mesa Day school cross-country runners pose for a picture (Photo by Carl Onsae/HT)

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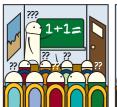
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