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Kykotstmovi, Ariz. - July 1, 2021 Rick Baker, Cross Country Coach for over thirty years for Hopi Jr./Sr. High School, “The Legend” represented well at the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS) Press Conference held today at 10:00 a.m. MST.

Hopi Tutuveni staff attended the hybrid format that allowed the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony to proceed with an in person aspect, with limited in person attendance while also allowing more attendees and viewers via internet connections to the live streaming event. The press conference was held prior to the NFHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, which was at 3:00 p.m. MST and also available via live streaming.

It was explained in press releases and articles circulating on Hopi, via social media and on the NFHS website that Baker had been recognized in 2020 but due to the pandemic and the numerous shut-downs around the country, the NFHS 2020 Induction Ceremony was not held. The NFHS, however, made statements regarding the importance of honoring Baker in person and therefore included him with the 2021 Inductees during the 2021 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Baker was introduced, along with other Inductees, as being a part of the “Class of, officially, 2021 now” and in describing Baker, the speaker mentioned, “One of three coaches that we have in this year’s class...he led Hopi High School to 27 consecutive state cross country championships, he’s obviously tremendously impacted the lives of thousands of kids on the reservation in Arizona, please welcome Rickey Baker.”

After the general overview introduction, each Inductee was given a few moments to introduce themselves and share a few words and with that Baker began by stating, “Good morning” and after realizing it was already afternoon in Florida being three hours ahead of Arizona time, mentioned to the group while chuckling that he was still on Arizona time. His easy going nature and chuckle seemed to put the audience at ease while they chuckled, as well. Baker went on to explain it was still hard to get acclimated to the time and the humidity as he told the group, “Where I come from, it’s dryyy” while drawing out his last syllable and chuckling a bit more.

The other Inductees had a chance to greet the audience before each had the opportunity to share more statements and recollections of past experience leading to the Induction into the Hall of Fame.

In true “Baker” style and story-telling fashion he mentioned many memories and described coming from a village of about 500 members and the challenge and times of his running days and how it impacted him. He made mention of some of the following, “…it inspired me to take it and I went with it…also come from Hopi…known as distance runners so I also took it from there...” in recalling his own days as a young runner, to talks he had with his coaches and individuals who had an influence on him through to the days of becoming a Coach at Hopi Jr. /Sr. High School located on the Hopi reservation which opened in 1987. He further explained, “I try to recruit kids, who their fathers, their grandfathers were great runners...tried to work with that...” and how those techniques and times with the students and athletes aided in developing positive relationships with those he coached and mentored at Hopi High School.

He also described some of his thoughts today by mentioning, “…going on 36 years now and you think about retirement but you want to take it a little further...whoever takes over the program you want to work with them and I hope it’s one of my former runners” Baker during the time also described, “…at a young age I knew I could do something special...I was chosen to do this...somewhere, somehow someone said you can do this...”, and how those relationships with past teammates, students and remembering the fun times in addition to the competition, the mentors and past coaches, in turn have inspired him. He recalled one of his coaches telling him, “You’re not a basketball player...you’re a runner...I needed someone to tell me, hey this is who you are...that’s what I try to instill in the kids that I work with. Is that, hey you know, find yourself, find your purpose in life. Let’s ride it from here on out.

Baker finished the press conference successfully with the rest of the Inductees and in time for other events slated for the day leading up to the Induction Ceremony.

During the Induction Ceremony, occurring today at 3:00 p.m. MST, Baker was recognized and according to the NFHS speakers, “Rickey Baker led Hopi High School to 27 consecutive Arizona state boys cross country championships, but more importantly, he has positively affected the lives of hundreds of boys on the Hopi reservation.”

The Induction Ceremony was one of pomp and circumstance complete with Baker dressed to par in a very nice suit, being provided a very nice plaque and medal as well.

It could be seen on Facebook and other sites that those he coached and mentored were happy for the honor being bestowed upon him. As well, community members and family members of those who Baker coached were happy to be sharing in celebrating such a committed and positive role model to so many Hopi athletes and students. The honor that Rick Baker has achieved is not doubt one that will be remembered for years to come.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. Action Item #033-2021 – To Rescind Resolution H-016-2021 and entertain newly submitted Action Item/Resolution to accept and agree to the terms and conditions of the Funding Agreement for Older Americans Act, Title III and authorize a limited waiver of sovereign immunity as stated in Section 42 of the Agreement – Author/Beatrice Norton, Program Manager, Office of Aging and Adult Services – ADD-ON – 06/24/2021 – TABLED TO JULY 6, 2022 - a.m.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Action Item #028-2021 – To approve acceptance of funding in the amount of $854,769.53 from the Health Resources and Service Administration – Author/Laverne Dallas, Director, Behavioral Health Services
2. Action Item #030-2021 – To accept the Final Report for Project Namitunatya and approve submittal of a manuscript to the Journal of Community Health entitled, “Formative Assessment to Improve Cancer Screening in American Indian Men: Native Patient Navigator and mHealth Texting” – Author/Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services
3. Action Item #031-2021 – To approve and grant permission to identify and interview ten to fifteen Hopi Tribal members as it relates to research study entitled, “A Mixed Method to identify Causes of Kidney Cancer Surgical Disparities in AZ” – Author/Dana Russell, Manager, Hopi Cancer Support Services
4. Action Item #034-2021 – To approve continuation of Johnson-O’Malley Contract as a “Mature Contract” for the Hopi Head Start Program for an indefinite period of time and to change the Fiscal Year from December 1 – November 30, to July 1 – June 30, to coincide with the Head Start Program’s funding cycle – Author/Rayma Duyongwa, Early Childhood Education Program Manager
5. Action Item #35-2021 – To approve a 5-year continuation of funding for the Hopi Head Start Program and authorizes an Indirect Cost Rate of 4% to be implemented – Author/Rayma Duyongwa, Early Childhood Education Program Manager
6. Action Item #036-2021 – To contract Snyder & Butler, CPAs, PLLC to complete the Hopi Tribe’s annual audit for the year ended December 31, 2020 – Author/Anthony Laban, Jr., Assistant Finance Director, Office of Financial Management
7. Action Item #037-2021 – To enter into a new Residential Lease Agreement with the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority for placement of a Modular Home within Marlena Selina’s land assignment in the Village of Bacavi – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Service - **Time Certain – July 8, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
8. Action Item #038-2021 – To approve modification to Lease No. 608-016-03 (Dorothy Ami) to allow Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to rebuild a new home due to severe structural damage to existing home – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services - **Time Certain – July 8, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.
9. Action Item #039-2021 – To approve modification to Lease No. 608-002-010 (Belinda Poleheptewa) to allow Hopi Tribal Housing Authority to rebuild a new home due to severe structural damage to existing home – Author/Michele Honanie, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services - **Time Certain – July 8, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.
10. Action Item #040-2021 – To approve a superseding Resolution with regard to the name, scope and composition of the CARES Act Committee – Author/Jamie B. Navenma, Chairman Hopi Cares Act Committee **Time Certain – July 6, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
11. Budget Oversight Team to deliver Team’s collective Budget Recommendations – Clark W. Tenakhongva, Chairman, Budget Oversight Team - **Time Certain – July 26, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
12. Presentation of Book: Becoming Hopi, A History, Dr. Wesley Bernardini, Redlands University and Dr. Greg Schachner, University of California Los Angeles - **Time Certain – July 26, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.”
Official Announcement of Candidates for Hopi Chairman and Vice Chairman Elections

Hopi Election Board Holds Certification Event on June 29, 2021

Romalita Laban, Managing Editor
Lower Polacca, Ariz. – June 29, 2021 and true to the Program Agenda times set, the Hopi Election Board and Staff began the Certification of Candidate for the Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman Elections event on time with Chris Hawk from the Village of Shungopavi beginning the program as Emcee at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Hawk began by first introducing himself, to the audience in the main gathering room of the Tewa Administrative Building, which at the time was only about ¼ full including the Hopi Election staff and Board members, Tewa Administrative staff, VIP guests seated throughout the room and the panel of individuals seated from left to right being: Craig Andrews, Clark W. Tenakhongva Hopi Tribe Vice Chairman, Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr., Andrew S. Qumyintewa, David N. Talayumptewa, and Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Hopi Tribe Chairman. The panel was seated at the front of the room. More guests and the general public were seated outside the main building under canopies set up for those not listed as VIP.

In addition Hawk also noted that KUYI Hopi Radio was carrying the event live on its Facebook page, as he waved at the equipment set up just to the side of the podium, gesturing to those watching the live feed and just before introducing Ronald Adams from the Spider/ Stick Clan, from the Village of Tewa.

Adams conducted the opening prayer and before George Nasafotie, Jr. who serves as Chairman of the Hopi Election Board was introduced and then provided a welcome and comments along with an introduction of the Hopi Election Board and Hopi Election staff and mentioned the Board, “...had a hard time...” and that the members worked hard on the Primary then will be going into the General Elections and just before extending appreciations to the Candidates by stating, “Glady all you showed up tonight, we need you” before turning the mic back over to Hawk.

Hawk then went in to acknowledging the Village of Tewa Board and staff before explaining the staff experienced “crunch time” while preparing with all the logistics and setting up for the event. He also acknowledged the Special Guests present before then handing the mic over to Darlene Lucario Nuvamsa, Hopi Election Alternate Board Member.

Lucario Nuvamsa provided an overview of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe Article IV – Tribal Council, Section 9 and Confirmation of the Requirements for a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe by describing the length of terms for the candidacy being four (4) years, that candidates must be an enrolled member of the Hopi Tribe being 25 years of age, able to speak the Hopi language fluently, with a primary and physical residence being on the Hopi reservation no less than two years prior to being certified, and not having been convicted of any crime or moral turpitude. She then described the important things the Board reviewed as being the packet of each candidate, that the individuals were enrolled Hopi members who were at least 25 years of age and verified residency requirements along with having interviews with the candidates to determine language proficiency and that all background checks, including Federal, State, and local checks were completed and cleared. She described the process as taking “about 35 days” which included some delays due to the “Covid-related” shutdowns and that the group was present to officially certify the candidates. The emcee then re-introduced Nasafotie Jr., who continued with the portion of the agenda scheduled to be occurring at 7:00 p.m. and listed as:

“Certification of Candidates for the Vice Chairman and Chairman for the 2021 Hopi Tribal General Election – George Nasafotie Jr., Chairman, Hopi Election Board
Candidate for Vice Chairman – Craig Andrews
Candidate for Vice Chairman – Clark Wayne Tenakhongva
Candidate for Chairman – Alfred Lomahquahu Jr.
Candidate for Chairman – David Norton Talayumptewa
Candidate for Chairman – Andrew Stephen Qumyintewa
Candidate for Chairman – Timothy Loren Nuvangyaoma”

By this point in time it was approximately 6:24 p.m. and the room was becoming filled as more audience members, who were previously seated outside, were allowed to come into the main gathering room of the building. After welcoming the newly seated guests Nasafotie, Jr. continued by calling out the names of the individuals as Candidates for Vice Chairman and Chairman and stated, “Hopi Election Board at this time certifies the names of the individuals as Candidates for Vice Chairman and Chairman and stated, Nasafotie, Jr. then called Craig Andrews to the podium to draw a number and when he was seated, was then followed by Clark W. Tenakhongva. At this point more explanation was provided noting in accordance with the Hopi Election Ordinance, that when there were only two candidates for the Vice Chairman seat, the names of the two would not be listed on the Primary ballot. In accordance with the numbers drawn, the names would appear on the General Election ballot, only. Candidates for the Chairmen seat were then called up to draw their numbers in order following Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr, Andrew Stephen Qumyintewa, David Norton Talayumptewa and finally, Timothy Nuvangyaoma.

At approximately 6:31 p.m. the Presentation of Candidates for Hopi Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman Elections scheduled to be occurring at 7:10 p.m. began with explanation that each candidate would be allowed five minutes to provide a statement.

The Candidates began making their statements, as they were called to the podium and in the same order they drew numbers for name placement on the ballots. Overall all Candidates basically introduced themselves in the Hopi language, provided comments in Hopi and English and gave very brief background about the villages which they come from, the clans they belong to and some of their past experience. The Hopi Election Board was stringent about the five minutes allotted to each candidate to make such statements and some candidates almost ran out of time just from first introducing themselves in Hopi then rushed the very last statements. A couple of Candidates seemed to do quite well at providing an introduction and background experience within the time allotted. Candidates for the Vice Chairman and Chairman and their respective Villages are as follows:

Vice Chairman Candidates:
Craig Andrews – Village of Mishungnuvi
Clark Wayne Tenakhongva – Village of Hotelvilla
Chairman Candidates:
David Norton Talayumptewa – Village of Kykotsmovi
Andrew Stephen Qumyintewa – Village of Hotelvilla
Timothy Loren Nuvangyaoma – Village of Mishungnuvi
Alfred Lomahquahu, Jr. – Village of Bacavi

After the Candidates provided the short statements, the event concluded at approximately 7:06 p.m. with time allowed for the public to meet and greet the Candidates prior to the Village of Tewa Administrative staff providing to-go meals to attendees before leaving for the evening.

Below is a re-print of information included in the Hopi Primary Election Date Reminders article published on May 19, 2021 and from a recent July 2, 2021 Notice to Hopi Tribal Members from the Hopi Election Office:

Thursday, July 2, 2021 - Deadline date to request for Absentee Ballot for the Primary Election.

If you have turned 18 years of age or will be 18 on or before the election date, you can contact the Elections Office for a Voter Registration Form to register to vote, or to update voter information if you have changed your name or mailing/physical address.

Eligible Members who can vote in the Hopi Tribal Elections are:

• Hopi: Be a member or eligible for membership in the Hopi Tribe as set forth in Art. II of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Hopi Tribe;

• Age: Be eighteen (18) years of age or older on Election day, per Election Ord. #34

The Hopi Election Board encourages all eligible Hopi Voters to update their voter information. If you are a new voter, If you have moved away or back to the Hopi reservation and have a change of address, If you have changed your name or If you just want to update your voter information you may contact the Hopi Tribal Registrar.

If you are going to be away from your polling site on Election Day, you may request for an Absentee Ballot (vote by mail) OR if you would like to vote in the comfort of your home you may request for an Absentee Ballot. The DEADLINE to do so is: July 29, 2021.

Information is available on the Hopi Election’s webpage on the Hopi Tribe’s website at: https://www.hopi-nsn.gov/tribal-government/hopi-elections-office/

The Voter Registration Form and other Hopi Elections Office information are also available at the link. The Hopi Elections Office physical address is: SW corner of AZ State Hway 264, B.L.A. Indian Route 2 (Leupp road) MP 47.7 Kykotsmovi, Ariz., 86039

For more information contact the Hopi Elections Office at: (928) 734-2507 or (928) 734-2508. The Fax line number is: (928) 734-1257. Email inquiries can be sent to: kshupla@hopi.nsn.us

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EXECUTIVE ORDER #01-2018

Declaration of Extreme Fire Danger

"WHEREAS, current data from the U.S. Drought Monitor and the climate assessment for the Southwest indicates that the Hopi Indian Reservation is experiencing below average precipitation, this is a trend for the past three to four years and we are in a state of severe drought; and

WHEREAS, the dry conditions along with high winds, has resulted in 6 of human caused fires on the Hopi Reservation have already occurred in 2018 and pose extreme wildfire threats which necessitates the issuance of certain restrictions and sanctions for the protection of life, property, natural and cultural resources on the Hopi Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Hopi Tribal policies and plans including the Hopi Drought Contingency Plan, Hopi Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, Hopi Wild land Fire Management Plan and Hopi Integrated Woodlands Management Plan, outlines steps to mitigate uncontrolled wildfire and recognizes the authority of the Executive Offices to initiate declarations to prevent such fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, the use of Hopi range lands and woodlands will increase in the summer and fall months due to agricultural preparations, wood harvesting and hunting activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Hopi Tribe, hereby declares that a State of Extreme Fire Danger be recognized.

It IS FURTHER DECLARED the following restrictions and sanctions are hereby placed within the boundaries of the Hopi Indian Reservation until further notice:

- Open burning is prohibited within the Reservation woodlands, wetlands, rangelands, residential areas and near public facilities.
- Fireworks are prohibited. The possession or use of fireworks is prohibited due to the high fire danger. Fireworks will be confiscated by BIA Law Enforcement Officers and/or Hopi Resource Enforcement Services Officers.
- Camp fires are prohibited within residential areas. Charcoal grills, propane and wood stoves are allowed within a 10 foot area of a residence only if it is clear of flammable material. The fire must be constantly monitored and controlled to assure it will not become unmanageable.
- "RED FLAG WARNING" days as determined by the National Weather Service or when there are sustained winds in excess of 5 miles per hour.
- No burning is allowed during "RED FLAG WARNING" days as determined by the National Weather Service or when there are sustained winds in excess of 5 miles per hour.

Any violations of this Executive Order will be prosecuted in accordance with the Hopi Code.

Questions may directed to Mr. Paul Saufkie at 928-401-0461

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Hopi Law Enforcement Services Welcomes One New Officer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Submitted by: Hopi Law Enforcement Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – June 14, 2021 Hopi Law Enforcement Services welcomes Officer Stanley Lomayestewa who graduated from the Northeastern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy (NALETA) on June 10, 2021. NALETA is run through Northland Pioneer College and is held at the Jake Flake Emergency Services Institute in Taylor, Ariz. NALETA is a certified Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AzPOST) academy where recruits undergo an eighteen week academy, completing over 700 hours of law enforcement training. Officer Lomayestewa’s graduating class had a total of thirteen who successfully completed the academy. Officer Lomayestewa will now undergo a 12 week field training program.

Officer Stanley Lomayestewa previously worked with the Hopi Tribe’s Wildlife and Ecosystem Management Program. He began his employment with Hopi Law Enforcement Services as a Police Recruit on July 06, 2020. Officer Lomayestewa is Fog Clan from the Village of Shungopavi. Hopi Law Enforcement Services (HLES) congratulates Officer Lomayestewa and his graduating class. HLES is excited to continue to add to the program and is actively recruiting new Officers.

Hopi Law Enforcement Services May 2021 Report

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Submitted by: Hopi Law Enforcement Services

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – June 14, 2021, HLES provides this report as a service to the citizens of the Hopi Reservation. HLES reserves the right to restrict the release of certain reports, which may not be available or are currently under investigation. During the month of May 2021, Hopi Law Enforcement Services responded to a total of 837 calls for service.

Traffic Offenses = 104
Fire/Controlled Burns = 24
Trespassing = 1
Found Property = 2
Threatening = 7
Gas Leak = 1
Wanted Person = 5
Harassment = 4
Weapons Offense = 2
Illegal Dumping/Littering = 2
Welfare/Property/Security Checks = 320

DRUGS SEIZED: 15.575 total grams
Marijuana 1.125 total grams
Meth 1451.98 total ounces
Alcohol 1451.98 total ounces

FIREARMS SEIZED: 1

TOTAL ARRESTS: 48 (34 booked and 14 cited and released/charges filed)

DISCLAIMER: An arrest is not an indication of guilt; all parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Initial charges can be reduced or dropped at the discretion of the Hopi Tribal Prosecutor.

The Hopi Law Enforcement Services can be reached at 928-734-7340 for emergency and calls for service. For HLES Administration, Records requests or non-emergencies call 928-734-7344.

Hopi Tribe Enrollment Office Updates

Submitted by: Dione A. Naha, Enrollment Coordinator
For Hopi Tutuveni

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – July 1, 2021 and per Executive Order #010-2021, the Enrollment Office has reopened for business. The current office hours are: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. with the office closed during the Lunch Hour from 12-1 p.m.

We kindly request updates to tribal member information. Individuals requesting a New or Renewed ID card may be added to a wait list as we await supplies. All other services are available, please see website for further details: www.hopi-nsn.gov.

Office contact information is as follows:
Lisa Yowytewa, Verification Clerk
Phone: 928-734-3132 email: LYowytewa@hopi.nsn.us

Dione Naha, Enrollment Coordinator
Phone: 928-734-3134 DNaha@hopi.nsn.us
A Reflection of Family and Career Accomplishments Dr. Daniel Honahni

12/22/1942 - 6/8/2021

Daniel was a distinguished and natural born leader who led his entire family to follow the traditional values and vision of what it means to be a Hopi through core values of humility, prayer, faith, commitment to family, diligent work, and working for the good of others. These traditional values guided his cultural participation, sharing of traditional knowledge, preservation of family and his passionate and dedicated career.

Daniel joined the United States Army Reserves after graduating from Tuba City High School in 1961 and was later Honorably Discharged in September 1964. He enrolled in a college correspondence extension program with LaSalle University, earning his Degree in Accounting while he concurrently worked as the Comptroller for the Hopi Tribe (1965-1967). During this same period, he also developed the Hopi Department of Education, which subsequently led to a higher education opportunity in Boston, Mass. where he earned his Master’s Degree in Education from Harvard University in 1971, as a highly recruited member of an elite cohort of Native American scholars from across the nation. He was the recipient of Honorary Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Islandae in 1980.

For mismanaging Indian trust monies and assets and improperly accounting for those funds, resulting in the largest class action lawsuit settled for $3.4 billion in 2009.

Daniel served many capacities in his lifetime being: Executive Director for the Pueblo Teacher Training Program and Associate Professor at the University of New Mexico (1973-1978); President of the College of Ganado (1980-1985); Private Business Owner in Flagstaff, Ariz. (1985-1990); Hopi Tribal Operations Director (1991-1999), President and CEO of the Moenkopi Development Corporation (2002-2010) of which his accomplishments are the Moenkopi Village Wastewater Treatment Plant, Tuuvi Travel Center and the Moencopi Legacy Inn Hotel & Suites.

In 2018, he officially retired from being the Executive Director of the Hopi Tribe, which was his third impactful role for his Hopi People. Daniel regularly, over three decades, provided consulting services to 41 tribes, tribal organizations and schools on topics related to budget policies, curriculum development, organizational management, education and program evaluation. Throughout his career, Daniel served on several state and national boards, including the President of the Arizona Commission on Indian Affairs, National Indian Education Advisory Council, and the National Indian Education Association. He was also instrumental in working with Eloise Cobell in the financial research and analysis, that led to initiating the class action lawsuit against the federal government for mismanaging Indian trust monies and assets.

Daniel’s career contributions and accolades were astounding, but his most valuable, cherished, and influential roles were that as a Hopi, a son, oldest brother, father, uncle, nephew, grandpa, and friend. His physical presence will be missed tremendously, but his love and memory will live on in our hearts until we see him again. Correspondence to the Honahni family may be emailed to kathleenhonahni505@gmail.com.

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IRS announces ‘Dirty Dozen’ tax scams for 2021, Americans urged to watch out for tax scams during the pandemic

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
IR-2021-135, June 28, 2021

Washington, D.C. – The Internal Revenue Service today began its “Dirty Dozen” list for 2021 with a warning for taxpayers, tax professionals and financial institutions to be on the lookout for these 12 nefarious schemes and scams.

This year’s “Dirty Dozen” will be separated into four separate categories: pandemic-related scams like Economic Impact Payment theft; personal information scams including phishing, ransomware and phone ‘vishing’; scams focusing on unsuspecting victims like fake charities and senior/immigrant fraud; and schemes that persuade taxpayers into unscrupulous actions such as Offer In Compromise mills and syndicated conservation easements.

The agency compiled the list into these categories based on who perpetuates the schemes and who they impact. In addition to today’s scams the IRS will highlight the other schemes over the next three days.

The IRS urges all taxpayers to be on guard, especially during the pandemic, not only for themselves, but also for other people in their lives.

"We continue to see scam artists use the pandemic to steal money and information from honest taxpayers in a time of crisis," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "We provide this list to alert taxpayers about common scams that fraudsters use against their victims. At the IRS, we are dedicated to stopping these criminals, but it’s up to all of us to remain vigilant to protect ourselves and our families."

Taxpayers are encouraged to review the “Dirty Dozen” list in a special section on IRS.gov and should be alert to these scams during tax filing season and throughout the year.

Economic Impact Payment theft
A continuing threat to individuals is from identity thieves who try to steal Economic Impact Payments (EIPs), also known as stimulus payments. Most eligible people will get their payments automatically from the IRS. Taxpayers should watch out for these tell-tale signs of a scam:

• Any text messages, random incoming phone calls or emails inquiring about bank account information or requesting recipients to click a link or verify data should be considered suspicious and deleted without opening.
• Be alert to mailbox theft. Frequently check mail and report suspected mail losses to Postal Inspectors.
• Don’t fall for stimulus check scams. The IRS won’t initiate contact by phone, email, text or social media asking for Social Security numbers or other personal or financial information related to Economic Impact Payments.

Taxpayers should remember that the IRS website, IRS.gov, is the agency’s official website for information on payments, refunds and other tax information.

Unemployment fraud leading to inaccurate taxpayer 1099-Gs
Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many taxpayers lost their jobs and received unemployment compensation from their state. However, scammers also took advantage of the pandemic by filing fraudulent claims for unemployment compensation using stolen personal information of individuals who had not filed claims. Payments made on these fraudulent claims went to the identity thieves.

The IRS reminds taxpayers to be on the lookout for receiving a Form 1099-G reporting unemployment compensation that they didn’t receive. For people in this situation, the IRS urges them to contact their appropriate state agency for a corrected form. If a corrected form cannot be obtained so that a taxpayer can file a timely tax return, taxpayers should complete their return claiming only the unemployment compensation and other income they actually received. See Identity Theft and Unemployment Benefits for tax details and DOL.gov/fraud for state-by-state reporting information.

Additional protection to help protect taxpayers
IRS makes IP PINs available to all taxpayers – adding another layer of security
To help taxpayers avoid identity theft, the IRS this year made its Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) program available to all taxpayers. Previously it was available only to victims of ID theft or taxpayers in certain states. The IP PIN is a six-digit code known only to the taxpayer and to the IRS. It helps prevent identity thieves from filing fraudulent tax returns using a taxpayer’s personally identifiable information.

Using an IP PIN is, in essence, a way to lock a tax account. The IP PIN serves as the key to opening that account. Electronic returns that do not contain the correct IP PIN will be rejected and paper returns will go through additional scrutiny for fraud.

Reducing fraud
The IRS and its Security Summit partners in the states and the private-sector tax community have made changes to help reduce identity theft-related refund fraud that are noticeable to the average person filing a return:

• Tax software providers agreed to strengthen password protocols. This is the first line of defense for these companies to make sure their products are secure.
• State tax agencies began asking for taxpayers’ driver’s license numbers as another way for people to prove their identities.
• The IRS limited the number of tax refunds going to financial accounts or addresses.
• The IRS masked personal information from tax transcripts.

Multi-factor authentication can help
It is important for taxpayers filing in 2021 to know that online tax software products available to both taxpayers and tax professionals will contain options for multi-factor authentication. Multi-factor authentication allows users to better protect online accounts. One way this is accomplished is by requiring a security code sent to a mobile phone in addition to the username and password used to access the account.

The IRS and its Security Summit partners have formed an information sharing center that allows them to quickly identify emerging scams and react to protect taxpayers. The Identity Theft Tax Refund Fraud Information Sharing and Analysis Center is now operational.

Also, check out our recent A Closer Look column for more on how to be vigilant about tax scams. Visit Identity Theft Central and Tax Fraud Alerts for more information on how to protect against or report identity theft or fraud.
ROME — Pope Francis has agreed to meet in December with Indigenous survivors of Canada's notorious residential schools amid calls for a papal apology for the Catholic Church's role in the abuse and deaths of thousands of Indigenous children.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said Francis had invited the delegations to the Vatican and would meet separately with three groups — First Nations, Métis and Inuit — during their Dec. 17-20 visit. The pope will then preside over a final audience with all three groups Dec. 20, the conference said in a statement Tuesday.

The Vatican didn't confirm the visit Wednesday, but the Holy See's in-house news portal reported on the bishops' statement. The Canadian bishops said the trip was contingent on the pandemic and that the delegations would include survivors of the residential schools, Indigenous elders and youths, as well as Indigenous leaders and Canadian bishops.

In recent weeks, investigators using ground-penetrating radar have reported finding hundreds of unmarked graves at the sites of two residential schools for Indigenous children. The discoveries — more than 600 graves in one school, 215 bodies in another and 182 in a third — have revived calls, including from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, for the pope to make a formal apology.

From the 19th century until the 1970s, more than 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend state-funded Christian boarding schools in an effort to assimilate them into Canadian society. Thousands of children died there of disease and other causes, with many never returned to their families.

Nearly three-quarters of the 130 residential schools were run by Roman Catholic missionary congregations, with others operated by the Presbyterian, Anglican and the United Church of Canada, which today is the largest Protestant denomination in the country.

The government formally apologized for the policy and abuses in 2008. In addition, the Presbyterian, Anglican and United churches have apologized for their roles in the abuse.

The Canadian bishops didn't mention the demand for a papal apology in the statement, saying only that Francis was "deeply committed to hearing directly from Indigenous peoples."

It said he had personally invited the delegations of Indigenous and would use the meetings for "expressing his heartfelt closeness, addressing the impact of colonization and the role of the Church in the residential school system, in the hopes of responding to the suffering of Indigenous peoples and the ongoing effects of intergenerational trauma."

A papal apology was one of 94 recommendations from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, but the Canadian bishops conference said in 2018 that the pope could not personally apologize for the residential schools.

Pope Benedict XVI, who retired in 2013, met with some former students and victims in 2009 and told them of his "personal anguish" over their suffering. But he offered no apology.

After last month's discovery of the 215 bodies, Francis too expressed his pain and pressed religious and political authorities to shed light on "this sad affair." But he didn't offer an apology, either.

The Argentine pope, however, has apologized for the sins and crimes committed by the Catholic Church against Indigenous peoples during the colonial era conquest of the Americas. He begged forgiveness during a 2015 visit to Bolivia and in the presence of Indigenous groups, suggesting that a similar in-person mea culpa might be in the offing in December.

The Canadian bishops said they hoped the meetings would "lead to a shared future of peace and harmony between Indigenous peoples and the Catholic Church in Canada."
Greetings from the 100 Mile Club!
Let’s Keep Moving

Submitted by: Sandra Ovah, Program Coordinator – Hopi Wellness Center

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – June 30, 2021 and the weeks are flying by for the 100 Mile Club participants. We are now in week 9 of the Club and have gone through the Crazy Sock, Lunar, PJ, Reggae and the Bubble run/walk events. As we move along in the weeks, continue to find that motivation to see the goal you have set for yourself - be it reaching 100 miles for the 100 Mile Club, participating in upcoming runs/walks, or reaching goals in your choice of physical activity. You will overcome this Covid hibernation and rebuild to become a stronger and more active person. Uma Ovi Nahongvitotani!

FITNESS
Maintaining Your Motivation

It’s easy to start an exercise routine once you’ve decided it’s time for a change, but, keeping it up is a challenge for many people. Hitting a roadblock or two is normal, but by planning ahead, you can overcome it. There are bound to be days when you have a bad work out or don’t get to exercise at all. When this happens, the most important thing is to accept it, turn any negative thoughts into positive thoughts, and plan to get back at it the next day.

Track Your Activity
Stay on track with your routine by keeping a record of the activity that you do. It can help keep you more accountable for times that you do not make time for activity, and times that you could have done more. A record or log will also help you see patterns so you can adjust your routine to work better for you.

Mix Up Your Routine
Mix up your routine with activities you enjoy; you’ll have more fun, and you’ll stay active longer. Changing up your routine will also help you work different muscles. Let’s say you’re getting tired of walking every day, for a change of pace, you could try a group fitness class once a week instead. On another day, you could do a brisk walk or bike ride with a friend.

Find an Exercise Buddy
Having an exercise buddy or a group to work out with can be a real motivator. If you have regular planned activities with a group or even just one other person, it helps hold you accountable and get you moving. Plus, it can make working out more fun. Choose activities that you enjoy, fit into your schedule, and are within your budget will also help you stick with it. Select a few things that keep you moving and a few that help you build muscles. Be prepared; choose a few activities you can do outside and a few you can do inside when the weather is bad.

Reminders to the participants:
1. Make sure you are submitting your mileage on a bi-weekly basis.
2. Print legibly on your hard copy log sheet using the name you registered with, not a nickname and/or an alias name.
3. When entering your miles on the digital log sheets, do not include words, i.e., 2 miles, three miles. Enter numbers only.
4. You are responsible for making contact with the 100 Mile Club if you do not receive a response from Google forms after submitting mileage via the links provided weekly.
5. Please utilize only one method of mileage submission – hard copy log sheets or digitally (links). If you chose to submit your miles using the hard copy log sheets, do not enter your miles on the links provided.
6. You are encouraged to submit your run/walk photos to the Hopi Wellness Center email or to the Hopi Wellness Center Facebook page using the hashtag #2021Virtual100MC.

DIGITAL LOG SHEETS
Digital log sheet links will be provided in weekly emails and posted on the Hopi Wellness Center Facebook page. All of the weekly links will remain open until Friday, July 30, 2021 and will close promptly at 5:00 p.m. Once the links are closed, we will no longer accept digital mileage submissions.

HARD COPY LOG SHEETS
Hard copy log sheets will be submitted on a bi-weekly basis. The last day for all log sheets to be submitted is on July 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Inquiries regarding the 100 Mile Club may be made through the following options:
Telephone number: (928) 734-3432
hopiwellnesscenter@gmail.com
Hopi Wellness Center Facebook page
Hopi Wellness Center Facebook messenger

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we move through this year’s Virtual 100 Mile Club.

Creating a Smile that Shines Just Like You
Hopi CHR Community Information for Hopi Tutuveni

Submitted by: Geralynn D. Dukepoo, Hopi CHR Program FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kykotsmovi, Ariz. – July 7, 2021 The Hopi CHR’s will be providing Fluoride Application Events for ages 18 years and younger. Are your children in need of some TLC (Tender Loving Care) for their pearly whites? We got them covered. Join the Hopi Community Health Representative (CHR) Program to help prevent cavities and promote healthy smiles across the Hopi Reservation beginning July 19 through July 26, 2021.

Q&A
What is Fluoride? Fluoride is a natural mineral that builds strong teeth and prevents cavities.

How are cavities harmful? Cavities occur when bacteria build up on teeth and gums and form a sticky layer of plaque. Plaque produces an acid that erodes teeth and gum tissue and can infect and harm the nerves and blood at the core of the tooth.

Why is Fluoride important? Fluoride supports healthy tooth enamel, the outer protective layer of each tooth, and fights the bacteria (cavities) that harm teeth and gums.

Reminder
Our Mouths contain BACTERIA + SUGARS in our Food/Drinks which turns to STICKY PLAQUE build-up which then turns to ACID DAMAGE to teeth/gums.

PREVENTION
Fluoride applications have been an essential oral health treatment for decades and now the Hopi CHR Program will provide this valuable service in your community. Remember to keep smiling; even under your face masks!

For more information or questions about this event, feel free to contact the CHR office at (928) 737-6342
“KYKOTSMOVI, AZ – June 30, 2021 — we need to all make it our personal responsibility to ask everyone we come in contact with to get vaccinated. This week we have seen our number of COVID-19 cases increase to five in last 14-days. If you aren’t fully vaccinated, be sure to wear a mask, washing hands frequently, and maintaining distance around those who aren’t members of your household as mandated on the Hopi reservation. While off the reservation continue to wear your mask around large gatherings and avoid large gatherings all together as much as possible where required by federal, local, or business rules.

In the past weeks we have seen ceremonially dances in some of our villages and encourage everyone to continue mask during the dances as COVID-19 is still active during any and all social gatherings.

COVID-19 Safety - This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) classified the so-called Delta variant of COVID-19 — B.1.617.2 — as a variant of concern. Its shift from a variant of interest reflects the Delta variant’s higher transmissibility and the potential that the human immune system and antibody treatments are less effective against it.

The Delta variant is in Arizona. In the past week the Navajo Nation reported one case of the Delta variant. Variants such as Delta (B.1.617.2) raise the prospect of more contagious and potentially more lethal forms of the virus. Vaccines have proven highly effective against Delta and other variants, so if you aren’t already vaccinated please consider doing so as soon as possible to protect yourself and others. If you only received one dose of the vaccine, make the time to get your second dose/shot as soon as possible.

In the coming days our Community Health Representatives (CHR) Program and student workers will be coming to your community and villages providing educational information on how you can prevent COVID-19 and information on getting you and families vaccinated – please keep a lookout for them in your community / village and share these informational educational material.

Here are some Heat Safety tips as we approach the Fourth of July Holiday.

For everyone, be safe in the heat. Be sure to stay hydrated, wear lightweight, light-colored clothing, apply sunscreen frequently, and limit your time outdoors during the hottest parts of the day (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Know the signs of heat exhaustion, which can lead to a potentially deadly case of heat stroke.

Water Safety
Enjoy your pool if you have one, but be sure to watch children at all times. Have a phone nearby in case of an emergency and never swim when you’re feeling sick or have diarrhea. You’ll find other pool safety tips here.”

“Food Safety
Independence Day is a great holiday for get-togethers and sharing great food. Some simple precautions will help prevent foodborne illness from spoiling the party.

Some examples:
- Wash your hands before preparing or serving food;
- Keep raw meat, poultry, and seafood separate from ready-to-eat foods such as salads and fruit to prevent cross-contamination;
- Use a meat thermometer to make sure what you are grilling reaches the proper temperature.
- Remember to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold and refrigerate leftovers after 2 hours to reduce the risk of illness.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!
Vaccinations are available at the Hopi Health Care Center for those adolescents’ 12-years and older. Parents need to call (928)737 - 6029/6081/6257 or 6204 to schedule appointments. For Moenkopi residents Tuba City Regional Health Care will have a Pfizer vaccine community drive-up vaccine clinic now available for individual’s 12-years and older. Call 1-866-976-5941 to schedule your appointment.

Here is a quick overview of the COVID-19 statistics on a national, state, and local level:
As of June 30, 2021 the United Sates now has approximately 33.42million confirmed positive cases with 14,168 new cases and over 600,859 deaths reported.
Over 892,236 confirmed positive cases now exist in Arizona. Of those, close to 16,622are in Navajo County alone.

The Hopi Health Care Center has tested over 9,619 patients to this date. Over 1,398 of those tests at Hopi Health Care Center came back positive with 1013 from Hopi Tribal members. Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation reported 274 positives for Hopi Villages with a combined number of 1287 positive Hopi Tribal members. The information below provides a glimpse of the current numbers in those respective villages.

The information by villages presented above is released by the Hopi Department of Health & Human Services, and the data shown reflects patients tested at the Hopi Health Care Center and at the Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation specifically on Hopi tribal members. The data from Lower and Upper Munqapi is consolidated until specific data can be re-verified. (+) number decreased due to individual being identified from another village. The community of residence for one Hopi Tribal member who tested positive at HHCC is in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The community of residence for four Hopi Tribal members who tested positive at HHCC is in Winslow. The data here does not include all state-wide data from other facilities such as Flagstaff, Winslow, Phoenix or other hospitals.

*Note: These data include newly added testing results from the Abbott ID NOW machine since April 20, 2020

** A total of 1287+ individuals who tested positive are members of the Hopi Tribe.

+ Includes Village member(s) retested positive”

“Prevention:
Watch for Symptoms - people with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness.”
### HOPI H.E.O.C UPDATES

#### Hopi COVID-19 Reported Cases by Hopi Health Care Center Cases*  
**June 29th, 2021**

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**TOTAL** 1,013 274 1287

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**Color Code:**
- Red: Less than one month since last case.
- Blue: Between one and two months since the last case.
- Yellow: Between two and three months since last case.
- Green: Greater than three months since last case.
Hopi (Arizona) High School’s Baker Builds Cross Country Dynasty

By Nate Perry on May 10, 2021  https://nfhs.org

“Rick Baker has become one of the most successful boys cross country coaches in the nation since his arrival at Hopi High School in Keams Canyon, Arizona in 1987.

Three years later, Baker led Hopi to its first state boys cross country championship, and his teams didn’t lose another state title until 2017 – a streak of 27 consecutive team championships. The 27 consecutive state cross country titles is a national record and is third all-time when considering all sports (girls swimming and boys swimming).

Baker’s 1999 team scored a perfect 15, which means Hopi runners finished 1-2-3-4-5. Perhaps most amazing about the streak is that Hopi continued to win despite moving into larger classifications. Hopi won 11 straight 2A titles (1990-2000), six consecutive 3A titles (2001-2006) and 10 straight 4A titles (2007-16).

Since the streak ended, Hopi has finished runner-up the past three years. Baker started coaching the girls cross country team three years ago and has led his teams to two second-place finishes.

He has also coached Hopi’s boys basketball team for 18 years, with a 2A state title in 1997, and the girls and boys track and field teams for the past 10 years. Nine of his track and field athletes have won individual state titles. During his days as a high school athlete, Baker was Arizona’s one-mile champion in 1977 while attending Winslow High School, and he was a member of Winslow’s state cross country team in 1976.

In recognition of these amazing accomplishments, Baker will be inducted into the NFHS’ National High School Hall of Fame July 1 at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

“I would have to say back in high school – maybe even earlier than that in junior high when I started getting involved in athletics here on the Hopi Reservation and having my coaches as mentors.”

“Back when I was in high school, we didn’t have a high school out here on the Hopi Reservation. There were talks that they were going to build a high school out here, but it never came about till 1987, after I had graduated from college. When the school opened, it was my chance to come back and coach at the high school level, which was something that I wanted. It was my dream job to come back to the reservation and help our next generation of kids coming up. It was perfect timing for me to get into the high school, which is”

“now Hopi Junior Senior High School, and it has been a perfect fit for me, and I’ve been there for 33 years now.”

“I think a lot of credit goes to the runners, the kids that came out for the team. I just guided them and told them, “this is what we’re going to do; this is where we’re going to go; and hopefully someday we can capture a state title.” I think with those types of expectations and those team goals that we set, the kids buy into it. And after you win your first state title, then you win your second, your third, and by the time you win your fifth, I think the kids that come into the program just have that expectation now, and they don’t want to be the team to lose the state title streak. The thing is, I think, just keeping them motivated. Just talking to them, not just about winning the state title, but being champions in life and having them continue their career in whatever career they choose after they graduate from high school.”

“I think it’s something that we embraced. We knew that we had that target on our back and we knew if anybody was going to take the state trophy they had to come through Hopi. That’s the kind of talk that I give to our kids: “We can’t let our guard down no matter what. Everybody’s shooting for us no matter what size classification we’re in. We’re the team to beat, and in order to be a great team, this is what we have to do. This is how we have to train. This is how we have to train. That’s kind of what we relay to the kids that I coach, that we are running more than just for the state trophy. We’re running for survival, so that our tribe can survive into the next generation, into the next century. And we do that by learning how to be a hard worker. I tell the kids, “don’t ask for an easy life. Ask for a strong life.” And that’s kind of what being a Hopi is about is having that strong life and just surviving out here. Our ancestors found ways for us to survive out here. So, I do talk to our kids about that, that there is more to it than just winning the medals and the state titles. We’re running for our lives. When we lost our state title three years ago, it was really hard and I had to find a different way to get through to the kids, and that was mainly what I talked about.”

“Question: You also coached the boys basketball team at Hopi and won a state championship over your 18”

“I grew up playing different sports. I really enjoyed basketball, and that’s also a big sport out here at Hopi. When the opportunity came to coach boys basketball, I applied and got hired, and we took that team to the state title in 1997, I believe. But just being involved with various sports growing up, that interest (in coaching other sports) was always there. And I applied the same methods, same techniques, same coaching style that I did in cross country to basketball, and we’ve had some really talented kids while I’ve coached. So, yeah, it was a big part of my plan. I always wanted to be a head basketball coach, and when I got the opportunity, I jumped at it. A lot of the same kids that run cross country play basketball, and then track, too. And then those nine state title winners, some of them won like three or four state titles while they were here at Hopi, and those kids were really talented. You still coach them, and you still talk to them, and it’s just icing on the cake when you win a team state title and then also have individual state champions.”

“As a coach, I think you have a lot of roles, but I think I’m a servant. I like to look at myself as a servant because I serve these kids and their parents and the community. As Hopis, we’re taught to be humble, and that’s a big part of my philosophy. Once you win a state title or you’re successful at something, there’s always somebody to remind you that you’re a Hopi, that you have responsibilities back at the village, back at home. So, in that way, I think I serve these kids. I’m an educator – I’ve been doing this for 36 years now. I think that’s what I am. And then I’m also a father figure to some of these kids. I give them advice and I talk to them when they need someone to talk to. And to some of them I’m a mentor. So, there are just various roles that I play as a coach. I think it’s really important how you carry yourself, how you talk to these kids, and to give them that encouragement, that support. These are kids...”

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from our villages, they are kids of my classmates, they are kids of some of my former students, so I really like to take care of these kids. I look out for their well-being, and hopefully they’re successful once they get out of high school."

"We do have a lot of obstacles out here being isolated on the reservation. When I was growing up, we didn’t have much access to the outside world. We also have a big problem with alcohol, and we have some problems with drugs also. So, as a coach, I have to talk to (students) almost daily about that the choices that they make. “Is this the right choice for you?” “Is this a positive choice?” I’m always talking to them about making the right choices so they can succeed in life, and that involves a daily talk about alcohol and drugs. And then a lot of us – and that includes me – didn’t grow up with many materialistic things as kids, so I try to tell them that those things aren’t really important. (The important thing is) you’re alive. You have a life – let’s get an education and move on from here so that you can be successful and achieve whatever success is for you."

"I think a lot of it is just modeling. I am not a perfect person, but if I can do positive things in my life, these kids can see that just like I did with the coaches I had at Winslow, Haskell and at Central Oklahoma. All these coaches I had modeled positive characteristics that I picked up, and that is what I want to relay to the kids that I work with. It’s really, really important how you carry yourself, how you treat people, and just being that role model. And then I also use some of my former runners who went on and ran in college and graduated from college, and I use them as role models, too, to tell the kids, “this is what you can do. These guys did this, so there’s a good chance that you’re going to be successful in life also.”"

"Recently, I have. I had never really thought about it because I try to be as humble as I can be. Then you start getting these National Coach of the Year and all these accolades and you do start reflecting. I had a former runner come up to me after we won our 27th (championship) and he says, “you know what, coach? You got more state titles than I have years. I am 25 years old, and you’ve been winning state titles longer than I’ve been alive.” That kind of put it in perspective for me, like, “yeah, wow, it has been 27 years and it has been 27 state titles.” You just don’t really realize it during that time. When I used to talk to the kids back then I would tell them, “hey, we want to put this record so far out there that nobody touches it.” To me, that was just talk, trying to motivate the kids, but when it really comes to realization, it’s like, “maybe these kids were really listening to me.” So, I do reflect, and it’s just amazing to think about it and wonder if that record is going to ever be broken.”

"Baker: Wow, that’s a tough one. Well, of course, winning the state titles, but I think the thing I’m most proud of with this is that I got to coach my two sons to state titles. I never really thought about it, but I think that’s what I’m really proud of – that I got to coach my own sons to state titles. Every one of these kids is important to me; I treat them all like my sons. And for the school and for the community to be proud of our program, and to have taken it to where it’s at now, I think that’s also a big part of what I’m proud of."
Paspay - About to
Qayep’e - Absent
Suyan - Absolutely
Kwusuna - Accept
Antsa - Actually
Titapta - Baby Sit
Ispi - Because
Angwu - Before-hand
Tukopna - Blamed
Súmalá - Breeze
Paysoq - Casually
Awheeva - Challenge
Naaphisat - Chances
Naawakna - Desire
Pa’angwa - Help
Piiyi - I don’t know
Aa’awna - Inform
Tuuvingta - Inquire
Tso’ómti - Jump
Nú’o-kwa - Kind/
Nice
Navotí’yta - Know
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Ason - Later
Heeva - Look for
Yuku - Make
Wuuhaq - Many
Senpi - Maybe
Qa’é - No

Are
Lolma - Good

Sóosokta - Deplete
Navota - Hear
When we think about money, we think big or small, we want money and lots of it. Why? Well because money buys us things, it supports our health, our goals and our futures. But with money, comes trouble and bad things, too. Money can be both good and evil at the same time, and it is hard to differentiate between the two sometimes.

When I was a mush head kitten, I thought money could do and make anything possible, and it did. It bought me candy, it bought me food, and toys, but when the money ran out, I became a totally different person. I needed that money to survive, but of course being a mush head kitten, I didn’t know there was more to life than just money.

Some people will say that they don’t need money to be happy, and I have to say…that’s a total lie. Money is like water; we need it to survive, it’s become precious to our health, our understanding of life, and our way of life. Now don’t get me wrong, some people are happy without money, but that’s the hermits that live in the woods talking. I don’t believe there is just one person living in the world that will say, “I don’t need money to be happy” well except for the hermits but that doesn’t apply here. But like I said before, money can turn evil, and with evil money it will corrupt the humblest person. I have seen money do some crazy stuff to cats, dogs, and humans. Money will turn them to liars, thieves, and politicians.

Before money, the Hopi people were happy with trading and bartering, with doing tasks for other people for free and expecting nothing in return. The Hopi people didn’t need money to survive or to be happy, because it wasn’t needed by them in their own little world. Then with the invention of cities, stores, and capitalism, money became the staple of all businesses. Recall the reason why some outsiders came to Hopi was because of the “glistening cities of gold” which was likened to their form of money and which they thought we Hopis had. Those outsiders even tortured and killed Hopis and our Pueblo brothers and sisters of other tribes, all for their kind of money. And yet, all we had was our valuable culture and way of life, which is probably what, was really making us at Hopi seem so “shiny and glistening” but I digress…

The Hopi people weren’t an exception to the changing times and they too became corrupted with the power of money. Now it’s not to say, that money became “first” in all the Hopi traditions, but it is to say that money became the forefront to almost all Hopi traditions.

Now-a-days, Hopi traditions cannot live without money, many of our Hopi traditions, ceremonies, and our way of life is run by the pahana “all mighty dollar.” Now don’t get me wrong, we can argue all we want about how our ceremonies and our way of life are without money. But I say we cannot lie to ourselves about the fact that the majority of our Hopi villages are building our ceremonial life based around the white man’s calendar and this in turn is influenced by the white man’s dollar. Heck, even Easter, which is a white man’s religious holiday, is so commercialized it’s as if the Easter-goers have to pay to pray…I digress, again.

I was reading an old newspaper from the late 2013 and on the headline of the newspaper there was our fearless Chairman and a Representative from the Peabody Company. The headline read “Hopi Tribe Receives 1.8 million Dollars to Renew Peabody Contract” and looking at that now, I say to myself, “1.8 million is not a lot of money, the people at Peabody screwed us over for pocket change.”

Now I’m sure back then 1 million dollars was a lot of money to the Hopi Tribe, but when you are dealing with a multi-billion corporation, the Hopi tribe should have been the richest tribe in the world! But I’m sure our humbleness is getting in our way of becoming rich.

By this time, you are probably thinking to yourself that this cat is greedy with money and you are right. Money is the backbone to our community, just like the Finance Department is the backbone to any organization. If you’ve heard some Tribal Council Representatives say that Human Resource is the backbone to the Hopi Tribe, that’s not entirely correct but that’s for another article.

We cannot conduct our ceremonies without some sort of payment to the grocery stores, and yes, I cannot live without money, the Hopi people cannot live without money, hence we have all the drunks, all the drug addicts, and all the thieves stealing from one another to sell and gain money for their habit and food, too.

But don’t get me wrong, I’m pretty sure in our community we can live without money, but that’s just a pipe dream and a wish to go back to trading and bartering.

So, my advice to you is that, money is something we Hopi people cannot live without now-a-days. It is already ingrained in our culture and ceremonies. We cannot go back to the old ways of living, it’s just simply impossible. But what you can do as an individual is to just stay humble, and to start giving back as a community member. I can assure you that we cannot live without the white man’s green backs but we can live without the corruption of the white man’s dollar.

‘Course without money, I cannot get pizza from our local store, so my humbleness is buying pizza from our local store and keeping you happy. ‘Course, I’m just a cat, what do I really know about money…I don’t even have pants to keep my wallet in.
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**IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR:** the court will decide the case in your absence. The court will consider all evidence submitted in support of or opposition to the petition.

**NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

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Interior Secretary Reportedly Recommends to President Biden to Restore Boundaries of National Monuments

BY ANDREW KENNARD
Native News online

WASHINGTON — The Washington Post reported on Monday evening that Interior Secretary Deb Haaland has submitted a recommendation to President Joe Biden return the Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts National Monuments to the sizes they occupied before drastic reductions were made by President Donald Trump.

Her recommendation is that full protections should be restored to the three national monuments, preserving about 5 million acres of federal land and water. The Post said Haaland’s report was confidential and its sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

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The Inter-Tribal Bears Ears Coalition (BEITC) thanked Sec. Haaland for her work and recommendations.

“We are thankful that Secretary Haaland concurs with the Coalition’s assertion that former President Trump’s attempt to remove and replace the original Bears Ears National Monument was unjustified,” the coalition said in a press release Wednesday.

Native News Online previously reported about the great historical and cultural significance of Bears Ears to tribes and Trump’s reduction of its size by 85 percent in 2017. According to the Post, Trump also cut the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument by almost half its size and allowed for commercial fishing in the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts monument.

Utah’s congressional delegation sent a letter to President Joe Biden, asking him to meet with them and make Haaland’s report available to Congress before issuing a final decision.

“We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to engage thus far, and we again urge your administration to work with us to craft collaborative, consensus legislation that reflects the input of the people most directly impacted,” the delegation wrote. “It is past time to end the political back-and-forth that the communities in our state have been subjected to for more than 25 years, and you have a historic opportunity to do so by working with Congress.”

The BEITC calls for Biden to act now, saying that Utah legislators have not been open to working with the coalition in the past and that this is “nothing more than a stall tactic.”

“The Hopi Nation, with its historical and cultural ties to the Bears Ears National Monument, is anxiously and patiently awaiting a conclusive decision from President Biden, one that will correct the injustices done to us by the last president and his administration,” Hopi Vice-Chairman and BEITC Co-Chair Clark Tenakhongva said in the BEITC’s press release. “And it is my hope that once the Bears Ears National Monument has been restored, together, we can turn the page to a new and brighter chapter in the shared story of America.”

The BEITC also thanked Haaland for consulting with stakeholders during her visit to Bear’s Ears in her first month in office. The coalition is made up of the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Pueblo of Zuni, and the Ute Indian Tribe. It advocates collaborative land management between the coalition and federal agencies and protection of historic sites and cultural resources, among other objectives regarding Bears Ears.

Biden Administration Invests Additional $1.8 Billion in American Rescue Plan Funding to Combat COVID-19 in Indian Country

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

As part of President Biden’s continued efforts to ensure the pandemic response reaches all people and all communities, the Biden Administration is announcing an investment of $1.8 billion to combat COVID-19 in Indian Country. This is in addition to an investment of more than $4 billion that was announced in April 2021.

“This investment from the American Rescue Plan will strengthen the public health workforce in Indian Country, support mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment, continue efforts to detect and treat COVID-19, and meet facility and equipment needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Elizabeth Fowler, IHS acting director. “Investing in our workforce and providing our team with the facilities, equipment, supplies, and funds they need is absolutely critical to ensuring our ability to fulfill the IHS mission of raising the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

Today’s allocations include:
$240 million for Public Health Workforce Activities
Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, IHS will invest $240 million for public health workforce activities, to recruit and retain additional public health professionals at IHS, tribal health programs, and urban Indian organization health programs. IHS will also use these funds to create a new IHS career opportunities web site and improve the loan repayment application process.
$420 million for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
IHS will invest $420 million to expand mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services, at IHS, tribal health programs, and urban Indian organization programs and to support nationwide mental health and substance abuse prevention support activities.
$500 million to Detect, Diagnose, Trace, Monitor, and Mitigate COVID-19 Infections
The IHS will invest an additional $500 million to directly support detection, diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, and mitigation of COVID-19.
$220 million will be distributed to IHS facilities, tribal health programs, and urban Indian organization health programs.
$280 million will be allocated to the IHS National Supply Service Center to purchase testing supplies, personal protective equipment, and related COVID-19 supply needs to be provided to IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health programs at no cost. In addition, these funds will expand the National Supply Service Center warehouse footprint and stockpiling capacity for these critically needed materials.
$610 million for COVID-19-Related Facilities Activities
The IHS will invest $610 million for COVID-19 related facilities activities:
$381 million to IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health programs for the lease, purchase, construction, alteration, renovation, and maintenance and improvement of facilities.
$167 million to IHS and tribal health programs for COVID-19 related sanitation facilities construction projects.
$23 million to IHS for COVID-19 equipment needs.
$29 million to support the appropriate management and oversight of facilities-related expenditures and to expand COVID-19 related environmental health activities.
$10 million for potable water delivery to IHS and tribal health programs on a case-by-case basis.

The IHS continues to work closely with our tribal and urban Indian organization partners, as well as state and local public health officials, to coordinate a comprehensive public health response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. For more on the federal response in Indian Country, visit https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/.

The IHS, an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for approximately 2.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to 574 federally recognized tribes in 37 states.
182 Unmarked Graves Found at Another Residential School in Canada

BY LEVI RICKERT
Native News online.net

CRESTON, British Columbia — For the third time in less than two months, unmarked graves have been discovered at another Canadian residential school for Indigenous children.

The Lower Kootenay Band of the Ktunaxa Nation announced Wednesday that 182 unmarked graves were discovered using ground-penetrating radar near the former St. Eugene’s Mission School in Cranbrook, British Columbia.

The process was conducted in 2020 and reports of the findings were just presented to the Lower Kootenay Band, according to a press release.

“The Lower Kootenay Band is still in the very early stages of receiving information from the reports of the findings but will provide updates as time progresses,” the press release said.

The findings released today revealed that 182 unmarked graves were discovered. Some of the human remains were buried in shallow graves only three to four feet deep.

Wednesday’s announcement comes on the heels of two similar announcements involving the discovery of unmarked graves at two other Canadian residential schools. In late May, the remains of 215 children were found at a former residential school site in Kamloops, British Columbia. Then, last Thursday, Chief Cadmus Delorme of the Cowessess First Nation announced the discovery of as many as 751 unmarked graves at the former Marieval Indian Residential School in Saskatchewan.

St. Eugene’s Mission School operated from 1912 until the early 1970s by the Roman Catholic Church. About 100 Lower Kootenay citizens were forced to attend the school.

More than 5,000 children from British Columbia and Alberta attended the school between 1912 and 1970. After the school was closed, several bands of the Ktunaxa Nation decided to convert the school into the St. Eugene Golf Resort and Casino, which has operated since 2000.

Those needing mental wellness assistance can call the national Indian Residential School Crisis Line, a 24-hour national crisis line at: 1-866-925-4419.

Indian Country Applauds Interior Sec. Haaland’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative

BY LEVI RICKERT
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WASHINGTON — The discovery of 215 remains of school children at the Kamloops Industrial Residential School in Canada late last month has prompted the U.S. Department of the Interior to establish a Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

Interior Sec. Deb Haaland made the announcement during her appearance at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2021 Mid Year Conference on Tuesday afternoon.

The initiative will include an investigation to identify past boarding schools, the location of known and possible burial sites, and the identities and tribal affiliations of the children who were taken there.

Indian Country was quick to embrace the idea.

NCAI President Fawn Sharp released the following statement on Tuesday evening:

“The National Congress of American Indians commends the Department of Interior for taking the essential first step of providing an official account of the atrocities that Native children experienced during the boarding school era. By documenting who, what, when and where these egregious abuses occurred, Native families may not be able to fully heal, but they may be able to begin to reconcile with the past. Many mothers, fathers, siblings, and children of boarding school victims and survivors have walked on without ever knowing the full extent of what happened to their loved ones. But knowledge is power. By learning the truth, we can finally begin reconciling the past and healing for the future.”

Sarah Kastelic, executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association, said, “The Department of the Interior was responsible for the operation of Indian boarding schools for over a century. Compiling and making public data about the sites of boarding schools, known and suspected burial sites, and identified remains and tribal affiliations of children is a first step. In consultation with tribal governments, the Department of Interior can begin the process of healing the great open wound of our missing relatives.”

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said the initiative is a means to educate others about the atrocities Native people have experienced. He is hopeful uncovering the painful truths about Indian boarding schools will lead to a better understanding in today’s society so that we can work together to heal.

“As Navajo people, we all have parents, grandparents, and other elders who were subjected to boarding schools and that has contributed to many of the modern-day monsters in our society such as suicide, substance abuse and addiction, violence in our homes and communities, the physical and mental health of our people, and much more. Our people were forcefully removed from their homes and families, placed into the boarding school system, and stripped of their identity as Navajo people to assimilate them. Some were abused physically, mentally, and sexually, and sadly, many had their lives taken. This troubling history deserves more attention.” President Nez said.

The Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative will result in a written report on the investigation to Secretary Haaland in just over nine months from now by April 1, 2022.
PHOENIX – When the Phoenix Indian School was established in 1891, the top federal administrator considered it a budgetary win to send Native American children to boarding schools to enforce assimilation into white society.

“It’s cheaper to educate Indians than to kill them,” Indian Commissioner Thomas Morgan said at the opening of the school.

The true cost of Indigenous boarding schools in the United States and Canada, and the abuses Native Americans endured in them, continues to be revealed. With nearly 1,000 bodies in mass graves discovered this month on the grounds of Canadian boarding schools amid their ongoing investigation, and Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland’s recent pledge to investigate past abuses in the U.S., Arizona’s Indigenous boarding schools will face fresh scrutiny.

Rosalie Talahongva, who curates the Phoenix Indian School Visitor Center, said she and many of her Hopi relatives went to school there.

“If you ask, was that voluntary, I would ask you, is it voluntary when there isn’t any other option?” Talahongva said.

The Phoenix Indian School closed in 1990 by order of the federal government. But a handful of Indian boarding schools remain in operation.

“Lieutenant Richard Henry Pratt had a lot to do with the structure of these boarding schools,” Talahongva said, referring to the founder of the influential Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. “His idea was ‘Kill the Indian, save the man.’ So the whole destruction, annihilation of Indian identity – Indian culture was to be destroyed at these federal boarding schools.

“There were many children that were just forcibly taken away from their families and made to come to boarding school.”

By 1900, 20,000 children were in Indian boarding schools. By 1925, that number had more than tripled, according to Boarding School Healing.

Students were stripped of everything related to Native life. Their hair was cut short, they had to wear uniforms, and students were punished physically for speaking anything but English. Contact with family was discouraged or prohibited. Survivors have described a culture of pervasive physical and sexual abuse at the schools. Food and medical attention often were scarce and led to many deaths, according to The Atlantic.

Some of the schools were operated by the Catholic Church. The Atlantic reports “about one-third of the 357 known Indian boarding schools were managed by various Christian denominations” under the 1819 Civilization Fund Act.

The Catholic Diocese of Phoenix did not respond to requests for comment.

The operation of the long-shuttered schools will face new inquiry under the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative announced Tuesday by Haaland. The department intends to identify boarding school facilities and burial sites across the country and review enrollment lists.

The announcement came after the discovery of the remains of 215 children on the grounds of Kamloops Indian Residential School in Canada. More graves have already been found in Canada. The Cowessess First Nation found 751 unmarked graves at the site of the former Marieval Indian Residential School, the Washington Post reported Thursday. The Sioux Valley Dakota Nation is working to identify a series of unmarked graves at the former Brandon Residential School in Manitoba, according to Chief Jennifer Bone. So far, 104 possible bodies of Indigenous children have been discovered on or around the school’s property.

“It will be hard to look back on that past, but it’s time that it was acknowledged,” Talahongva said. “The atrocities that happened here need to be acknowledged.”

According to the Heard Museum in Phoenix, four off-reservation Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding schools are still in use: Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon, Sherman Indian School in Riverside, California, Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, South Dakota, and Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma. However, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition told Reuters more than 70 schools still operate in the U.S.

Haaland, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna in New Mexico, calls herself a product of “horrific assimilationist policies” in the U.S.

“I come from ancestors who endured the horrors of Indian boarding school assimilation policies carried out by the same department that I now lead; the same agency that tried to eradic our culture, our language, our spiritual practices, and our people,” she said Tuesday in remarks to the National Congress of American Indians.

Marsha Small, a Montana State University doctoral student, has been using ground-penetrating radar to locate unmarked graves at the Chemawa Indian School cemetery in Salem, Oregon. So far, she has found 222 sets of remains at the school, which remains in operation.

“Until we can find those kids and let their elders come get them or know where they can pay respects, I don’t think the Native is going to heal, and as such I don’t think America is going to heal,” Small told Reuters.

One researcher told Reuters they believe that as many as 40,000 children may have died in Indian boarding schools in the U.S.

“We must uncover the truth about the loss of human life and the lasting consequences of the schools,” Haaland said in remarks about the new Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. “This investigation will identify school facilities and sites, the location of known and possible burial sites located at or near school facilities, and the identities and tribal affiliations of children who were taken.”

The initiative will proceed in several phases and include the identification and collection of records and information related to the Department of Interior’s own oversight and implementation of the Indian boarding school program, as well as conducting consultations with Tribal Nations, Alaska Native corporations and Native Hawaiian organizations, according to a press release from the Department of the Interior.

“I know that this process will be long and difficult,” Haaland said. “I know that this process will be painful and won’t undo the heartbreak and loss that so many of us feel, but only by acknowledging the past can we work toward a future that we’re all proud to embrace.”

Cronkite News reporter Julia Sandor contributed to this report.
Wilma Mankiller’s greatness minted onto 2022 quarter

Vincent Schilling
Indian Country Today

The first female principal chief of the Cherokee Nation will be stamped onto the 2022 quarters, the U.S. Mint announced.

Wilma Mankiller is one of the five women appearing on the quarters as part of the American Women Quarters Program, which “is a four-year program that celebrates the accomplishments and contributions made by women to the development and history of our country,” according to the U.S. Mint. The four-year program begins in 2022 and continues until 2025.

Other notable women joining Mankiller are celebrated author and poet Maya Angelou, the first American woman in space Dr. Sally Ride, suffrage movement leader in New Mexico Adelina Otero-Warren and the first Chinese-American film star in Hollywood, Anna May Wong.

The U.S. Mint will be issuing up to five new reverse designs, meaning the image will appear on the tail side of the coin, and the likeness of George Washington will be different than in previous years.

“The American Women Quarters may feature contributions from a variety of fields, including, but not limited to, suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanities, science, space, and the arts,” read the announcement. “The women honored will be from ethnically, racially, and geographically diverse backgrounds. The Public Law requires that no living person be featured in the coin designs.”

Mankiller was elected as the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation in July 1987 and re-elected in 1991. She served in the post until 1995. She died on April 6, 2010.

She stated in her autobiography, “If I am to be remembered, I want it to be because I am fortunate enough to have become my tribe’s first female chief. But I also want to be remembered for emphasizing the fact that we have indigenous solutions to our problems.

Mankiller’s husband Charlie Soap, producer, director and co-creator of the film “Cherokee Word for Water” is grateful for the recognition.

“We thank the U.S. Mint for recognizing Wilma and the other recipients for such an honor. Wilma was a humble, spiritual great leader, whose leadership was not only for Cherokee people but for all women and races,” Soap told Indian Country Today. “The real value of this coin is the inspiration it brings to Indian people and women everywhere. Wilma did a simple thing as a tribal leader: she reminded our people of our greatness and our gift to help one another.”

He added: “Mankiller’s legacy is her connection with the common people. She looked out for everyone, especially the underdog who always seems to be left behind. I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to have partnered and worked with her. Although she faced hardship with her health challenges—that never slowed her down—this coin is a reminder of her leadership and what our people believe in ‘gadugi’ (people helping each other and working to better solve problems.) Thank you for bestowing such an honor. Of course, if it was up to me, she should be on the $1,000 bill,” Soap said.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. also celebrates the honor of the former tribal leader.

“When we celebrate the achievement of women in this country, it is absolutely fitting and deserving that former Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller be represented for her national voice, influence and leadership that first elevated Native American tribes and tribal issues in this country. Chief Mankiller served as the first female Chief in a role dominated by men and during a time that the Cherokee Nation was first getting its footing after decades of suppression by the U.S. Government,” Hoskin wrote in an email. “She stood for tribal sovereignty and treaty rights. She fought for civil rights and equality, and self-sufficiency for the Cherokee people. She was the anchor establishing what has now become the largest tribal health care system in the country. She was truly a champion for Indian Country and we are so proud she is forever honored on this coin by the U.S. Mint as part of the American Women Quarters Program.”

Rebecca Anderson, a close personal friend of Wilma Mankiller and founder of the First Nations Development Institute and First Peoples Worldwide said, “This is so powerful and a perfect tribute to her leadership power and spirit.”

Mankiller’s life and legacy has been celebrated in over 35 film festivals worldwide since the 2018 award-winning documentary, “Mankiller,” aired nationally on PBS for Women’s History month.

The documentary executive producer Gale Anne Hurd told Indian Country Today in an email, “Through the American Women Quarters Program initiative, I am thrilled that so many women are finally getting long-overdue recognition. Having researched the late Wilma Mankiller’s incredibly inspiring legacy in the documentary, MANKILLER, I am hopeful that this honor will bring her the worldwide recognition she deserves. Wilma is in excellent company, right where she belongs.”

Valerie Red-Horse Mohl, director of the documentary, said, “I was so delighted to learn that Wilma Mankiller will be one of the first distinguished American women on the 2022 quarters. In having the honor to direct the documentary about her life and leadership, I learned that her legacy, wisdom and character remain so very relevant today and are pillars of the role model she was and is. She should be celebrated broadly and boldly!”

This story has been updated to show that Dr. Sally Ride was the first American woman in space.
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